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Anna Hamilton-Shield is a senior and experienced practitioner who has chosen to specialise in defence cases at the criminal bar.

She has also undertaken an LLM in employment law and represents complainants in cases of unfair dismissal, sexual, racial and disability discrimination.

Anna often represents clients as leading counsel in high-end multi-handed conspiracies, including evasion of duty, modern day slavery, serious violent crime and sexual offenses.

Specialist Areas	
Criminal Defence Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation	Fraud & Financial Crime

Cases

Criminal Defence

R v Ladisliv Godla – Anna represented the defendant in a case of child cruelty. The case centred on a cut throat defence between Mr Godla and his partner, who both blamed each other for the injuries to their child. The co-defendant was convicted and Mr Godla was acquitted

R v Justin Newman – In this case the defendant was accused of deceiving his friends into investing in non- existent investment schemes. The defence sought an indication of a non-custodial outcome and the defendant retained his liberty

R v Price (operation Shine) – Instructed as leading counsel in a high profile case that attracted national media coverage. A half time submission was made in relation to conspiracy to defraud which was successful

The Crown appealed to the Court of Appeal but the application was unsuccessful

The trial is on going in relation to conspiracy to handle stolen goods

R v Ali (Operation Calla) – Instructed as leading counsel in a multi-handed conspiracy to sell unauthorised and prescription only medicines

R v Alesbrook – This case involved a dentist who was accused of sexually assaulting a dental nurse who worked with him. He was acquitted

R v Kwaapich – Instructed as leading counsel in a case involving conspiracy to evade duty on the importation of cigarettes. The defendant was acquitted after various submissions on disclosure. The defendant was acquitted

R v Rajasooniar – Instructed by an elderly lady accused of racially aggravated public order offences. She was duly acquitted

R v Sultan – This case involved domestic violence. The complainant gave evidence and thereafter an application of 'no case to answer' was made. Not guilty verdicts were entered

R v Johnson – A case involving possession of firearms. A week of legal argument resulted in a not guilty verdict

R v Kelsie Barnes – Defendant was involved in an allegation of serious violent s.18 offence. After negotiation the defendant gave evidence and avoided a sentence of imprisonment

R v Cannon – A case of conspiracy to steal. This is an on-going case

R v McGinley – An alleged case of modern day slavery, involving the travelling community. This case will be on-going for three months

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association