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## Practice Profile

***Anna is a specialist criminal barrister who is instructed for both the prosecution and defence across all areas of serious crime, including fraud, violence, drugs, weapons and public order.***

Anna's meticulous case preparation and attention to detail lays an excellent foundation for outstanding representation in the courtroom. Known for her sensible advice and professional client care, Anna confidently grasps complex arguments to present polished, persuasive advocacy in court. Anna is also at ease conducting cases involving vulnerable clients and witnesses, skilfully adapting her approach to accommodate those vulnerabilities and to build a rapport.

Anna has a particular specialism upon the provisions of bad character evidence under the Criminal Justice Act 2003, having completed an LLM upon this topic in 2017.

Anna has acted as a disclosure junior in a human trafficking case, reviewing thousands of hours of CCTV to create viewing logs to be used in court, she has also been instructed as junior counsel in a case of drug production and money laundering involving alleged gangs. Anna is currently completing a document review for the FCA alongside her appearances in court.

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

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## Areas of Practice

- General Crime
- Road Traffic
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Prosecution
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences

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## Memberships

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

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## CPS Panel Appointments

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- CPS General Crime Panel at Level 3
- CPS Serious Crime Panel at Level 3
- CPS Fraud Panel at Level 2

## Qualifications

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- LLM, Bar Professional Training, City Law School London
- LLB, Law, Durham University

## Scholarships & Prizes

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- 2017, Lord Denning Scholarship - Lincoln's Inn

## News

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### Criminal Appeals Seminar

22 April 2024

5KBW Criminal Appeals Unit is delighted to present the first in a series of seminars on appellate matters:

#### **The Criminal Appeal Office and Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) [CACD]**

A practical approach to CACD procedure: **Master Alix Beldam KC**, Registrar of Criminal Appeals

Fresh evidence as a ground of appeal (now and in the future): **Paul Taylor KC**, General Editor of Taylor on Criminal Appeals

**Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6pm**

#### **Inner Temple Lecture Theatre**

Master Beldam KC will discuss the work of the Criminal Appeal Office and the CACD, the procedural framework for launching and pursuing an appeal and the practical issues that often arise.

Paul Taylor KC will analyse the CACD's current approach to grounds of appeal based on fresh evidence. He will also consider potential changes in this area that may follow the recommendations of the Law Commission's Criminal Appeal Project (expected in 2025.)

Please [click here](#) to register your interest in attending this seminar.

### **OCG who Acquired a Gun to Protect their Class A Drug Dealing Business Convicted**

19 February 2024

Charlotte Hole, leading Anna Dutka, secured convictions against all 5 defendants in this conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. The defendants were members of an Organised Crime Group running a drug line which supplied heroin and crack cocaine across Tower Hamlets, and had agreed to possess a firearm and ammunition to protect their drug dealing business.

Instructed by Harminster Cheema of CPS London North East Crown Court Unit.

### **Young Man Convicted of 22 Counts of Rape**

18 August 2023

Catherine Farrelly, leading Fiona Ryan and Anna Dutka, prosecuted this young defendant who was convicted of 22 counts of rape in relation to 6 separate young girls, following a 5 week trial at Inner London Crown Court. Instructed by Laura Devitt of CPS RASSO.

### **Convictions in County Line Drug Operation**

14 May 2023

Following a 7-week trial at Bournemouth Crown Court, Rupert Kent leading Anna Dutka secured convictions in this multi-handed county line drug dealing operation where the defendants also exploited and trafficked young children to assist their drug dealing enterprise. Instructed by Helen Shaw, CPS London South District Crown Prosecutor for Serious Violence and Organised Crime.

### **Romance Fraudsters Jailed at Guildford Crown Court**

4 January 2023

Charlotte Hole, leading Anna Dutka, and instructed by the Serious Economic, Organised Crime and International Directorate (SEOCID) of the CPS, prosecuted this case of romance fraud, where vulnerable victims were defrauded of £426,311.68. Victims were targeted based on their sexuality, age and poor health, with the defendants posing as younger men seeking romantic relationships to gain trust. Over 80 victims were identified. The defendants were sentenced to 8 years and 3 years 9 months' imprisonment respectively."

#### **News articles:**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/romance-fraudster-who-scammed-over-ps400000-victims-jailed>

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/surrey-singleton-conned-fraudsters-who-25828717>

[https://www.newstatesman.com/long-reads/2023/12/catch-catfish-boyfriend-fraud?ECID=social\\_insta\\_traffacq\\_bau\\_ac](https://www.newstatesman.com/long-reads/2023/12/catch-catfish-boyfriend-fraud?ECID=social_insta_traffacq_bau_ac)

### **Recent Cases**

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#### **R v MR [Snaresbrook CC] 2024**

Death by Dangerous Driving

Anna Dutka prosecuted this sentence of causing death by dangerous driving at Snaresbrook Crown Court during which the Defendant was found to have persistently driven in a dangerous manner, ultimately causing the death of a 36-year-old woman, before fleeing the scene and attempting to steal another vehicle. He was sentenced to a custodial sentence of 11 years 3 months and disqualified from driving for 17 years. Instructed by Aisling Hosein of

the CPS London Homicide Unit.

Evening Standard News

### **R v FD & RJ [Guildford] 2022 2022**

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### **R v AL [Luton Crown Court] 2022**

Conspiracy to Produce Cannabis

James Martin, leading Anna Dutka, successfully submitted there was no case to answer against the client in this 4-handed conspiracy to produce cannabis and the Judge directed not guilty verdicts. The case also involved a shoot-out over one of the cannabis factories and attracted local media attention.

### **R v LV [Nottingham Crown Court] 2022**

Defence of vulnerable client

Defence of a vulnerable client who was assisted by an intermediary, acquitted of 10 of the 11 charges after trial and sentenced to a conditional discharge.

### **R v AB [Westminster Magistrates Court] 2022**

Careless driving by a serving police officer

Prosecution of a serving police officer for careless driving, instructed by the CPS Complex Casework Unit.

### **R v BH [Westminster Magistrates Court] 2021**

Harassment

Prosecution of the harassment of a MP, instructed by the CPS Complex Casework Unit.

### **R v MS [Southwark Crown Court] 2021**

#### Football related affray

Prosecution of a football-related affray, securing a conviction and a successful application for a Football Banning Order.

#### **R v IS [Harrow Crown Court] 2021**

##### Tax Evasion of Tobacco Duty

Anna Dutka successfully prosecuted this tax evasion where the Defendant owed duty in excess of £20,000, receiving a custodial sentence.

#### **R v AM [Woolwich Crown Court] 2020**

##### Appeal against Sentence for Breach of NMO

Anna Dutka represented a vulnerable Defendant who appealed against an 18-year restraining order with disproportionate restrictions. The appeal was granted.

#### **R v MA [Wood Green Crown Court] 2020**

##### Possession of Bladed Article with Fitness to Plead Issues

Anna Dutka acted for the Defendant, who had significant mental health issues, and ensured appropriate assessment was undertaken by psychiatrists to assist the court.