



Practice Profile

Olivia is a specialist criminal barrister, with experience across the full range of criminal proceedings but with emphasis on cases involving alleged sexual misconduct, violence, and conspiracies to supply drugs. Olivia has a busy Crown Court practice and receives instructions on behalf of both the Defence and Prosecution.

She is known for her attention to detail and excellent rapport with clients. Olivia has experience representing young and vulnerable clients and has been instructed as led junior and junior alone in a wide range of serious criminal matters. Recent cases include being led by Sarah Forshaw KC in fitness to practise proceedings, a case involving a doctor accused of sexually assaulting a patient, instructed by BCL LLP.

Olivia is a Grade 3 CPS advocate on the General Crime panel. Recent cases include a ten handed money laundering conspiracy led by Cameron Brown KC (of 18 RLC), instructed by the Serious Economic Organised Crime & International Directorate.

Prior to commencing practice, Olivia worked as a criminal litigation paralegal at a leading criminal defence law firm, Corker Binning, specialising in fraud and regulatory work.

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

Upcoming cases:

R v ML [Kingston CC] 2023

Conspiracy to commit fraud. Instructed by CPS Serious Economic Organised Crime & International Directorate.

Led by Cameron Brown KC.

R v AB and ors [Kingston CC] 2023

Conspiracy to money launder. Instructed by CPS Serious Economic Organised Crime & International Directorate.

Led by Cameron Brown KC.

R v BB and ors [Portsmouth CC] 2023

Ten counts of Stalking and Perverting the Course of Justice. Instructed by Bishop & Light.

Recent cases:

R v RS [Southampton CC] 2022

Olivia represented a man of good character, charged with Possession with Intent to Supply two kilos of cannabis and a half kilo of ketamine. Instructed by Brooklyn Law.

R v PS [Winchester CC] 2021

Olivia was led by Paul Walker, representing a man charged with Gross Negligence Manslaughter, arising from a wall collapsing on a building site. The case involved contested expert evidence. Instructed by Bishop & Light.

Areas of Practice

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

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Women in Criminal Law

CPS Panel Appointments

- CPS Advocate Panel for General Crime at Grade 3

News

Sexual Activity Acquittal

11 April 2024

Olivia Haggard represented a client charged with five counts of Sexual Activity with a Child. The case required pre-recorded cross-examination of a 14 year old witness. Following a four day trial at Snaresbrook Crown Court, the client was acquitted of all charges. Instructed by Marco Guarnieri of SA Law.

£10 million Ponzi Scheme

13 December 2023

Olivia Haggar, led by Cameron Brown KC, prosecuted Marios Lourides for his part in running a £10 million Ponzi scheme. Following a 13-week trial, he was unanimously convicted and sentenced to 10 years. Instructed by CPS SEOCID.

Recent Cases

R v Cole [Reading Magistrates Court] 2021

Burglary

Olivia Haggar successfully prosecuted this individual for burglary of a quadbike. The offence was committed the day before the homicide of PC Andrew Harper, and came to light during the wider investigation.

News Report

R v DN [Highbury Youth Court] 2021

Conspiracy to commit robbery

Olivia Haggar was instructed to represent a youth charged with conspiracy to commit robbery with two others. After consideration of the phone evidence, Olivia drafted a section 78 argument, which led to the Crown discontinuing proceedings against her client. Instructed by Edwards Duthie Shamash.

R v DS [Kingston Crown Court] 2020

Actual Bodily Harm

Olivia Haggar represented a man charged with assaulting a Police Officer during the course of a foot chase, thereby occasioning her actual bodily harm. DS was unanimously acquitted after trial. Instructed by Freemans.

Operation Mowhawk [Croydon Crown Court] 2019

Conspiracy to commit fraud

Pauline Thompson led Olivia Haggar in a conspiracy to commit fraud and associated money laundering. All ten defendants were convicted. Instructed by Croydon Trading Standards.

<https://news.croydon.gov.uk/ten-sentenced-after-croydon-led-trading-standards-operation/>

R v Dr V [GMC & Crown Court] 2019

Sexually Motivated Misconduct

The defendant doctor, having been acquitted of sexual assaults on a patient at the Crown Court (also represented by Sarah Forshaw QC), was to face similar allegations brought by the GMC. Miss Forshaw, assisted by Olivia Haggar, was asked to represent him again at the full contested hearing which lasted 3 weeks. Once again, the complainant and other witnesses were cross-examined. The allegations were all found 'not proved' by the Tribunal.

The Doctor has returned to full-time work. Instructed by BCL.