

Barrister: Jennifer Osborne

Overview:

Jennifer specialises in General Crime, Prison and Police Law and International work.

Jennifer is authorised by the Bar Standards Board to take cases on a [direct access](#) basis. She is also an approved litigator; enabling her to assist clients with all aspects of their case in a cost effective and flexible manner.

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Personal Injury

Personal Injury:

Jennie is frequently instructed in fast- and multi-track personal injury cases involving public liability, occupiers' liability and defective premises, Road Traffic, Highways Act, Animals Act and employer's liability claims, including industrial disease and psychiatric injury.

She is frequently instructed to draft pleadings, Schedules and Counter-Schedules in high-value cases. Jennie has a particular interest in cases that involve policing and the criminal justice system.

Police Law

Police Law:

Jennie acts on behalf of police forces in cases touching upon all aspects of police law. She is particularly experienced in civil actions (claims for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment, personal injury, compromise of personal data, discrimination, and misfeasance in public office) and actions under the Human Rights Act.

She has also advised on the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources and the interception of communications data under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and Investigatory Powers Act 2016. She is particularly experienced in matters of sensitive operational policing, counter-terrorism and the use of covert sources and witness protection measures.

Jennie is experienced in asset recovery; restraint orders, account forfeiture orders and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. She is regularly instructed to represent forces in judicial reviews of policing decisions.

She regularly represents forces and other public bodies at inquests and inquiries, with a particular specialism in deaths in police custody.

Described by instructing solicitors as: "*practical, straight-forward and always available if you need a quick steer*" and "*friendly, but seriously sharp – don't let the smile fool you. She never misses a trick and clients love her*".

Recent cases

- **XXX v A Constabulary [2019]**: Claim under the Data Protection Act 1998 and Human Rights Act in respect of the placement of a child in a witness protection programme.
- **T v A Constabulary [2019]**: Misfeasance in public office allegation in respect of alleged misconduct by an officer during a lengthy investigation into fraudulent trading;
- **B v A Constabulary [2019]**: Claim arising from a deliberate disclosure of personal data by a serving police officer;
- **EXB v GSX [2019]**: High Court claim under the Human Rights Act for damages in respect of the treatment whilst in witness protection.
- **Inquest into the death of JP [2019]**: Inquest into the death of a young man killed by armed police officers after he took his girlfriend hostage in his flat. Represented the constabulary.
- **Inquest into the death of JM [2018]** Murder of a prisoner whilst in custody. Represented the constabulary.

Crime & Regulatory

Crime & Regulatory:

Jennifer is regularly instructed alone and as a led junior in offences of serious violence, sexual offences, drugs, fraud and organised crime. She is described by her instructing solicitors as a "tenacious and talented advocate" who "brings a professional, friendly and straightforward approach to proceedings."



Call: 2007

Appointments:

CPS Level 3 Prosecutor; CPS Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Panel; Grade 3 Specialist Fraud Prosecutor; Level 3 Specialist Crime Group Panel; Member of the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law; Attorney General's Civil Panel C Counsel;

Education:

LLM in Transnational Criminal Justice (Distinction – first in year) LLB Law (Hons) (Dunelm) 2:1

Practice areas

- Crime and Fraud
- Inquests
- Mediation
- Police Law

Recent News

- 9 Gough Chambers Crime Lecture Series Announced
- Jennie Osborne and Aqeel Noorali speaking at the Association of Police Lawyers (APL) Autumn Conference
- Jennie Osborne appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown
- Jury find that Josh Pitt was "lawfully killed"
- Jennie Osborne represents Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police

Jennifer has developed a practice in serious and complex fraud, having completed a secondment with the Serious Fraud Office in 2014. She was part of the disclosure team that led to the first successful prosecution of a Hedge Fund manager in the UK for conspiracy to defraud.

Alongside her practice, Jennifer teaches Criminal Litigation and Advocacy at BPP Law School. She is a co-author of "Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing" and supervises students undertaking the LLM in Professional Legal Practice.

Jennifer's recent cases include:

- **R v A, Queens' Bench Division of the High Court** : Successful Habeus Corpus application for one of the infamous lulzsec "hactivists".
- **R v M, Inner London CC** : Defendant charged with laundering half a million pounds across four jurisdictions through his Western Union money transfer business.
- **R v B, Manchester CC** : Led junior. Defendant charged with kidnap and attempted murder. Successful submission of no case to answer based on extensive analysis of cell site evidence in the absence of an expert.
- **R v K, Croydon CC** : Defendant charged with faking own death after fleeing country to avoid allegations of benefit fraud. Extensive media coverage.
- **R v D, Birmingham CC** : Defendant charged with rape and false imprisonment.

Jennie is instructed in a range of regulatory and disciplinary matters. For two years, she was a legal advisor to the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy, advising on the drafting of charges, conducting proceedings and ensuring that decisions complied with the Association's rules.

Jennie is on the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law.

Public Law

Public Law:

Jennie specialises in acting for public bodies in judicial review matters. She is frequently asked to advise at an early stage in proceedings. She has a particular interest in public law matters arising from a criminal justice context.

Jennie is frequently instructed by police forces and other public bodies public law claims under the Equality Act 2010 Human Rights Act and Data Protection Act. She regularly represents public bodies in challenges to investigative practices and decisions not to prosecute.

She is experienced in Article 2 inquests involving deaths in state custody.

For more information please call our clerks on **020 7832 0500**

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