



## Ella Crine

Call: 2020

Ella Crine is developing a practice across Chambers' main areas of expertise, with a particular interest in crime, financial crime, public law, regulatory matters and extradition.

Prior to joining Chambers, Ella worked as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal, primarily working with Sir Andrew McFarlane and Lady Justice Carr.

## Crime

Ella regularly appears prosecuting and defending in the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court and has experience of cases involving vulnerable witnesses.

She has defended in cases involving a range of offences including assault, battery, theft, possession of offensive weapons, public disorder offences, motoring offences and drugs offences. She has prosecuted for the Crown Prosecution Service as well as Transport for London and the National Probation Service.

## Notable Crime cases

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Representing the First Defendant in a multi-handed case alone, involving three victims allegedly kidnapped and tortured in East London.

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## Financial Crime & Proceeds of Crime

Ella's experience includes having been instructed as part of the defence team in an SFO prosecution of G4S executives accused of defrauding the Ministry of Justice in relation to electronic tagging contracts between 2009 and 2012. In this role, Ella conducted an extensive disclosure review, identifying relevant and missing material and making submissions on disclosure. Ultimately, the SFO offered no evidence against all three defendants.

Ella has successfully represented defendants in both Account Freezing Order and Account Forfeiture Order proceedings, including securing the return of funds and regaining control of bank accounts prior to a freezing order being made.

Ella is regularly instructed by the Metropolitan Police in the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court in POCA cash forfeiture and account forfeiture applications and appeals. This includes a four-day contested hearing concerning the forfeiture of approximately £300,000 in cash and gold watches.

Ella has also assisted with advisory work for the National Crime Agency and the Financial Conduct Authority on complex offences under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Fraud Act 2006.

## Notable Financial Crime & Proceeds of Crime cases

- **R v Churchill Ltd, SL and ors (2024)**

Acted as junior in a complicated bribery trial in which a company and its directors were accused of using and accepting bribes in order to secure construction contracts. Two Defendants pleaded at the start of trial and two were acquitted.

- **Commissioner of Police v NS and others (2023)**

Successfully acted for the police in securing forfeiture of around £100,000 of cash and 5 gold watches (worth upwards of £200,000), in respect of a fraudulent rental scheme and associated drugs operation.

- **Commissioner of Police v MV (2024)**

Acted for the police in an application for forfeiture of £300,000 in cash seized from an individual in London. The Respondent disavowed the cash but his relatives claimed it was the proceeds of the sale of their painting and applied for the money under s301 POCA.

- **Commissioner of Police v DC (ongoing)**

Acting for the police in an application for the forfeiture of £1.1million in bank accounts held by the defendant, a registered solicitor. Forfeiture was granted in the magistrates' court and is currently under appeal to the Crown Court.

## Public law, Inquests and Inquiries

Ella accepts instructions across all areas of public law. She has advised on numerous issues relating to judicial review and human rights, in particular in the context of policing, and has experience reviewing proposed legislation. She has an interest in matters relating to counter-terror policing and legislation, as well as the scope of investigatory powers.

Ella was recently instructed as part of the Counsel to the Inquiry team on the Thirlwall Inquiry, looking into the murders of babies at the hands of nurse Lucy Letby. Ella's role in the team was to ensure that disclosure was properly carried out, reviewing documents and identifying those which should be disclosed, those which must be redacted, and summarising their contents. Despite the enormous volume of material for review and disclosure, the inquiry was able to begin hearings within a very short time.

Whilst working as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal, Ella worked on appeals involving complex points of law across a wide range of different public law contexts. In particular, she worked on a number of high-profile cases which concerned public law issues, including:

- the **Al-Maktoum litigation** regarding the divorce between the ruler of Dubai and his wife, Princess Haya of Jordan, which involved judgement on the issues of foreign acts of state and diplomatic immunity;
- **R (Redston) v DPP [2020] EWHC 2962 (Admin)**(refusal of a renewed application for permission for judicial review of the decision by the DPP not to refer Dominic Cummings to the police for his journey to Barnard Castle during the covid lockdown);
- **DPP v Bussetti [2020] EWHC 3004 (Admin)** (an appeal by way of case stated regarding an acquittal for sending a grossly offensive video, namely a video burning an effigy of Grenfell Tower).

Ella also accepts instructions on inquest matters acting in particular for a range of both public authorities and companies. Ella was recently instructed on behalf of a housing association in relation to a death in the lift shaft of their building.

## Notable Public law, Inquests and Inquiries cases

- **Commissioner of Police vs Ahmed Aweys [2025] EWHC 78 (Admin)**

Successfully acted alone for the Commissioner in an application to the High Court under provisions of the Serious

Crime Act 2007 for an order in respect of Mr Aweys, who was assessed as posing a high risk of terrorism-related offending.

## Sanctions

Ella is frequently instructed in complex sanctions matters for high-net-worth individuals and companies. She has experience dealing with applications to remove designation and has advised on several matters arising from the Russian sanctions regime, including as to the effect of designated Directors on company structures, the transfer of shares and bonds, and the management of trusts.

Ella has also assisted companies and banks in foreign jurisdictions and British overseas territories in understanding their obligations under the sanctions regime and ensuring that they are able to act in particular circumstances.

## Civil & Quasi-criminal Matters

Ella is frequently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service to advise on and appear in applications for civil preventative orders, including Stalking Protection Orders, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Sexual Risk Orders and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders. She has also acted for Respondents in similar applications.

### Notable Civil & Quasi-criminal Matters cases

- **Commissioner of Police v AT (2023)**

Ella successfully secured a Sexual Harm Prevention Order against a man convicted of so-called 'romance frauds' which involved misusing their credit cards to book hotel rooms. He had not been prosecuted for sexual offences, though part of the frauds included duping women into having sexual relations with him by pretending to be someone else, and there were also allegations of date-rape using drugs and alcohol.

- **Commissioner of Police v DG (ongoing)**

Representing an individual in proceedings for a Sexual Risk Order in the context of allegations of rape. The Respondent was at the time an NHS paramedic.

## Licensing & Regulatory

Ella accepts instructions in licensing and other regulatory matters. She is regularly instructed by Transport for London in licensing appeals in the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court.

Ella also accepts instructions to act in cases involving alleged misconduct by registered professionals. Ella is currently instructed to present cases for the HCPC against registered healthcare professionals.

## Notable Licensing & Regulatory cases

- **HCPC v EJ (ongoing)**

Ella is instructed to act for the HCPC against EJ who is accused of using restricted substances while on duty in the operating department on a number of occasions.

## Extradition, INTERPOL & Mutual Legal Assistance

Whilst working as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal, Ella worked on a number of cases including **Kechedzhiev v Poland [2021] ACD 12**, which decided that the Judge was entitled to infer the necessary mens rea by reference to the conduct alleged in other offences on the warrant.

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## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

## Education

- University of Law, Bar Professional Training Course (2020)
- University of Law, Graduate Diploma in Law (2019)
- Brasenose College, University of Oxford, Classics (2016)

### Scholarships / Prizes

- Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple (2020)
- First prize, BPTC Immigration Module (2020)

## Appointments

- CPS Level 2 Prosecutor
- SFO Panel C trial counsel
- Attorney General's Junior Junior Scheme

## Other Information

Prior to joining Chambers, Ella worked as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal on appeals involving complex points of law across a wide range of different legal contexts. She worked on high profile criminal and public law cases, such as **R v Damji** [2020] EWCA Crim 1774, **DPP v Bussetti** [2020] EWHC 3004 (Admin), **Re HN & others** [2021] EWCA Civ 448, and the **Al Maktoum** litigation.

Ella previously worked in politics, including working on Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaign in the USA, and as a researcher and speech writer for an MP in the UK Parliament. Whilst in Parliament Ella was responsible for the administration of an all party group (APPG) relating to the conflict in Syria, and established a series of educational seminars for parliamentary staff on human rights, conflict, and genocide.

As a law student she volunteered as a pro bono representative for children excluded from school and individuals held in immigration detention centres, as well as on social security appeals in the first tier tribunal.

## Privacy Statement

I, Ella Crine, am a data controller and can be contacted at 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH or by telephone on 020 7400 6400 or by email at [ella.crine@3rblaw.com](mailto:ella.crine@3rblaw.com). My Data Protection Policy can be found [here](#).

All personal data that I process is for the purposes of providing legal services, conducting conflict-checks, marketing, defending potential complaints, legal proceedings or fee disputes, keeping anti-money laundering records, training other barristers and pupils and when providing work-shadowing opportunities, and/or exercising a right to a lien. The types of data I process vary upon the nature of the legal matter in relation to which I am engaged to advise, but can include names, contact details, biographic details and 'special category personal data' (such as details of racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex life and criminal convictions and proceedings).

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the legal bases upon which I process personal data are (i) the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract, (ii) the processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations to which I am subject, or (iii) the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests set out above, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child. When I rely on (iii) legitimate interests, my 'Legitimate Interests Assessment' can be found [here](#). When I process data which has not been obtained directly from the data subject (e.g. personal data contained in evidential materials), it will have been supplied to me as part of my instructions in circumstances covered by legal professional privilege.

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, I may share the personal data with:

1. my Chambers, which supplies professional and administrative support to my practice;
2. Courts and other tribunals to whom documents are presented;
3. my lay and professional clients;
4. potential witnesses, in particular experts, and friends or family of the data subject;
5. solicitors, barristers, pupils, mini pupils and other legal representatives;
6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
7. current, past or prospective employers;
8. education and examining bodies;
9. business associates, professional advisers and trade bodies.

I retain personal data for no longer than 10 years after the case has come to an end or as otherwise required by law.

I do not intend to transfer data to any country which is not either within the European Union, or otherwise permitted by UK data protection legislation.

Under the UK GDPR, data subjects whose personal data I process have the right to request from me access to, and rectification or erasure of, their personal data, the right to the restriction of processing concerning them, the right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office ([ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk)).

In cases where there is a contract between me and the data subject, the provision of personal data is a contractual requirement and the data subject is obliged to provide the personal data in order that I can supply legal services. A failure to provide such data may mean that I will not be able to provide those legal services.

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