



## Neelam Gomersall

Year of Call: 2017

Neelam joined chambers in March 2021 following successful completion of her pupillage. She appears regularly in the Magistrates' Courts, Youth Courts and Crown Court. Before joining the Bar, Neelam was a paralegal in the litigation department of Mishcon de Reya LLP where she gained experience of commercial litigation and complex fraud.

## Criminal Defence

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Neelam is currently instructed to defend in a number of contested matters before the Crown Court including s18 wounding with intent, s20 grievous bodily harm, and supply of Class A drugs. She has identified disclosure issues in a number of cases which led to the prosecution offering no evidence on the day of trial.

Neelam is regularly instructed in driving matters and has successfully argued exceptional hardship and special reasons to avoid disqualification from driving.

## Notable Cases:

### **R v K (2021)**

The defendant was charged on a 22-count indictment including multiple counts of non-domestic burglary, theft, dangerous driving and assault. The evidence included DNA, cell-site, facial mapping and a large volume of CCTV. After lengthy negotiations with the Crown, the defendant pleaded guilty to a heavily reduced indictment. He received a suspended sentence notwithstanding that the offences were committed in breach of a previous suspended sentence order.

### **R v W (2020)**

The defendant pleaded guilty to five counts of possession with intent to supply drugs of Class A – C. The Crown submitted that the defendant had a significant role and relied on a high volume of drugs marketing messages sent

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from the defendant's personal phone to drug users. The sentencing judge was persuaded that the defendant played a lesser role, having become involved through naivety/ exploitation. He received a suspended sentence.

### **R v M (2020)**

The defendant pleaded guilty to threatening with a blade, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, assault by beating and criminal damage. The lead offences were committed as a joint enterprise and captured on CCTV. The defendant relied on psychiatric evidence at sentence to establish his suggestibility and distinguish his role from his co-defendant's. He received a suspended sentence.

## Inquests & Public Inquiries

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Neelam was instructed as second junior counsel on behalf of a core participant in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

## Professional Discipline

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Neelam has gained experience with a number of regulatory bodies including the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Health and Care Professions Council and the Independent Office for Police Conduct. She is regularly instructed by the NMC in applications for interim suspension and conditions of practice orders.

## Notable Cases:

### **NMC v S (2021)**

Instructed by the Royal College of Nursing on behalf of a nurse charged with misconduct related to his patient's suicide in 2012. Neelam made a successful submission of no case to answer in respect of each charge.

## Public Prosecution

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Neelam is a Grade 2 CPS prosecutor. She has prosecuted trials involving multiple defendants, expert evidence and young/vulnerable witnesses.

## Notable Cases:

### **R v M (2020)**

Prosecution of a youth convicted of attempted robbery and possession of a blade.

### **R v R (2019)**

Prosecution for assault by beating of an emergency worker. The trial involved expert evidence on hypoglycemic automatism.

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## Appointments & Memberships

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- CPS External Advocates Panel Grade 2
- Government Legal Department Junior Junior Scheme (2020)
- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

## Education & Qualifications

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- History BA (hons.), King's College London (2014)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law (2015)
- Bar Professional Training Course, BPP Law School (2017)

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