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Yasmin specialises in all areas of general crime, fraud, financial crime and regulatory.

In recent years her practice has been predominately fraud and financial crime, where she represents both corporates and individuals in relation to investigations for fraud, corruption and money laundering allegations. Yasmin is instructed by both defence and prosecution organisations, including the SFO and FCA. Yasmin was part of the FCA's legal and investigative team that successfully secured the first UK conviction for illegal crypto ATM operation in the UK, underscoring the importance of compliance with financial regulations. The landmark case resulted in the team being nominated for Prosecuting team of the year 2024.

Some other examples of the matters Yasmin has been working on include the following:

0. Manipulations of Special Liquidity Scheme
0. Manipulation of LIBOR
0. Manipulation of EURIBOR
0. Barclays Qatari Fraud by false representation
0. Property investment scheme fraud (18m investor loss)
0. Fraud and money laundering by a biodiesel trader in sustainable fuel sector
0. Construction corruption, bribery and money laundering.
0. Saudi Corruption and bribery (SANGCOM/GPT/MoD)

Yasmin's general crime practice mainly consists of defending in cases including murder/attempted murder, serious violent offences, serious sexual offences, drug importation and ancillary proceedings. She has a recognised reputation and considerable experience, which means she is routinely led by King's Counsel or appears as a junior alone in multi-handed high-profile matters. Yasmin is highly regarded for her advocacy, meticulous preparation, research and legal argument.

Regularly instructed to appear in the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court.

Yasmin assisted in writing the script for the drama sequel 'Save me too', where she advised on the court scenes of a trial involving a young complainant in sex trafficking.

Specialist Areas

Criminal Defence	Fraud & Financial Crime
Private Prosecution	Asset Forfeiture and Confiscation
Regulatory Law	Public Law

Cases

Criminal Defence

R v A – Serious Indecent Assault of two 14 year old complainants by a 16 year old defendant.
R v T – Successful Judicial Review of promise not to prosecute, instructed by the RMT
R v B – Successfully argued ‘issue estoppel ‘ as an abuse of process
R v W – Multi-handed people trafficking, prostitution and running of high class brothels in central London
R v F – Multi-handed, multiple rape and sexual assault of a child
R v O – Large scale Conspiracy to supply class A drugs – in the South East of England.
R v C – Multi handed historic rape case with multi complainants
R v A – Multi handed Murder motivated by sexual orientation
R v W – Multi handed high profile Murder and Familial Homicide
R v A – Murder and Manslaughter – defence of diminished responsibility
R v M – Rape, false imprisonment, sexual assault involving young vulnerable complainants
R v A – Armed Robbery
R v C and M – Multi handed and multiple rape of under 13 year old.
R v S – Rape of under 13 year old.
R v C – Multi handed Conspiracy to Murder with complex telephone and cell cite evidence
R v B – Gang related Murder with anonymous witnesses and covert recordings

Criminal prosecution & Bribery & Corruption

Disclosure Counsel instructed by Serious Fraud Office for cases concerning manipulations of Special Liquidity Scheme, LIBOR, EURIBOR, and Barclays Qatari Fraud by false representation.

Fraud & Financial Crime & Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

R v M – NHS fraud by an unqualified dentist, instructed as Junior Counsel
R v M – Multi-million pound Royal Mail and DWP fraud, instructed as junior Counsel
R v G – Multi-million pound Money Laundering within companies set up in UK and Columbia, instructed as Junior Counsel
R v B – Multi million pound VAT evasion on imported prestige cars, instructed as junior Counsel
R v C – Multi handed and multi million pound VAT evasion
R v S – Large scale bank fraud with the use of false identity documents
R v K – Multi handed bank Fraud and Armed Robbery

Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association