



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](#).

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 General Crime Grade 3
- CPS Advocate Panel Serious Crime Grade 3
- CPS Advocate Panel Fraud Grade 3

News

Stranger Rape Acquittal

10 January 2025

Olivia Haggard represented a man accused of stranger rape against another man. The complainant alleged he had been attacked in a park and made an immediate complaint. The defence case was that the incident had been fabricated.

Following a 5-day trial at Inner London Crown Court, the client was unanimously acquitted.

Olivia Haggard was instructed by Senan Boland of Gold Law Solicitors.

Aggravated Burglary and Criminal Damage Acquittal

26 July 2024

A man accused of Aggravated Burglary and Criminal Damage was unanimously acquitted following a four-day trial at Aylesbury Crown Court.

Olivia Haggard acting on behalf of the client was instructed by Mark Abbott of Reeds Solicitors.

Sexual Assault Acquittal

15 May 2024

Following a three-day trial at Canterbury Crown Court, a man charged with three counts of sexual assault against two complainants, was unanimously acquitted of all charges within 45 minutes.

Olivia Haggard was instructed by Avtar Dohil of Takk & Co.

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 G [Snaresbrook Crown Court] 2024

5 Counts of Sexual Activity with a Child

Olivia Haggar 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 lay client was unanimously acquitted of all charges. Instructed by Marco Guarnieri of SA Law.

R v Lourides [Kingston Crown Court] 2023

£10 Million Ponzi Scheme

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

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/fraud-notts-county-court-accountants-scam-b1126914.html>

https://www.chortle.co.uk/news/2023/12/11/54669/former_jongleurs_boss_marios_lourides_jailed_for_10_years

R v Bricka [Portsmouth Crown Court] 2023

Multiple Counts Stalking & Perverting the Course of Justice

Olivia Haggar, led by Paul Walker, represented a client charged with ten counts of Stalking and one count of Perverting the Course of Justice. The case concerned a prolonged campaign of stalking, described by Sussex Police as one of the most complex stalking cases they had ever investigated. Instructed by Andrew Bishop, Bishop & Light.

Operation Scoutish [Kingston Crown Court] 2022

£30 Million Money Laundering Scheme

Olivia Haggar, led by Cameron Brown KC of Red Lion chambers, prosecuted several individuals for their part in a £30 million money laundering scheme. Following two trials at Kingston Crown Court, all were convicted.

Instructed by CPS SEOCID.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64879444>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001wzvf/big-little-crimes-series-2-11-moneylaundering-gang>

R v Singh [Winchester CC] 2021

Manslaughter

Mr S was accused of manslaughter. He was alleged to have employed an illegal immigrant to work in dangerous conditions. The worker was killed when a wall collapsed. The case gave rise to complex issues of law. Although Mr S was eventually convicted, by a majority verdict, the High Court Judge praised Paul for his handling of an emotive and difficult case.

Junior counsel – Olivia Haggar

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

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.