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## Practice Profile

***Aska excels in cases requiring complex legal and / or extensive factual analysis. Her meticulous preparation enables her to identify and distil crucial evidence from voluminous material. She is adept in presenting expert / technical evidence clearly and succinctly to a jury.***

Aska has been instructed as LPP and disclosure counsel by the Serious Fraud Office on a number of different cases and is on the SFO Prosecution counsel list. She has expertise in bribery and corruption, corporate crime, financial crime and proceeds of crime. Current instructions include acting for the first defendant in a prosecution brought by the FCA in relation to CFD pension trading fraud (press release [here](#)).

Aska is a native Japanese speaker and has given seminars on UK constitutional and criminal law to Japanese lawyers, judges, prosecutors and MPs.

Aska is a member of the CBA Education & Training Committee.

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

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## Areas of Practice

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

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## Memberships & Publications

- South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Bar Human Rights Committee
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association
- Turkey Indictment Project: Cumhuriyet trial, BHRC report, available [here](#)

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## Appointments

- CPS Advocate Panel Level 3 [2020-2026]

- CPS Specialist Panel – Fraud (Level 4) [2024-2026]
- CPS Specialist Panel – Serious Crime (Level 3) [2018-2022]
- SFO Prosecution Panel B List [2024-2028]

## Education & Awards

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- Harmsworth Scholarship, Middle Temple (2011)
- BPTC (2011)
- MA, UCL (2007)
- LLB, Waseda University, Japan (2005)

## Recent Cases

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### Operation Wheelstep [Central Criminal Court] 2023

Halloween Party Murder

Aska, led by Tony Badenoch of 6KBW, was instructed to prosecute six defendants charged with murder.

News report [here](#).

### Operation Uvrouw [Central Criminal Court] 2023

Fake Bomb Attack

As led junior, Aska represented the second defendant who was charged with conspiring to place fake bombs in Gray's Inn. Instructed by Freemans.

News report [here](#).

### Operation Brightley [Isleworth Crown Court] 2023

International Cash Couriers

Aska, led by **Ben Temple**, was instructed to represent one of five defendants in the first of a series of trials which alleged that a large number of couriers made / attempted to make a total of 85 flights from LHR to Dubai carrying suitcases containing over £100m in cash. Instructed by Brooklyn Law.

News report [here](#).

### Inquest into the death of WS [Maidstone Crown Court] 2020

Inquest into Police Shooting

Aska, led by Chris Sutton-Mattocks, was instructed as Counsel to the Inquest in this 5-week inquest into the death of WS who was shot by the police on 1st May 2016. Report [here](#).

### Operation Atoll [Kingston Crown Court] 2020

#### Armed Robbery

Aska was instructed as led junior counsel to prosecute seven defendants charged with armed robbery. The defendants targeted cash-in-transit deliveries and threatened security staff with loaded firearms, crowbars and other weapons. Through extensive analysis of cell-site and vehicle tracking data, their movements following cash-in-transit vans in the days prior to the robberies as they reconnoitred the routes were revealed. Instructed by the CPS Complex Casework Division.

#### Operation Augusta [Southwark Crown Court] 2019

##### Violent Disorder

Aska prosecuted 18 defendants charged with violent disorder arising from a "Free Tommy Robinson" demonstration on 9th June 2018. The investigation included over 400 witness statements and 200 hours' worth of CCTV, BWV and police Evidence Gatherer footage. All defendants pleaded guilty. Instructed by the CPS Complex Casework Division.

News report [here](#).

#### Operation Towchester [Inner London Crown Court] 2019

##### Conspiracy to Supply Drugs

Aska was led by Jeffery Israel representing the third defendant in this six-handed, eight-week trial. Aska represented her client, charged with 14 counts of conspiracy to supply drugs worth over £3.5m and possession of criminal property, from the outset. The evidence consisted of +100k pages of evidence and unused material. Instructed by Sternberg Reed.

News report [here](#).