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Eleanor Mitten

Call: 2018

Crime

Ellie has experience in prosecuting and defending in both the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court on a range of matters.

Ellie is a CPS Grade 1 Prosecutor and has prosecuted offences such as road traffic offences, burglaries and assaults in a domestic violence context, dealing sensitively with vulnerable complainants. She is aided in this regard by her prior experience as a Witness Service volunteer.

Prior to pupillage, Ellie provided education on criminal law to youth offenders as a volunteer with the StreetLaw scheme, which aims to provide legal education to those who might otherwise lack access to it.

Ellie prides herself on her calm manner and ability to relate to clients and witnesses from all walks of life. She also has experience in dealing with Youth matters and has a particular interest in this area.

Ellie is keen to continue to expand her criminal practice.

Recent cases

R v G (Leeds Magistrates' Court) – Ellie dealt with a possession of a bladed article case involving a Modern Slavery Act defence.

R v B (Leeds Youth Court) – Ellie secured a conditional discharge for a youth Defendant charged with theft of a safe thought to contain items to a value in excess of £10,000.

R v H (Chesterfield Magistrates' Court) – Ellie mitigated for a Defendant who had pleaded guilty to drink driving. The sentencing guidelines indicated a range of 17-22 months' disqualification. Ellie secured her client a 12-month disqualification, to be reduced to 9 months upon completion of a rehabilitation scheme.

R v S (York Magistrates' Court) – Ellie represented a Defendant who was convicted of being drunk in charge of a vehicle. The Defendant was a 'new driver' and would have had their licence revoked if they had received an 11 point endorsement. Ellie successfully contended for a short disqualification as an alternative to allow the Defendant to keep their licence.

R v R (Leeds Magistrates' Court) – Ellie represented a Defendant charged with wasting Police



Education:

2016 - The University of Sheffield, BSc (Hons) Psychology - First Class

2017 - The University of Sheffield, Graduate Diploma in Law - Distinction

2018 - The University of Law - Leeds, BPTC LLM - Distinction (Very Competent)

Career:

2018-2019 - Paralegal at DWF LLP, Leeds

2019 - Pupil at Park Square Barristers

2020 - Tenant at Park Square Barristers

Appointments:

2020 - Level 1 Prosecutor

Awards:

2017 - 1st place, University of Sheffield Plea in Mitigation Competition

2018 - Ranked 1st, BPTC Student Advocacy Competition Qualifying (University of Law, Leeds)
2nd place, KBW Criminal Law Moot National Finalist, Featherstone LGBT Moot

Thomas More Bursary – Lincoln's Inn

time who had falsely reported a rape. This case involved a large amount of CCTV and other evidence, and Ellie liaised with the prosecutor to reduce as much of the case as possible into agreed facts to streamline the process and focus on the key issues.

R v H (Leeds Crown Court) – Ellie secured a suspended sentence for a young Defendant who had pleaded guilty to dangerous driving in the context of a Police chase.

Contact Ellie's clerks

Andrew Thornton on 0113 213 5202

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Personal Injury

Prior to commencing pupillage, Ellie worked as a paralegal in the Catastrophic Personal Injury team at DWF. She regularly assisted with drafting Defences, Draft Orders and letters of advice to insurer clients on complex and high value cases. She therefore has a strong understanding of key concepts in personal injury litigation.

Ellie frequently acts for both Claimants and Defendants in small claims hearings, Stage 3 hearings and interim applications. She accepts instructions to act in Fast Track matters, including on conditional fee agreements in appropriate cases.

Ellie also has particular experience in credit hire litigation, assisted by a thorough understanding of the case law in this area. She delivered a seminar on credit hire remotely over the lockdown period.

Ellie accepts instructions to draft pleadings and advices on liability and quantum, and can assist at all stages of a claim's life cycle. She can work to a short deadline if required.

Contact Ellie's clerks

Business Development Clerk – Andy Reeveson 0113 213 5252

Talia Webster on 0113 202 8609

Joshua Duree on 0113 213 5246

Sonia Kainth on 0113 213 5207

Regulatory & Public

Ellie is keen to expand her regulatory and public law practice. She has experience of both prosecuting and defending in the criminal courts and is adept at dealing with vulnerable witnesses.

During pupillage, Ellie was successful in the Mental Health Tribunal, securing the release of an inpatient detained under the Mental Health Act. Owing to her background in Psychology, which she studied at degree level before converting to law, Ellie has thorough knowledge and understanding of the issues in such proceedings.

Contact Ellie's clerks

Madeleine Gray on 0113 202 8603

Patrick Urbina on 0113 213 5250

Commercial & Chancery

Ellie enjoys a mixed civil practice and has experience in dealing with contractual disputes. She is frequently instructed in small claims hearings and application hearings, and is happy to assist in drafting or advising at any stage of the life of a claim.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Ellie worked as a paralegal in the Catastrophic Personal Injury team at DWF. She regularly assisted with drafting Defences, Draft Orders and letters of advice to insurer clients on complex and high value cases. As a result, she has a sound understanding of the principles in civil litigation.

During the Covid-19 lockdown, Ellie co-wrote articles on liability for independent school and university tuition fees during the lockdown period, which received a great deal of interest.

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