



Miranda Zeffman

Call: 2023

Miranda is developing a practice across Chambers' main areas of expertise, with a particular focus on crime, public law and extradition.

Prior to joining Chambers, Miranda worked at a rape crisis centre and in the women's justice team at APPEAL. She also completed an internship at the Capital Appeals Project, a Louisiana law firm providing representation to people on death row.

Miranda was recently seconded to a law firm in order to assist with case preparation for a high-profile espionage trial. The trial will be one of the first prosecutions under the National Security Act 2023.

Crime

Miranda regularly prosecutes and defends in the criminal courts. She has acted in cases involving a range of offences including grievous bodily harm, rape, robbery, fraud, drugs supply, blackmail and misconduct in public office. She has defended in multiple trials arising from protest-related activity and has a particular interest in this area of work.

Miranda understands the value of pre-trial preparation. She has secured the discontinuance of several cases through letters of representation, applications to dismiss and the service of detailed expert evidence.

Recent instructions include: defending in a five-handed drugs trial involving complex issues around modern slavery, prosecuting a defendant charged with s.18 GBH, defending in a multi-handed fraud trial (led by Luke Ponte), and defending an individual charged with s.18 GBH (led by Matthew Butt KC).

Notable Crime cases

- **R v T - Woolwich Crown Court (2025)**
Represented a defendant charged with three counts of assault. The case was prosecuted by Treasury Counsel. Acquitted.
- **R v E - Winchester Crown Court (2025)**
Represented a defendant charged with assault and weapons offences. Acquitted.
- **R v C - Bath Magistrates' Court (2025)**
Represented a defendant alleged to have stolen items from a memorial to a murdered child. Successfully argued that his undiagnosed PTSD had caused him to act impulsively as opposed to dishonestly. Acquitted.

Financial crime / POCA

Miranda is routinely instructed in POCA matters. She has particular expertise in civil recovery proceedings and often acts in applications and appeals relating to cash and account forfeiture. She has also acted in applications for production and disclosure orders.

Miranda recently assisted another member of Chambers in advising a law firm as to its AML obligations. She also assisted with case preparation for a criminal trial concerning alleged breaches of sanctions regulations.

Notable Financial crime / POCA cases

- **Commissioner of Police v X – Southwark Crown Court (2025)**
Instructed in disclosure order proceedings arising out of a money laundering investigation into a high-profile businessperson. Persuaded the court to grant a disclosure order that had previously been refused on the papers.
- **Commissioner of Police v S Ltd & Others - Bromley Magistrates' Court (2024)**
Secured the forfeiture of over £100,000 that had been obtained through fraud and money laundering. The hearing lasted for two days and involved cross-examination of five interested parties.

Public Law

Miranda practises across all areas of public law. In 2024, she assisted another member of chambers with a three-week inquest into a fatal shooting. The inquest involved submissions on the applicability of Article 2 and substantial legal argument about reporting restrictions. She has also assisted in the preparation of judicial review cases, including responding to an application for interim relief and drafting submissions on behalf of an interested party in the Court of

Appeal.

Miranda is particularly interested in public international law. She was recently led by Rachel Barnes KC in advising on issues relating to universal jurisdiction and accessorial liability for war crimes.

Extradition, INTERPOL & Mutual Legal Assistance

Miranda regularly appears in extradition matters at Westminster Magistrates' Court. She has acted in cases involving a range of requesting states including Hungary, Cyprus and the USA.

During pupillage, Miranda assisted other members of Chambers in preparing cases on behalf of both requested persons and requesting states. These included an extradition request brought by Albania in respect of an alleged "blood feud" murder, an extradition request brought by Romania that involved extensive legal argument about double jeopardy, and multiple appeals against extradition to the High Court.

Pro bono

Miranda is committed to pro bono work. She regularly provides free legal advice and representation as part of her practice. She has worked with a number of organisations, including Advocate and the Centre for Women's Justice.

Miranda was named on the 2025 Pro Bono Recognition List. The list celebrates legal professionals in England and Wales who have dedicated at least 25 hours of their time to pro bono work.

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association
Young Fraud Lawyers Association
Women in Criminal Law
Amicus
Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
Extradition Lawyers Association

Education

City University, BVS (2022)

City University, GDL (2021)

University of Oxford, BA Modern Languages (2018)

Scholarships and prizes:

During pupillage, Miranda was awarded the Gray's Inn Senior Scholarship. This is their most prestigious award, reserved for "four pupils of exceptional merit."

Atkin Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2023)

Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2023)

Winner, Gray's Inn GDL Moot (2021)

Finalist, European Court of Human Rights Moot (2021)

Headridge Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2021)

Finalist, Human Rights Lawyers Association Moot (2020)

Dame Juliet Wheldon Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2020)

Christ Church Award for Postgraduate Study (2018)

Appointments

Crown Prosecution Service (General Crime) Level 2

Other Information

Prior to joining Chambers, Miranda worked at a rape crisis centre and interned in the women's justice team at APPEAL. She also completed an internship at the Capital Appeals Project, a Louisiana law firm providing representation to people on death row.

As a law student, Miranda volunteered as a pro bono representative in school exclusion cases and gave free legal advice via the charity IPSEA. She was also a member of the Human Rights Lawyers Association's Young Lawyers Committee.

Before coming to the Bar, Miranda completed the Teach First Programme and spent two years working as a teacher in a secondary school.

Accreditations



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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.

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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 7 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).

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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