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## Practice Profile

***Olivia is a specialist criminal barrister, with experience across the full range of criminal proceedings but with emphasis on cases involving alleged sexual misconduct, violence, and conspiracies to supply drugs. Olivia has a busy Crown Court practice and receives instructions on behalf of both the Defence and Prosecution.***

She is known for her attention to detail and excellent rapport with clients. Olivia has experience representing young and vulnerable clients and has been instructed as led junior and junior alone in a wide range of serious criminal matters. Recent cases include being led by Sarah Forshaw KC in fitness to practise proceedings, a case involving a doctor accused of sexually assaulting a patient, instructed by BCL LLP.

Olivia is a Grade 3 CPS advocate on the General Crime panel. Recent cases include a ten handed money laundering conspiracy led by Cameron Brown KC (of 18 RLC), instructed by the Serious Economic Organised Crime & International Directorate.

Prior to commencing practice, Olivia worked as a criminal litigation paralegal at a leading criminal defence law firm, Corker Binning, specialising in fraud and regulatory work.

Olivia's Privacy Policy can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Areas of Practice

- Sexual Offences
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Financial & Corporate Crime
- General Crime
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Road Traffic
- Cyber Crime
- Homicide
- Prosecution
- Serious & Organised Crime

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## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Women in Criminal Law

## CPS Panel Appointments

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- CPS Advocate Panel for General Crime at Grade 3

## News

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### Criminal Appeals Seminar

22 April 2024

5KBW Criminal Appeals Unit is delighted to present the first in a series of seminars on appellate matters:

#### **The Criminal Appeal Office and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) [CACD]**

A practical approach to CACD procedure: **Master Alix Beldam KC**, Registrar of Criminal Appeals

Fresh evidence as a ground of appeal (now and in the future): **Paul Taylor KC**, General Editor of Taylor on Criminal Appeals

**Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6pm**

#### **Inner Temple Lecture Theatre**

Master Beldam KC will discuss the work of the Criminal Appeal Office and the CACD, the procedural framework for launching and pursuing an appeal and the practical issues that often arise.

Paul Taylor KC will analyse the CACD's current approach to grounds of appeal based on fresh evidence. He will also consider potential changes in this area that may follow the recommendations of the Law Commission's Criminal Appeal Project (expected in 2025.)

Please click [here](#) to register your interest in attending this seminar.

### Sexual Activity Acquittal

11 April 2024

Olivia Haggard represented a client charged with five counts of Sexual Activity with a Child. The case required pre-recorded cross-examination of a 14 year old witness. Following a four day trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, the client was acquitted of all charges. Instructed by Marco Guarnieri of SA Law.

### £10 million Ponzi Scheme

13 December 2023

Olivia Haggard, led by Cameron Brown KC, prosecuted Marios Lourides for his part in running a £10 million Ponzi scheme. Following a 13-week trial, he was unanimously convicted and sentenced to 10 years. Instructed by CPS SEOCID.

## Recent Cases

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### **R v G [Snaresbrook Crown Court] 2024**

5 Counts of Sexual Activity with a Child

Olivia Haggart represented a client charged with five counts of Sexual Activity with a Child. The case required pre-recorded cross-examination of a 14-year-old witness. Following a four day trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, the lay client was unanimously acquitted of all charges. Instructed by Marco Guarnieri of SA Law.

### **R v Lourides [Kingston Crown Court] 2023**

£10 Million Ponzi Scheme

Olivia Haggart, led by Cameron Brown KC of Red Lion chambers, prosecuted Marios Lourides for his part in running a £10 million Ponzi scheme. Following a 13-week trial at Kingston Crown Court, he was unanimously convicted and sentenced to 10 years. Instructed by CPS SEOCID.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/fraud-notts-county-court-accountants-scam-b1126914.html>

[https://www.chortle.co.uk/news/2023/12/11/54669/former\\_jongleurs\\_boss\\_marios\\_lourides\\_jailed\\_for\\_10\\_years](https://www.chortle.co.uk/news/2023/12/11/54669/former_jongleurs_boss_marios_lourides_jailed_for_10_years)

### **R v Bricka [Portsmouth Crown Court] 2023**

Multiple Counts Stalking & Perverting the Course of Justice

Olivia Haggart, led by Paul Walker, represented a client charged with ten counts of Stalking and one count of Perverting the Course of Justice. The case concerned a prolonged campaign of stalking, described by Sussex Police as one of the most complex stalking cases they had ever investigated. Instructed by Andrew Bishop, Bishop & Light.

### **Operation Scoutish [Kingston Crown Court] 2022**

£30 Million Money Laundering Scheme

Olivia Haggart, led by Cameron Brown KC of Red Lion chambers, prosecuted several individuals for their part in a £30 million money laundering scheme. Following two trials at Kingston Crown Court, all were convicted.

Instructed by CPS SEOCID.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64879444>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001wzvf/big-little-crimes-series-2-11-moneylaundering-gang>

### **R v Cole [Reading Magistrates Court] 2021**

Burglary

Olivia Haggard successfully prosecuted this individual for burglary of a quadbike. The offence was committed the day before the homicide of PC Andrew Harper, and came to light during the wider investigation.

News Report

### **Operation Mowhawk [Croydon Crown Court] 2019**

Conspiracy to commit fraud

Pauline Thompson led Olivia Haggard in a conspiracy to commit fraud and associated money laundering. All ten defendants were convicted. Instructed by Croydon Trading Standards.

<https://news.croydon.gov.uk/ten-sentenced-after-croydon-led-trading-standards-operation/>

### **R v Dr V [GMC & Crown Court] 2019**

Sexually Motivated Misconduct

The defendant doctor, having been acquitted of sexual assaults on a patient at the Crown Court (also represented by Sarah Forshaw QC), was to face similar allegations brought by the GMC. Miss Forshaw, assisted by Olivia Haggard, was asked to represent him again at the full contested hearing which lasted 3 weeks. Once again, the complainant and other witnesses were cross-examined. The allegations were all found 'not proved' by the Tribunal. The Doctor has returned to full-time work. Instructed by BCL.