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Practice Profile

Ria Banerjee has been a tenant in Chambers since February 2017 upon completion of her Pupillage. Prior to this she gained two years' experience as a paralegal in a criminal defence firm.

Ria specialises in Crime, both defending and prosecuting and has a wealth of experience in the Crown Court, Magistrates' Court and Youth Court. She has defended in a range of cases, including those of violence, sex, drugs, public order and offensive weapons.

Ria prides herself on her attention to detail and lateral thinking in terms of case analysis. She particularly enjoys identifying and conducting legal arguments as well as jury advocacy.

Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Prosecution
- Road Traffic
- Sexual Offences

Recent Cases

R v DS [Snaresbrook] 2017

Robbery

Ria Banerjee acted for this defendant who was charged with Robbery. Successful submission of no case to answer on the basis of DNA evidence.

R v LT [Snaresbrook] 2017

Knife point robberies

Ria Banerjee successfully represented a defendant charged, with others, of a series of knife-point robberies of taxi drivers. Successful applications to dismiss on the basis of identification and cell site evidence.

R v DR [Harrow] 2017

Threatening with a bladed article and Affray

Ria Banerjee acted for a defendant charged with Affray and Threatening with a Bladed Article. Crown's case consisted of a live witness stating that the Defendant threatened him and his friends with a knife. Incident captured on CCTV and mobile phone footage. Defendant gave a no comment interview with no solicitor present. Acquitted of both charges after trial.

R v SR [Harrow] 2017

Threats to kill

Ria Banerjee secured the acquittal of this defendant charged with Threats to Kill where it was alleged that, whilst making the threats, he was wielding a machete. Extensive cross-examination of three civilian witnesses.

R v SV [City of London] 2017

Sexual Assault and Outraging Public Decency

Ria Banerjee acted for this defendant who faced charges of Sexual Assault and Outraging Public Decency. The defendant is blind and alleged to have inappropriately touched four women on the Piccadilly Underground Line on two separate dates, in very similar circumstances. Defence was that the touching was not sexual. Argument for separate summary trials contested by the Crown but acceded to by the District Judge following submission of a detailed skeleton argument and lengthy oral submissions. Defendant acquitted of both charges after two separate trials.

R v MC [Southwark] 2016

High profile Historic Sex Abuse

High profile historic sex abuse case. Ria Banerjee assisted with legal research and formed part of the Defence team led by Sarah Forshaw QC. Defendant acquitted after trial.

R v MV [Maidstone] 2016

Possession of a bladed article in public space

Ria Banerjee successfully secured the acquittal for this defendant who was charged with Having a Bladed Article in a Public Place, namely, a Samurai sword on Dartford High Street. Evidence from a Police officer that he was waving the sword around. Incident captured on CCTV.

R v BG [Blackfriars] 2016

Attempted robbery

Ria Banerjee acted for this defendant who was charged with Attempted Robbery. Complainant was an off-duty prison officer who gave evidence to state that the Defendant had threatened to stab her and take her handbag. Successfully opposed the Crown's bad character application to admit the Defendant's previous convictions for Robbery and Attempted Robbery to correct a false impression. Acquitted after trial.

R v CC [Snaresbrook] 2016

Affray and Possession of an Offensive Weapon

Ria Banerjee secured the acquittal for this defendant who was charged with two counts of Affray and Possession of an Offensive Weapon. Incidents captured on CCTV. Defendant gave a no comment interview.

R v S & ors [Harrow] 2016

Committal for Sentence

Ria Banerjee represented six defendants in a Committal for Sentence where each client was facing a sentence of immediate custody. Succeeded in a legitimate expectation argument, which led to the Judge imposing Community/Suspended Sentences.

R v AG [Maidstone] 2016

Harassment whilst on life license for murder

Ria Banerjee acted for this defendant who was charged with harassment and on life licence for murder. Facing significant consequences in terms of parole if convicted of the offence. Acquitted after trial following lengthy cross-examination of the complainant and legal submissions involving various authorities on "a course of conduct amounting to harassment".