

## Emma Collins



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### Details of practice

Emma has a broad practice encompassing all of Chambers' areas of expertise and is particularly interested and experienced in international criminal matters.

#### Crime (General; Fraud and Financial Regulation)

Emma prosecutes and defends a wide range of cases in the Magistrates' Courts and Crown Court. She is also experienced in the Court of Appeal, successfully appealing against sentences imposed for crimes such as perjury and sexual assault.

She has considerable experience in representing police officers charged with criminal offences as well as professionals accused of committing offences in the course of their employment.

Emma advises and represents clients in matters concerning the proceeds of crime, including restraint, confiscation, forfeiture and enforcement proceedings.

Emma is skilled at dealing with vulnerable defendants and witnesses, including young children and people diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome.

#### Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Emma appears and advises in extradition cases at first instance and on appeal to the High Court. She recently acted for Hulusi Altun in the successful discharge of a European Arrest Warrant issued by Germany on the basis that it violated the rule against double jeopardy.

#### International Law

Emma worked for two years in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. She has particular expertise regarding issues of admissibility under the Rome Statute, which was the subject of her doctoral thesis.

Emma was admitted to the International Criminal Court's List of Assistants to Counsel in 2013.

#### Licensing

Emma has experience in acting for and advising licensees, applicants, residents, and responsible authorities in a wide range of licensing matters.

#### Regulatory Enforcement

Emma has experience in representing and advising individuals and enforcing authorities in matters arising out of a variety of regulatory regimes, including health and safety and fire safety prosecutions.

#### Professional Discipline

Emma was involved in an investigation by the Accountancy and Actuarial Discipline Board (AADB) into the quality of advice given to a pension fund by a large accountancy firm and one of its partners. She also has experience in advising individual accountants, who are the subject of disciplinary proceedings.

### Directory recommendations

*'She is always a couple of pages ahead of the prosecution.'* **The Legal 500 2019: Crime**

*"A reliable and very talented junior."* **The Legal 500 2017: Crime**

### Education/professional qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Oxon)  
Masters of Philosophy in Law (Oxon)  
BCL (Oxon)  
Bachelor of Laws (First Class Hons) (University of Sydney, Australia)  
Bachelor of Arts (Politics and French) (First Class Hons) (University of Sydney, Australia)  
Bar Vocational Course (College of Law, London)  
Kennedy Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)  
Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)  
Levitt Scholarship for pupillage (Lincoln's Inn)

## Other information

Member of the Criminal Bar Association  
Member of the Bar Human Rights Committee  
Member of Amnesty International

### Languages:

French

## Direct access

Emma Collins is qualified to accept instructions direct from clients under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. This means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to her. In addition, she welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme.

For further information please contact our Clerks.

## Notable Cases

### International Crime

#### **The Prosecutor v Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al-Senussi (ICC-01/11-01/11)**

Part of team representing Libyan Government in its admissibility challenges before the International Criminal Court (at first instance and on appeal). The Libyan Government was successful at first instance and on appeal in the case of Abdullah Al-Senussi – the first time a State has successfully challenged the admissibility of a case.

### Public Inquiries

#### **Anthony Grainger (2017)**

Junior counsel for the police officer responsible for the fatal shot. Led by Hugh Davies QC.

### Financial crime

#### **HMRC v D (2017) (Old Bailey)**

Successfully prosecuted a defendant accused of cheating the public revenue over the course of 7 years.

#### **HMRC v B (2017) (Snaresbrook Crown Court)**

Successful prosecution of B for VAT fraud.

#### **R v V (2016) (Mold Crown Court)**

Acted for V, a young professional woman of good character accused of money laundering offences. The Crown offered no evidence on the strength of the defence statement drafted on her behalf.

### Proceeds of Crime

#### **R v Powell (2016) (Court of Appeal)**

Successful application to re-open the appeal, and successful appeal, against a confiscation order following the refusal by CCRC to refer the case.

### Human Rights

#### **R v W (a child) [2017] 1 FCR 349**

Junior counsel for a police officer subjected to adverse findings when acting as a witness in care proceedings. The Court of Appeal handed down a significant judgment regarding procedural fairness requirements in the context of the article 8 rights of witnesses. The Court of Appeal held that the adverse findings would no longer stand and would be treated as if they had never been made. Led by Ben Brandon.

### Crime

#### **R v B (2017) (Old Bailey)**

Represented B, accused of unlawfully accessing computer system of Gordon Ramsay Holdings Ltd; Crown offered no evidence.

#### **R v O (2016) (Isleworth Crown Court)**

Junior counsel for a young Australian man accused of grooming and sexual activity with a child whilst visiting UK. Crown offered no evidence following written application to exclude O's interview. Led by Hugh Davies QC.

#### **R v M (2016) (Southwark Crown Court)**

Successful appeal against conviction of police officer father accused of assaulting his child.

**R v A** (2016) (Reading Crown Court)

Secured acquittal of defendant accused of kidnap, threats to kill, and assault.

**R v A** (2015) (Kingston Crown Court)

Successfully defended a police officer father accused of child cruelty on the basis of the physical chastisement of his child.

**R v Brooks et al (Phone Hacking trial)** (Old Bailey)

Junior counsel for Cheryl Carter (charged with perverting the course of justice); led by Trevor Burke QC.

### **Regulatory**

**Luton Borough Council v Mr and Mrs S and Bedfordshire Accommodation Ltd** (2016)

Secured the acquittal of the individual and corporate defendants for alleged regulatory breaches in the conduct of their letting agency.