



Specialist practice areas: Serious Crime, Criminal/Civil

## Fraud, Regulation/Compliance

Natalie Sherborn specialises in predominantly criminal defence work across a broad spectrum, with a particular interest in cases involving allegations of serious violence, drug trafficking, dishonesty and money laundering offences and sexual offences.

Natalie's considerable experience of drug-related offences

ranges from large-scale importation of Class A drugs to simple possession, regularly acting as both Junior Counsel and instructed alone.

Natalie is also regularly instructed as Junior Counsel in a wide range of cases involving financial crime including Fraud, Money Laundering and Confiscation proceedings.

Natalie has a particular skill in dealing with young defendants and those suffering with mental health difficulties and is regularly instructed as counsel in serious complex cases of a particularly sensitive nature.

Natalie was recently instructed as Junior Counsel in a high profile multi-handed manslaughter trial involving defendants aged between 10 and 13 years old. The convictions were subsequently quashed following appeal.

Earlier this year Natalie acted for Dano Sonnex at the high profile Old Bailey prosecution of the two defendants (Sonnex and Farmer) charged with torturing and murdering Gabriel Ferez and Laurent Bonomo, two French students. The trial judge, Mr Justice Saunders, praised the defence teams for their handling of the difficult case.

Natalie has experience in regulatory law including copyright, trademarks and prison law, appearing for both adult and youth offenders at disciplinary hearings.

Natalie is a member of Gray's Inn, South Eastern Circuit and the Criminal Bar Association

## Notable Cases

## Recent Cases

**R v Feng Jiang & others (2009) (Plymouth Crown Court)**

Led junior in multi-handed case alleging people trafficking, controlling prostitutes and money laundering.

**R v Dano Sonnex (2009) (Central Criminal Court)**

Led junior defended in the high profile case of the two defendants (Sonnex and Farmer) charged with torturing and murdering Gabriel Ferez and Laurent Bonomo, two French students.

**R v Indran Sivarajeswaran (2009) (Lewes Crown Court)**

Junior alone successfully defended a company director alleged to have been transferring the proceeds of criminal property on a large scale as a result of establishing an employment agency recruiting illegal immigrants.

**R v Odunuga (2009) (Croydon Crown Court)**

Led junior in multi-million pound conspiracy to defraud Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

Court of Appeal

**R v Leroy Jolie [2004] 1 Cr. App. R. 3**

Junior acting alone successfully appealed conviction which subsequently removed the distinction between defences available in bladed article cases and those for offensive weapons.

Crown Court

**R v Yassin-Noor & others (2008) (Central Criminal Court)**

Led Junior in multi-handed attempted murder involving young defendants.

**R v Omotunde & others (2008) (Croydon Crown Court)**

Led junior in multi-handed conspiracy to commit tax credit fraud.

**R v Bright & others (2008) (Kingston Crown Court)**

Led junior in multi-handed conspiracy to commit robberies throughout the United Kingdom.

**R v Callery (2007) (Central Criminal Court)**

Led junior in the attempted murder involving the shooting of a pub landlord

**R v T & others (2007) (Central Criminal Court)**

Led junior in highly-publicised manslaughter trial involving children 'stoning' to death a father playing cricket with his son. Conviction quashed on appeal following complex legal submissions on the issue of causation.

**R v Hussain & others (2007) (Manchester Crown Court)**

Led Junior in multi-million pound conspiracy to money launder the proceeds of drug supply.

**R v Son Giang Bui & others (2007) (Southampton Crown Court)**

Led junior in conspiracy to produce cannabis and commit mortgage fraud.

**R v G (2006) (Croydon Crown Court)**

Junior alone representing a youth in respect of multiple rape allegations in respect of his younger siblings.

**R v Allen (2006) (Southwark Crown Court)**

Led junior in contested multi-million pound confiscation proceedings resulting from VAT fraud.

**R v T & others (2006) (Central Criminal Court)**

Led Junior in multi-handed murder trial involving young defendants.

**R v Choudhry & others (2006) (Croydon Crown Court)**

Junior alone in multi-handed S.18 GBH and violent disorder trial. Acquittal on S.18 GBH led to retrial being stayed as an abuse of process.

**R v Appiah & others (2005) (Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court)**

Junior acting alone in a cut-throat conspiracy to supply 3.2 kilogrammes of crack cocaine.

**R v Garratty & others (2004) (Wood Green Crown Court)**

Led junior in multi-million pound conspiracy to money launder the proceeds of obscene pornographic material.

**R v Jenkins & others (2004) (Cardiff Crown Court)**

Led junior in conspiracy to supply drugs. Defendant charged together with fifteen others to traffic large quantities of drugs from London to the South Wales area

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