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## Practice Profile

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***A resolute and skilled advocate with the advantage of a breadth of experience across the full spectrum of serious and complex crime. Pauline's affable demeanour quickly inspires the confidence of her clients and belies a steely determination to neutralise the opposition case.***

A highly regarded senior junior, Pauline is instructed in multi-handed allegations of serious and fatal violence, firearms, drug offences, financial crime and historic sex. These instructions cover both substantive offences and conspiracies, and are often connected to gang feuds. Pauline enjoys the analysis of evidence, uncovering those small details hidden amongst swathes of material, which alter the perception of a case.

Holding the firm belief that the art of advocacy is enhanced with experience of both prosecution and defence work, Pauline lends her skills to both ends of counsel's row.

### Consumer Law & Financial Crime

In 2012 Pauline was instructed to prosecute Operation Beke, where she lead Fiona Ryan at the Old Bailey in the successful prosecution of five defendants, charged with Fraudulent Trading, who had banked £1million from a series of phoenix companies purporting to offer LGV training.

Pauline is now instructed by a number of local authorities in London and the South-East to advise pre-charge, and prosecute, regulatory offences and financial crime. This encompasses a wide remit of consumer law related issues, including unfair, misleading and aggressive trading practices, product safety, enforcement action under Part 8 of the Enterprise Act 2002, applications for restraint orders under POCA 2002 and drafting Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Pauline also provides investigative training to TSO's.

Many of the cases Pauline is instructed in are supported by the National Trading Standards Tri Region Investigation Team (TRIT) and following the successful prosecution in 2015 of Operation Rose, a wine fraud, at the Old Bailey, Pauline was invited to address Trading Standards Heads of Service and Senior Operational Managers responsible for large scale criminal prosecutions at the annual TRIT training days in 2016 and 2017.

Benefit Fraud prosecution at the Old Bailey, 2013

[News report here](#)

LGV licence fraud prosecution at the Old Bailey, 2014

News report here

Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations prosecution of a car dealer, 2014

News report here

Wine Fraud prosecution at the Old Bailey, 2015

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## Areas of Practice

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- General Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Fraud & Financial Crime
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Sexual Offences
- Prosecution

## Recent Cases

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### R v. H [Woolwich] 2018

Rape

Pauline Thompson acted for a defendant charged with rape and submitted a successful application to discharge the jury as a result of disclosure failings, the prosecution later offered no evidence. Instructed by O'Keefe's Solicitors.

### R v.S (Canterbury) 2018

Rogue trader prosecution. Instructed by Kent County Council Trading Standards.

Pauline Thompson successfully prosecuted a rogue trader builder who was sentenced to 61 months imprisonment on a fraud of £38,000. Disqualified from company directorship for 10 years and a CBO imposed indefinitely.

News report here

### Operation Roburo [Kingston] 2017

Conspiracy to possess a firearm

Pauline Thompson successfully defended allegations of conspiracy to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life, conspiracy to possess a prohibited weapon and conspiracy to commit violent disorder in a nine-handed trial. Instructed by EBR Attridge Solicitors.

### R v. K [St Albans] 2017

Conspiracy to commit knife point robberies

Pauline Thompson led Peter Eguae in a nine-handed conspiracy to commit knifepoint robberies. Defendant aged 15 avoided a custodial sentence. Instructed by F.A. Lee & Co Solicitors.