



Specialist practice areas: Serious Crime, Criminal/Civil

## Fraud

Nicola Merrick is a criminal law specialist with extensive experience as leading counsel both defending and prosecuting in serious and high profile cases.

Her experience in violent crime cases includes over 20 major murder trials, from gang related executions to single blow deaths and mercy killings.

Nicola has developed a leading junior practice in very serious sexual offences. She is skilled in sensitive handling of vulnerable witnesses and defendants, including juveniles and cases where there is a highly emotional and sensitive background to the facts. She has defended autistic and mentally impaired children and has conducted trials involving witnesses suffering from a range of serious mental and physical disabilities, most recently including a deaf complainant and deaf and mute witnesses.

She has experience in serious fraud (front end fee, VAT, mortgage, and MTIC) and money laundering cases, and also deals with cases involving Shaken Baby Syndrome, drugs conspiracies, armed robbery and firearms.

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Nicola is currently preparing to represent a defendant in a multi-handed rape and sexual and physical abuse trial. The case is based upon allegations made by a young Asian woman against her husband and members of his family.

She is also instructed in a multi-handed serious fraud case involving allegations of theft of £3m by solicitors and clients.

## Professional Memberships

Nicola is a member of the South Eastern Circuit and the Criminal Bar Association.

