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Francesca Hallett has busy criminal practice across a broad range of offences and has extensive experience in defence work in the Crown Court and Magistrates Court.

She regularly appears in the Crown Court across the South East representing individuals at all stages of criminal proceedings and is a passionate trial advocate.

Before joining Chambers, Francesca worked at MK Law as a Solicitor Advocate. She was also an Accredited Police Station Representative and as such, has amassed a large amount of experience in seeking to resolve matters at an early stage and dealing with defendants in, what can be, stressful situations.

Francesca qualified as a solicitor in 2016 and obtained Higher Rights of Audience in 2020 and is a CPS Panel Advocate.

Francesca prides herself on being approachable and pragmatic about the work she undertakes.

Expertise

Murder and Attempted Murder

Notable Murder and Attempted Murder cases

R v AW

Led by John Femi Ola KC, represented a defendant charged with Murder, Manslaughter and Conspiracy to Commit

Burglary alongside 5 other defendants at Bradford Crown Court. Their client was acquitted of Murder after 4 weeks at trial.

Weapons & Violence

Notable Weapons & Violence cases

R v GH

Successful acquittal of a defendant after a four day trial at Northampton Crown Court. The defendant was charged with ABH after an alleged prolonged and violent assault on his ex partner. He was also accused of breaching his Non Molestation Order against the same complainant only a few weeks later. The defendant was acquitted on both counts.

R v FH

Defendant sentenced to a period of custody which was suspended, having pleaded guilty to repeatedly stabbing a member of the public to the back.

R v KB

Acquittal of defendant at the Central Criminal Court for conspiracy with six others to transfer a firearm and ammunition. All were acquitted unanimously. Francesca was led by Puneet Grewal at 3TG Barristers.

R v EW

The Crown offered no evidence at Croydon Crown Court after careful consideration of the Crown's CCTV found that the serious offence the defendant was charged with had not been made out in law.

R v D

Acquittal of defendant charged with possession of 3 knives, involving issues of forensics and identification by police officers.

R v JB

Acquittal of a vulnerable defendant at the Central Criminal Court of ABH involving numerous prosecution witnesses.

Fraud and Dishonesty Offenses

Notable Fraud and Dishonesty Offenses cases

R v KD

Led by Jide Lanlehin, represented a defendant who, alongside 2 other defendants, faced 17 counts of Cheating the Revenue and Furnishing False Information with a value of over £1.5 million. The trial took place over 10 weeks and involved analysis of large volumes of HMRC and accountancy documentation.

R v DG-

Successful 'half time' argument at Woolwich Crown Court which resulted in the acquittal of a defendant charged with a commercial burglary

R v JG

Acquittal of defendant charged with handling numerous high value bicycles stolen during the Covid pandemic

Drug Offences

Notable Drug Offences cases

R v HS

Defendant sentenced to a suspended sentence after pleading guilty to, whilst in their employment as a prison officer, conveying cannabis and tobacco into prison.

R v JW

After a 2-day hearing at Woolwich Crown Court regarding cannabis growth, specifically yield potentials and optimal growing conditions, the Judge found in the defendant's favour and was sentenced to 2 year suspended prison sentence.

R v CB

Success at Woolwich Crown Court for the acceptance of a plea to a lesser charge regarding a large amount of Class A drugs after establishing significant failings in the police investigation

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v MA

Successful appeal against sentence at Maidstone Crown Court, reducing the client's sentence from 12 months immediate custody to 4 months, and suspending the same for 18 months, resulting in his release from prison

Memberships

Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Criminal Bar Association