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## Practice Profile

***Alejandra is listed in The Legal 500 as a 'Rising Star' (Tier 1) and is a sought-after jury advocate with experience in complex and sensitive cases, both Defending and Prosecuting.***

Alejandra regularly acts in cases involving allegations of murder, serious sexual offences, serious violence, firearms, drugs cases involving EncroChat devices, financial crime, dishonesty offences and POCA.

Regularly instructed as sole counsel in large complex and sensitive cases, Alejandra has experience in cross-examining experts and dealing with vulnerable witnesses, child witnesses and defendants. She is meticulous with her case preparation, which allows her to represent her clients with mastery of the law and the facts.

Notable cases include murder, attempted murder, rape, historic sexual offences, kidnap, county lines drug dealing, and gang related tit-for-tat shootings and stabbings.

Alejandra is also an experienced Military Court advocate, appearing before the Courts Martial on a regular basis. Alejandra has represented a range of military personnel from high-ranking officers to training soldiers for serious sexual offences, frauds and serious violence in cases both in the UK and abroad.

Alejandra is also an author on The Civil Court Practice Green Book, published by Lexis Nexis. Alejandra authors the chapters relating to terrorism investigation, supporting criminal justice and counter-terrorism and prevention.

Alejandra is a native Spanish speaker, a Grade 3 and RASSO Prosecutor, and is direct access qualified.

Alejandra's privacy policy can be download [here](#).

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## Areas of Practice

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

## What The Directories Say

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"Alejandra is poised, thorough, and insightful, with steely determination. She is an emerging talent who is not afraid of any task and always ready for more. No opponent should underestimate her - they will pay a price if they do." *Legal 500 2025*

Alejandra is an excellent advocate both orally and in writing. Her mastery of cases is apparent in her succinct and powerful submissions. *Legal 500 2024*

'fearless in advancing the cause of her clients but eminently sensible and realistic in the advice that she gives to the lay client' *Legal 500 2022*

'Her advice to instructing solicitors and submissions to the courts amply demonstrate a first-class mastery of the brief, coupled with an incisive mind which allows her to identify and deal with the real issues in any case.' *Legal 500 2022*

## Qualifications

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- PGDip Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School (2015-2016)
- LLB(Hons) Law with Spanish, The University of Sheffield (2011-2015)
- Spanish Law, La Universitat de Valencia (2013-2014)

## Professional associations

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- CPS Advocate Panel Level 3
- CPS RASSO List
- CPS Specialist Advocate Panel for Serious Crime Level 3
- CPS Specialist Advocate Panel for Fraud Level 2
- Inner Temple
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- South Eastern Circuit
- Western Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA)
- Panel member at the Bar Pro Bono Unit

## Professional activities

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- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2019)
- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2018)
- The Marshall Hall Pupillage Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- The University of Sheffield Graduate Award (2015)

## News

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### Defendant Acquitted of Conspiracy to Kidnap and False imprisonment

18 April 2024

James Martin, leading Alejandra Tascon, represented the Defendant who was charged with conspiracy to kidnap and false imprisonment. The Defendant was one of eight others charged on this conspiracy. The case involved complex issues in relation to Hearsay and Absent witnesses. The Defendant was acquitted of all charges after the Crown offered no evidence on day 7 of trial.

James and Alejandra were instructed by Marco Guarnieri of S A Law Solicitors.

### **Acquittal of Attempted Rape and Sexual Assault**

17 January 2024

Alejandra Llorente Tascon represents young man acquitted of attempted rape and sexual assault.

The then-18-year-old defendant AJ was accused of attempting to rape his friend on a night in 2018, following an end of A-level exams party. The Crown's case was the complainant had woken up in the Defendant's bed to find the assault[s] as alleged taking place.

The Defence case was that the alleged incidents had not taken place at all and the complainant was only making the allegations following the spreading of rumours within her group of friends.

Following a 6-day trial at Kingston-upon-Thames Crown Court, the jury acquitted AJ of attempted rape and sexual assault.

Alejandra was led by Ali Bajwa KC of QEB Hollis Whiteman, instructed by Riccardo Pagano, Senior and Organised Crime Litigator (Thompson & Co Solicitors) and current Head of Crown Court Litigation at Walker Law.

### **Court of Appeal success for Alejandra Tascon**

11 November 2022

Alejandra, instructed by Darekshan Salaria of Simon Bethel Solicitors, represented the Appellant at the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on an appeal against sentence following the imposition of a 28 month sentence of immediate imprisonment at Norwich Crown Court, following guilty pleas to two counts of Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.

It was successfully argued that the sentencing judge had failed to apply any discount to the Appellant's sentence for personal circumstances and personal mitigation.

Following successful appeal, the sentence was reduced to 24 months imprisonment, suspended for 2 years.

<https://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/news/crime/22322892.norwich-drug-dealing-gang-jailed-12-years/>

### **Recent Cases**

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#### **R v BL [Wood Green Crown Court] 2023**

Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs

Alejandra was instructed as the Leading Junior to represent BL who was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs. The case related to a large-scale conspiracy to supply drugs across the UK, involving voluminous telephone downloads, covert observations and police intelligence records.

The trial was halted during the Crown's case and the jury was discharged.

### **R v AK [Southwark Crown Court] 2023**

Money Laundering - Ongoing

Alejandra is being led by Jeffrey Israel in representing AK, one of eight defendants accused of defrauding a large number of victims and businesses in the UK, Canada, Trinidad & Tobago and the USA. The total sum of monies defrauded is over £3m. The Crown's case is that the organised crime group arranged a large number of payment diversion frauds where victims were defrauded into diverting direct debit payments to 'mule' accounts. One of the business targeted is said to be American Express. Having obtained the money through the diversion frauds, it is alleged that the money was then laundered through mule accounts. This case involves voluminous amounts of banking and telephone evidence.

### **R v AN [Central Criminal Court] 2023**

Attempted Murder, wounding with intent and having an offensive weapon – Ongoing

Alejandra is instructed to represent AN who is charged with Attempted Murder following a stabbing on a Victoria Line tube train. This serious charge is complicated by gang membership, bad character and CCTV evidence.

The Defence case is that AN was acting in self-defence, having been threatened by the complainant with a knife.

The Daily Mail - <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11470433/Man-charged-stabbing-16-year-old-busy-London-tube.html>

The Standard - <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/stabbing-victoria-line-train-stockwell-london-crime-b1042382.html>

Wandsworth Guardian - <https://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/news/23151139.victoria-line-tube-stabbing-man-charged-attempted-murder/>

The Sun - <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/20554323/teen-charged-schoolboy-stabbed-tube-train/>

### **R v JZ & ors [Inner London Crown Court] 2023**

Employment Fraud - Ongoing

Alejandra is instructed as sole counsel to represent JZ, who is one of 10 Defendants alleged to have been involved in a large-scale employment fraud and money laundering operation.

### **R v BAC [Woolwich Crown Court] 2023**

Rape, Assault by Penetration and Sexual Assault

Alejandra, acting on behalf of the CPS, is instructed to prosecute the case against BAC who is charged with seven counts of rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault.

The Crown's case is that BAC took advantage of the complainant's drunken state following a night out for her birthday, raped her in a car park and outside a leisure center whilst she was unconscious due to intoxication and then took her to her house. When the complainant woke up the following morning, the Defendant failed to tell her

that they had engaged in sexual acts the night before and instead told her that he clothes was muddy because she had fallen on the floor on the way home. The multiple rapes are captured on CCTV.

### **R v JB [Woolwich Crown Court] 2023**

Rape, ABH and Bladed Article

Alejandra, acting on behalf of the CPS, prosecuted JB who was charged with three counts of rape, ABH and threats with a bladed article.

The Crown's case was that JB had booked the complainant via an escort service to attend his home for companionship. Upon the complainant attending, JB refused to pay for her services and instead raped her vaginally and orally before assaulting her.

### **Anjorin [2022] EWCA Crim 1931 2022**

Appeal of Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs

Alejandra represented the Appellant at the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on an appeal against sentence following the imposition of a 28-month sentence of immediate imprisonment at Norwich Crown Court, following guilty pleas to two counts of Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.

It was successfully argued that the sentencing judge had failed to apply any discount to the Appellant's sentence for personal circumstances and personal mitigation.

Following successful appeal, the sentence was reduced to 24 months imprisonment, suspended for 2 years.

<https://crimeline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/anjorin.pdf>

### **R v NH [Central Criminal Court] 2022 2022**

Murder - Ongoing

Alejandra is being led by Liam Walker KC in representing NH, a youth, charged with murder. The Crown's case is that NH, together with his co-defendants murdered the victim by stabbing him repeatedly to the chest and back. The Crown's case against NH is that he acted jointly with his co-defendants despite not being the person who delivered the fatal stabs. The case is heavily reliant upon expert evidence, bad character and gang evidence.

### **R v AJ [Kingston Crown Court] 2022**

Attempted Rape - ONGOING

Alejandra is being led by Ali Naseem Bajwa KC of QEB Hollis Whiteman, in representing AJ, a local musician, who is charged with attempted rape. It is alleged that after a drunken night out, AJ took the complainant to his home address and attempted to rape her as she slept.

### **R v JD & Others [Isleworth Crown Court] 2022**

Import of Class A Drugs - ONGOING

Alejandra is being led by John Okajov of 2 Harcourt Buildings in prosecuting Operation Genie. The Defendants are charged with offences relating to the importation of cocaine from Colombia through London Heathrow Airport. It is alleged that arrangements for couriers, collection and transportation of the class A drugs were made through EncoChat and various other Telephones.

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### **R v CK [Central Criminal Court] 2022**

Perverting the Course of Justice - ONGOING

Alejandra is being led by Liam Walker QC of Doughty Street Chambers in representing CK, a well known rapper on the Urban music scene. CK is charged with perverting the course of justice and possession of ammunition without a firearm certificate following a gang related tit-for-tat shooting on the Harrow Road in 2019.

The five-month trial took place in 2022, following which the jury were unable to reach verdicts for CK. A re-trial is due to take place in October 2023.

News Reports:

<https://www.kilburntimes.co.uk/news/crime/four-men-due-trial-after-craig-small-killing-8025776>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/wembley-north-london-craig-small-arrests-fatal-shooting-a4527081.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-48926769>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-49659365>

### **R v Sqn Ldr J [Court Martial Centre Catterick] 2022**

Sexual Assault

Alejandra represented Squadron Leader J who was charged with sexual assault following an alleged incident that is said to have occurred during a commemorative dinner at an RAF Station. Following Alejandra's submissions on abuse of process, the prosecution offered no evidence.

### **R v AD [Bournemouth Crown Court] 2022**

Child Destruction

Alejandra was led by James Newton-Price QC of Pump Court Chambers is representing AD who was charged with child destruction, wounding with intent and perverting the course of justice. The prosecution case was that AD assaulted his pregnant partner by delivering blows to the stomach that caused the placental abruption that led to the baby's still birth.

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### **R v MB & GB [Salisbury Crown Court] 2022**

Fraud, Willful Neglect & Theft

Alejandra was led by Mark Ruffell of Pump Court Chambers in prosecuting MB and GB. The Defendants were charged with fraud, willful neglect, and theft, arising out of their supply of care services to a large number of disabled and vulnerable adults. It was alleged that MB and GB were overcharging for the provision of care, stealing money from the individuals that they cared for and willfully neglecting the same individuals.

### **R v MF [Lewes Crown Court] 2022**

Kidnap & Rape of a Child

Alejandra was instructed as sole counsel to represent MF who was charged with kidnap and rape of a 6-year-old child. It was alleged that MF snatched the 6-year-old complainant from the front garden of her home as she played, took her into a nearby park and raped her.

### **R v ME [Bournemouth Crown Court] 2022**

Attempted Murder

Alejandra was instructed to represent MR, as sole counsel, who was charged with Attempted Murder. It was alleged that following a domestic incident, ME strangled his mother until lost consciousness and then left her for dead.

### **R v LCpl BM [Court Martial Centre Bulford] 2022**

Sexual Assault

LCpl BM was charged with sexual assault following an alleged incident at BATUS where it was alleged that LCpl BM grabbed the complainant from behind and licked the back of her neck.

Due to severe investigative failures by the RMP, Alejandra made an abuse of process application which resulted in the Service Prosecuting Authority offering no evidence.

### **R v AB [Winchester Crown Court] 2021**

Manslaughter & Attempted Robbery

Alejandra was led by Sarah Jones QC of Pump Court Chambers who was charged with manslaughter and attempted robbery.

### **R v ARF [Kingston Crown Court] 2021**

Rape, Sexual Assault & Voyeurism

Alejandra was instructed as sole counsel to represent ARF charged with Rape, sexual assault and voyeurism. The

Crown's case was that after a night out at Viper Rooms in Kingston, the Defendant went back to the complainant's home uninvited, and while the complainant slept he touched the complainant's clitoris on two separate occasions, took pictures of her naked as she slept and raped her. It was alleged that the incidents happened as the complainant's friend slept in the same bed.

Following a four-day trial, the Defendant was acquitted on all counts.

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### **R v MMJ [Woolwich Crown Court] 2021**

Attempted Murder & Wounding with Intent

Alejandra was instructed as sole counsel to represent MMJ, a youth, charged with attempted murder and wounding with intent following a gang-related stabbing in South East London.

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### **R v Sig Q [Court Martial Centre Bulford] 2021**

Sexual Assault

Alejandra represented Sig Q who was charged with sexual assault. Following an application to dismiss, the SPA decided to accept pleas to lesser offences of a non-sexual nature.

### **LCpl TL v Regina 2021**

Appeal of Sentence

Alejandra represented TL at the Court of Appeal in an appeal against sentence. TL pleaded guilty to attempted rape and sexual assault on two separate complainants. It was alleged that following a drunken night out, TL snuck into the two complainant's army barracks through the window and attacked them as they slept.

### **MB v Regina [Court of Appeal] 2020**

Appeal of Conviction

Alejandra, led by Sarah Jones QC of Pump Court Chambers, represented the appellant who appealed his conviction on the basis that the trial judge at Preston Crown Court had made an error of law when ruling on a section 41 application and matters that ought to have been left to the jury, had not been. At appeal, the Court of Appeal quashed all the convictions, and a re-trial was ordered. Having received a 12-year sentence following the first trial, MB was acquitted of all charges at the retrial.

### **London Borough of Barking & Dagenham v AM & Ors [Snaresbrook Crown Court] 2019**

Perjury



Following a 3-week trial with four Defendants, Alejandra's client, the second Defendant was acquitted of perjury.

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### **R v LCpl L [Court Martial Centre Bulford] 2019**

Attempted Rape & Sexual Assault

Alejandra represented LCpl L who was charged with attempted rape and sexual assault.