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Details of practice

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Reka's practice encompasses a broad mixture of criminal and public law, with a particular interest in cross-border crime, extradition and public inquiries.

Criminal Law

Reka regularly appears on behalf of both prosecution and defence in cases ranging from white collar crime to firearms offences and violent offences. She has experience dealing with defendants with mental health difficulties, from arguing fitness to plead matters, to representing defendants requiring the assistance of an intermediary and obtaining appropriate non-custodial disposals. She is comfortable in cases involving young or vulnerable witnesses or defendants and has undertaken specialist training on dealing with vulnerable witnesses.

She is able to represent individuals in cases arising out of their involvement with the criminal justice system, even where no criminal proceedings have (yet) been brought. This includes making applications to have individuals' details removed from the Police National Computer database. She also has experience of drafting letters of representation to prosecution agencies to dissuade them from continuing proceedings.

Public Law

Reka has specialist experience acting in public inquiries. She is presently junior counsel for the Metropolitan Police Service in connection with the Inquiry into Undercover Policing; disclosure junior instructed by the London Fire Brigade in connection with the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, and has been instructed on an ad-hoc basis by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham in connection with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

As a result, she is well-versed in advising a range of lay and professional clients, including on sensitive issues raising matters of public interest immunity and legal professional privilege. The document-heavy and large-scale nature of inquiry work means Reka is technically proficient in e-disclosure software Relativity.

She accepts instructions on behalf of the government, public bodies, and individuals.

Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Reka appears on behalf of requested persons in extradition proceedings and provides representation from initial hearing through to full hearing.

Reka is presently advising an individual who is the subject of a request for Mutual Legal Assistance in connection with criminal proceedings abroad.

Civil Law

Reka is currently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service as second junior led by Jason Beer QC and Sarah Le Fevre in a civil claim arising out of the death of Mark Duggan.

Other Work

Reka is regularly instructed to act as independent counsel to undertake legal professional privilege reviews on behalf of bodies such as the Metropolitan Police and HMRC.

Reka is security cleared (to SC level).

Education/professional qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
LL.M. in Public International Law, Leiden University (Distinction)
LL.B in English Law and French Law, King's College London (First Class Honours)
Maîtrise en droit, Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Gray's Inn Ann Goddard Scholarship for Pupillage (2015)
Gray's Inn Prince of Wales Scholarship for BPTC (2013)
Gray's Inn Internship Award for Vocalise (2013)

Publications

The Requirement of Specific Direction in Aiding and Abetting in the Stanišić and Simatović Trial Judgement 9 Bedford Row International Blog

The International Criminal Court: Legal Maxims: Summaries And Extracts From Selected Case Law Global Community Yearbook of International Law & Jurisprudence (2012-1) (co-author)

Other information

Before coming to the Bar, Reka gained considerable experience in the field of public international law. She has worked as a research assistant advising on such matters as diplomatic immunity, law of the sea and arbitrary detention. Prior to this, she served as a law clerk to Judge van den Wyngaert at the International Criminal Court on the cases of **Prosecutor v Germain Katanga** and **Prosecutor v Laurent Gbagbo** working in both English and French.

While undertaking her legal training, Reka volunteered for the Media Legal Defence Initiative assisting in the drafting of a communication to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights concerning the arbitrary detention of journalists imprisoned under Ethiopia's Anti-Terrorism Proclamation.

Languages

French
Hungarian

Professional memberships

Criminal Bar Association
Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
International Bar Association
Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Direct access

Reka Hollos 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

R v JP (2018)

Instructed on behalf of a defendant charged with possession of firearms and ammunition when prohibited involving expert evidence as to the defence of antique firearms.

R v RJ (2018)

Represented a defendant charged with making over 50,000 indecent images of children of categories A-C who received a suspended sentence.

Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing (2017-Present)

Instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service and led by Jonathan Hall QC.

R v SD (2017)

Instructed on behalf of a defendant in a multi-handed fraud by false representation and money laundering in a cross-border 'phishing' scam.

R v GA and SH (2017)

Instructed on behalf of both defendants in an allegation of sexual assault and ABH which resulted in the CPS offering no evidence after an application to adduce the complainant's bad character.

R v JM and others (2016)

Led by Hugh Davies QC. Instructed as disclosure junior for the defendant in a multi-handed trial involving alleged manipulation of the LIBOR.

MPS v C (2016)

Instructed by the respondent Metropolitan Police and successfully opposed an application for leave to appeal against a forfeiture order out of time on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction.

