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Fatima Laher

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Year of Call: 2021

Fatima is a relentlessly determined advocate with experience across a range of offences. She is recognised for her calm, clear and practical approach to cases as well as her strong interpersonal skills which allow her to develop a strong rapport with her clients.

Fatima is always thorough, personable and professional. She is always clear when explaining the law and procedure and has regularly received positive feedback from her clients who have praised her for her approachable manner, accessible style and her ability to provide clear, practical and realistic advice. She is a robust and knowledgeable advocate who is always willing to go the extra mile.

She has an excellent academic record, obtaining a distinction for the BPTC LLM and graduating with a first-class honours degree in Law at BPP Law University. She has received awards for the highest marks in Criminal and Contract Law across all BPP Universities.

Awards

Advocacy Scholarship – BPP University

Memberships

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Qualifications:

LLB Hons (Law) (1st class Honours)

Bar Professional Training Course LLM (Distinction)

Other Languages: Gujarati

RECOMMENDATIONS

“Fatima laher is someone who was introduced to me professionally by an experienced and highly regarded counsel. Since then I have had the pleasure of working with Fatima on a number of serious and difficult cases and a few very demanding clients. Fatima is



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hardworking knowledgeable and really good with clients in a professional and approachable way.

I am certain Fatima will achieve a lot more in this profession and she is a well prepared and highly competent lawyer and advocate”

Sav Khan, Eldwick law

“Fatima is the best counsel I have worked with. She goes above and beyond to help me with any questions I have and is happy to assist no matter how busy she is. She is a likeable person, and our clients have nothing but fantastic feedback on her. She is always well prepared when discussing clients cases with them and ensures she has either spoken or held a conference with them before their court hearing to answer any questions they may have. She is very knowledgeable and explains in a way that the clients understand and trust her. I will continue instruct Fatima on any upcoming court hearings as she is a pleasure to work with.”

Mariam Sabha, Alison Law Solicitors

“I have known Fatima from when she was doing her pupillage back in 2018. After Fatima qualified as a barrister I have been instructing her on a regular basis.

On every case I have ever instructed Fatima on, she has never let me down. The relationship she creates with the client to make them feel comfortable is exceptional.

On a recent case, we had a case transferred to us in which the client was charged on a fraud. The client had already sacked 3 firms and we were the fourth to take over. I instructed Fatima to deal with the case. Following the hearing the client contacted me and informed me that Fatima had spent almost 2 hours with him following the hearing in a consultation in court. He informed me that the advice she gave to him was the best so far. This shows the quality of work that Fatima can carry out despite being new in the field.

Fatima from my personal experience will always give as much time as a case requires and make sure the solicitors who instruct her have no complaints at all from their clients.”

Mohammed Omar Saleem, Director Lexis Solicitors

CIVIL LITIGATION

R v MIA - Instructed as junior counsel on a 6-9 week complex fraud and money laundering trial involving 4 defendants. Due to numerous issues such as lack of disclosure by the crown



and an abuse of process argument, the crown offered no evidence to all charges on the day of trial.

R v IM - Co-defending in a 4-day trial: fraud and causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

R v RL - Instructed on a multi-handed Encrochat trial involving numerous complex issues.

R v YC - Instructed on a 4-day trial: Complex Fraud involving the NHS.

DEFENCE CRIME

R v LC (2023) - Successfully defended in a trial involving the offence of breaching a sexual harm prevention order.

R v WM (2023) - Fatima was led by Andrew Alty, representing the first defendant on the indictment before HHJ Dodd. The defendant, who was one out of six named defendants, was charged with conspiracy to produce Class B drugs. The trial lasted 7 weeks at Burnley Crown Court and involved the presentation of extensive CCTV and phone evidence.

R v SF (2023) - Successfully represented the first defendant in a 4 day burglary and ABH trial.

R v SK (2023) - Currently representing 3 members of a family in relation to their POCA proceedings.

R v JM (2023) - Instructed in a 3-day complex ABH/harassment trial involving a defendant with mental health difficulties.

R v RS (2023) - Instructed on a 2-day trial involving Possession of Class A drugs.

R v MP (2023) - Secured a community order for a defendant convicted of intentional strangulation.

R v PM (2023) - 5 day fraud trial at Chester Crown Court.

R v AM (2023) - No evidence was offered on day 2 of a 5 day GBH trial.

R v FO (2023) - Secured a suspended sentence and unpaid work for a defendant convicted of Possession With Intent To Supply Class B drugs.

R v GB - Instructed on a 3-day trial: Man of good character in possession of extreme images of animals.

R v SJ - Multi-handed GBH with intent resulting in serious injury.

R v TW - 3-day burglary trial at Bradford CC.

R v FA - Successful appeal against conviction and sentence.



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R v SM - Successfully represented a client for 15+ offences, resulting in acquittal.

R v AH - Following successful mitigation for an offence of dangerous driving, the defendant received a short community order, avoiding a lengthy custodial sentence.

R v BM - 3-day burglary trial involving 2 defendants.

R v FR - Successful appeal against conviction and sentence

BUSINESS CRIME

R v AK - POCA proceedings involving numerous properties.