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## Laura Nelson

Call: 2016

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### Crime

Laura is a Grade 1 Prosecutor.

Laura both prosecutes and defends in trials in the Magistrates' Court involving serious assaults, sexual offences, fraud and domestic violence. Laura also appears in the Crown Court in a range of hearings including appeals against sentence and conviction. Recently, Laura appeared to make a bail application in respect of a defendant charged with attempted murder.

Recently, Laura defended in a case of dangerous driving. The defendant was said to have driven at excessive speed, whilst disqualified and without insurance, in an attempt to evade the police. This caused a collision, and the defendant's baby was present in the back of the car. Laura secured a suspended sentence for her client.

Laura has also defended a charge of possession of extreme pornography by a prison officer. She secured her client a non-custodial sentence, the defendant receiving a community order with a requirement to complete a sex offenders' programme.

Laura is also undertaking secondment work with South Yorkshire Police, which involves advising on a number of issues including those surrounding custody and bail. She has drafted various orders including sexual harm prevention orders and domestic violence prevention orders, appearing in applications for the same.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Laura was selected to work with Lawyers Without Borders in their Washington, D.C. office, supporting projects primarily focused on building capacity in respect of access to justice and the rule of law worldwide. In particular, Laura worked in collaboration with Nepalese legislators for several months, aiming to eliminate child labour within Nepal. She has also volunteered with both the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Personal Support Unit, working with individuals without legal representation for civil and family matters.

Laura was chosen to represent Northumbria University in Delhi, India at the KK Luthra Memorial Moot, and at the Royal Courts of Justice as a finalist in the Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition.

### Contact Laura's clerks

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#### Education:

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**2016** University of Northumbria

First Class LLB (Hons) Exempting

**BPTC** 'Outstanding'

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#### Career:

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**2017** Pupil at Park Square Barristers, Leeds

**2018** Tenant at Park Square Barristers

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## Personal Injury

Laura enjoys a mixed civil practice covering a variety of areas. In particular, Laura has experience of small claims and fast track trials, acting for both Claimants and Defendants on the day of trial and in pre-trial applications and hearings. She is accustomed to dealing with claims arising from road traffic accidents (and including credit hire), employer's liability and public liability (including Highways Act claims).

Laura also accepts instructions to draft pleadings and advices on quantum and/or liability. She is happy to work to short deadlines where papers need to be turned around quickly.

### Contact Laura's clerks

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## Civil Fraud

Laura enjoys a mixed civil practice covering a variety of areas. In particular, Laura has experience of small claims and fast track trials, acting for both Claimants and Defendants on the day of trial and in pre-trial applications and hearings. Laura has experience of fraudulent claims, and has appeared in actions whereby fundamental dishonesty has been successfully proven. Laura has also acted in High Court proceedings for contempt of court, resulting from a fraudulent claim.

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## Employment

Laura enjoys a mixed civil practice covering a variety of areas. In particular, Laura has experience of small claims and fast track trials, acting for both Claimants and Defendants on the day of trial and in pre-trial applications and hearings. Laura is keen to develop her practice in this area.

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## Regulatory & Public

Laura accepts instructions in a variety of regulatory and public law matters. Laura both prosecutes and defends in a range of cases involving prosecutions brought by private agencies including local councils, the RSPCA and the DVLA. Laura recently assisted in training Wakefield Metropolitan District Council on how to bring successful prosecutions.

Laura recently defended a commercial waste business in a Local Authority prosecution for section 34(6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Laura has also undertaken secondment work with the NHS, providing advice on a wide range of matters including conflict of interest, responsible commissioner queries and procurement queries.

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## Commercial & Chancery

Laura enjoys a mixed civil practice covering a variety of areas. In particular, Laura has experience of small claims and fast track trials, acting for both Claimants and Defendants on the day of trial and in pre-trial applications and hearings. Laura has experience in dealing with insolvency matters in particular, and regularly represents clients in the making of and responding to winding-up petitions.