



Practice Profile

Phoebe is a specialist advocate with experience of serious and complex cases, both defending and prosecuting. Phoebe has been ranked in Chambers UK 2023 as a "Rising Star".

What people say about her:

"Phoebe Bragg of 5 King's Bench Walk has thoroughly impressed this year with her forensic analysis of complex telephone evidence uncovering evidential gold."

"Prompt to respond to email queries and ever willing to help, she has every detail of the case at her fingertips."

Her practice is concentrated upon all forms of serious offending with experience of cases involving multi-national fraud and money laundering as well as sexual allegations, drugs and other serious violence. Phoebe has experience dealing with all aspects of confiscation proceedings and costs applications following acquittal. She has a strong private practice and is also public access qualified.

Phoebe recently co-authored a chapter with Sarah Forshaw KC in "Current Practice in Forensic Medicine" [Vol 3] on the disclosure of evidence in sexual assault cases.

Phoebe also undertakes work for regulatory bodies and has worked on the Grenfell Inquiry, the Post Office "Horizon" case and multiple multi-jurisdictional financial fraud matters of a sensitive nature including the "Wirecard" fraud.

She is regularly instructed as led junior both prosecuting and defending in large complex investigations often involving expert telephone, cell site and banking evidence. Phoebe is known for her early and thorough case preparation, attention to detail and excellent rapport with both her lay and professional clients.

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

Areas of Practice

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

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- Terrorism

What The Directories Say

"Phoebe epitomises defence work at its best. She stands her position and is really thorough." *Chambers UK 2024*

"Intelligent and hard-working, her approach is excellent at every level." *Chambers UK 2024*

"Prompt to respond to email queries and ever willing to help, she has every every detail of the case at her fingertips." *Chambers UK 2023*

Memberships & Awards:

- CPS Advocate Panel for General Crime at Grade 3
- CPS Specialist Panel - Fraud Level 3
- CPS Specialist Panel - Serious Crime Level 3
- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association and European Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Ann Goddard Scholarship- Gray's Inn

Education & Prior Experience

- Trinity College, University of Oxford (BA Law)
- City Law School (BPTC)
- Criminal Law and Terrorism Division, Council of Europe
- Capital defence cases in the United States: Phillips Black Law Project

News

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.

Death by Careless Driving Acquittal

1 March 2024

Phoebe Bragg represented a young man of good character accused of causing death by careless driving. He was acquitted following a four day trial involving expert reconstruction analysis. Instructed by James Farrell of Weightmans Solicitors.

Drug & Money Laundering Couple Sentenced

1 February 2024

Phoebe Bragg, led by Hugh French of 18 Red Lion Court, prosecuted a husband and wife accused of exporting cocaine to Australia and money laundering offences.

Although one shipment of 514kg cocaine was intercepted by the Australian authorities in May 2021, the defendants were convicted of exporting a total of 12 shipments totalling approximately 6 tonnes of cocaine and worth in excess of £700 million in Australia.

The defendants were also convicted of 18 money laundering offences, including nearly £3 million in cash found in a storage unit, and money laundered through a car wash business set up after their initial arrests.

Both defendants were sentenced to a total of 33 years each. The investigation was led by the National Crime Agency and prosecuted by CPS Serious Economic, Organised Crime and International Directorate.

Attempted Murder of 13yr Old Boy

19 December 2023

Frederick Hookway led Phoebe Bragg in prosecuting the attempted murder of a 13-year-old schoolboy in East London. The defendant, who was 14 years old at the time, was alleged to have stabbed the victim 17 times as he was on his way to school. He was convicted following a 2-week trial at Isleworth Crown Court and was also sentenced for perverting the course of justice."

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/isle-of-dogs-stabbing-13-year-old-boy-millwall-park-b932437.html>

Client acquitted of all charges in £5m money laundering case

21 July 2023

Jeffrey Israel, leading Phoebe Bragg, successfully represented their client who was the only defendant of 6 unanimously acquitted of all counts. The Defendants were accused of laundering the proceeds of frauds committed against a large number of victims in the UK and overseas over a 3-year period with a total loss in excess of £5M. Jeffrey and Phoebe were instructed by Hesham Puri of MK Law.

Recent Cases

R v TK [Kingston Crown Court] 2024

Death by Careless Driving Acquittal

Client acquitted of causing death by careless driving. Privately instructed.

R v Dhir & Rajada [Southwark Crown Court] 2024

Drug & Money Laundering

Prosecution of husband and wife exporting over 7 tonnes of cocaine to Australia and associated money laundering offences. Both defendants convicted and sentenced to 33 years in prison.

Operation Star [Basildon Crown Court] 2024

Drugs Conspiracy

Prosecution of "encrochat" cocaine drugs conspiracy

R v AK [Southwark Crown Court] 2023

Client acquitted of all charges in £5m money laundering offences

Led by Jeffrey Israel, Phoebe defended an Italian national charged with multiple money laundering offences alongside multiple co-defendants, many of whom had fled the jurisdiction. The defendant was acquitted of all offences following a six week trial at Southwark Crown Court.

R v LM Kingston Crown Court 2023

Client acquitted of rape and controlling coercive charges

Phoebe defended a man charged with multiple rape offences and controlling and coercive behaviour. These allegations were made following the breakdown of a relationship.

R v Youth Isleworth Crown Court 2023

Prosecution of attempted murder following the stabbing of a 13 year schoolboy

Led by Frederick Hookway, Phoebe prosecuted a youth for stabbing another schoolboy 17 times on his way to school. The defendant was ultimately convicted of attempted murder, having pleaded guilty to a s.18 offence and then attempted to vacate this plea.

R v MM [Isleworth Crown Court] 2023

Rape & Controlling & Coercive Behaviour

Sarah Forshaw KC leading Phoebe Bragg defended this trainee solicitor accused of rape and controlling and coercive behaviour over the course of an intimate relationship. The prosecution ultimately offered no evidence following a litany of disclosure failures and representations made by the defence. Instructed by Hickman and Rose.

Operation Arabica [Isleworth Crown Court] 2023

Conspiracy to Burgle

Phoebe was led junior in the prosecution of 8 defendants accused of conspiracies to burgle Tiffany & Co, Hermes and other luxury goods stores across Knightsbridge.

R v VC [Southwark Crown Court] 2023

Confiscation Proceedings

Phoebe prosecutes in confiscation proceedings involving a multi-million pound mortgage fraud. These proceedings involve the application to vary the original confiscation order on the basis of ownership of property, principles of joint ownership and third party interests.

R v ME [St Albans Crown Court] 2023

Multiple Rapes & Assault

Sarah Forshaw KC led Phoebe Bragg in the defence of a man accused of multiple rapes, assaults and harassment by a former partner. The Crown eventually offered no evidence before a jury was sworn. Instructed by James Farrell of Weightmans.

R v DA [Cardiff Crown Court] 2023

Kidnap, False Imprisonment & Blackmail

As led junior Phoebe defends in a 12 handed trial involving allegations of kidnap, false imprisonment and blackmail. The prosecution allege that a Harrow gang kidnapped a number of men in Wales and transported one back to London where he was held for ransom. Phoebe is led by Jeffrey Israel.

R v EH [Lewes Crown Court] 2022

Conspiracy to convey items into prisons

Defendant acquitted in multi-handed conspiracy to convey items into prisons.

R v TT [Woolwich Crown Court] 2021

Kidnap & sexual assault

Defendant acquitted of kidnap and sexual assault.

R v RG & Ors [Southwark Crown Court] 2021

Money laundering

Led junior in a successful multi-handed prosecution involving a conspiracy to launder money through money service bureaux in West London.

Operation Nimrod [Southwark Crown Court] 2021

Supply of pharmaceutical drugs to black market

Prosecution of pharmacists in the wholesale illegal supply of pharmaceutical drugs to the black market (led junior).

R v YM [Harrow Court Court] 2021

Theft by deception

Theft of property and assets of elderly women by deception.

Operation Edge [Woolwich] 2020

Multi-handed class A & B drugs conspiracy involving "Encro chat" devices

James Martin led **Phoebe Bragg** in this 4 week case involving surveillance evidence and evidence of "encro chat" devices. The defendant was accused of being the head of an organised criminal network trafficking large quantities of class A & B drugs and involved expert evidence regarding the use of "encro chat" as well as significant legal argument regarding bad character evidence.

Operation Tennyson [Southwark] 2020

International 'Phishing' Fraud

Jeffery Israel led Phoebe Bragg in this 5 month case involving over 250,000 pages of evidence. Defendants accused of international 'phishing' fraud and subsequent money laundering. Vast quantities of banking and telephone evidence as the monies were layered from the UK, onto Nigeria via China, giving rise to multi-jurisdictional issues and disclosure requests.

R v IH & Ors [Kingston] 2019

Multi-handed conspiracy to defraud the immigration authorities

Phoebe Bragg defended in a 17-handed conspiracy by Bangladeshi nationals to defraud the immigration authorities and obtain visas using fake documents. The multi-layered fraud involved both the UK and US immigration authorities.

R v [VD] [Isleworth] 2019

Fraud involving the sale of a Lucien Freud painting of Francis Bacon

Phoebe Bragg successfully prosecuted in a fraud involving the Defendant purporting to be in possession of a genuine Lucien Freud painting of Francis Bacon, stolen in the 1980's from a Berlin Gallery, and offering it for sale.

R v [Youth] 2019

Numerous sexual assaults involving children under the age of 15

Phoebe successfully sought a referral order in a case involving multiple sexual assaults. Instructed by BCL Solicitors.

R v. GJ [Youth Court] 2019

Sexual assault trial on a child under the age of 15

Phoebe Bragg was instructed in this Sexual assault trial on a child under the age of 15. The trial involved ABE evidence and cross-examination of a child with autism. Instructed by Bark & Co Solicitors.

R v. KS [Croydon] 2019

Sexual activity with a child

Phoebe Bragg was instructed for the defence in this matter involving Sexual Activity with a Child. Phoebe made a successful application to exclude the Crown's evidence in relation to age on the basis that it did not satisfactorily amount to "expert" evidence. This lead the Crown to offer no evidence on the more serious s.9 SOA 2003 offence. Instructed by Blackfords LLP.

R v. SC [Magistrates Court] 2018

Outraging public decency in relation to a child under the age of 16

Phoebe Bragg was instructed in this matter involving outraging public decency in relation to a child under the age of 16. The defendant was acquitted of the offence in the magistrates' court after trial. Instructed by Joseph Hill Solicitors.

R v NM [Highbury Youth Court] 2018

Youth gang stabbing

Phoebe Bragg represented this defendant in a trial concerning a Youth gang stabbing. Persuaded the Crown to accept a s20 GBH in lieu of a s18 GBH.

R v AA [Isleworth] 2018

Confiscation proceedings

Phoebe Bragg secured the successful prosecution of contested confiscation proceedings relating to the proceeds of drug dealing. An order was made in the terms sought.

R v SB [Snaresbrook] 2018

Multi-handed youth armed robbery

Phoebe Bragg acted for a defendant charged in a multi-handed youth armed robbery. Successful application for a community penalty in lieu of immediate custody.

R v CA [Blackfriars] 2018

Smuggling of drugs and contraband into prison

Phoebe Bragg acts in a trial concerning the smuggling of drugs and other contraband into prison. The case is ongoing.

CH v MH [Birmingham County Court] 2018

Civil harassment injunction

Phoebe Bragg submitted a successful application for a civil harassment injunction in the County Court made ex parte on the basis of written submissions.

R v LT [Woolwich] 2018

Possession of an imitation firearm

Phoebe Bragg acted for the defence in this case of possession of an imitation firearm. Successful submissions regarding the imposition of a suspended sentence order.

Greenwich County Council v SB [Woolwich] 2018

Application to vacate a guilty plea

Phoebe Bragg submitted a successful application to vacate a guilty plea following a Newton hearing and subsequent legal argument.

R v BM [Various] 2018

Stalking

Phoebe Bragg secured the acquittal for this defendant in two separate stalking allegations relating to the same complainant following evidence from the complainant in both trials.

R v AE [Lewes] 2018

Stalking

Phoebe Bragg represented this defendant charged with stalking with violence, involving a National Rail employee over a long period of time. The defendant received a suspended sentence.

R v SG [Basildon] 2018

Dangerous driving

Phoebe Bragg acted for the defence where the defendant was acquitted of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and ABH following a road traffic collision following the cross-examination of the Crown's collision expert. Phoebe successfully excluded the evidence relating to any suggestion of drink driving.

R v KS [Wood Green] 2018

Multi-handed Uber fraud

Phoebe Bragg successfully secured a suspended sentence with others receiving immediate custodial sentences, in this trial of Uber drivers in a multi-handed Uber fraud.

R v KW [Leamington Spa] 2017

Enforcement of EU financial penalties

Phoebe Bragg submitted a successful appeal against the cross enforcement of EU financial penalties (Austria) in the UK following legal argument regarding principles of EU law and ECHR principles on the right of appeal

R v A Ltd [Coventry] 2017

Failing to provide information

Phoebe Bragg made a successful half time submission following the prosecution case on behalf of a large limited company for failing to provide information.