

Rebecca Erkan-Bax



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Rebecca has a successful and substantial criminal practice. She is a formidable opponent with a meticulous approach to evidence and exceptional client care skills.

Rebecca has extensive experience defending clients accused of a range of criminal offences and regularly defends clients at trial in multi-handed conspiracy cases. Rebecca is a Level 2 Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service and also prosecutes on behalf of the National Probation Service. She has considerable experience working as disclosure counsel and independent counsel for HMRC and the SFO.

Rebecca provides clients with focused, considered advice and is a composed yet tenacious advocate in court. She has particular experience in representing vulnerable youth clients with complex mental health issues and clients who have been deemed unfit to stand trial. In addition to completing the mandatory vulnerable witness training, Rebecca has completed specialised youth justice training to ensure that she obtains the best possible outcome for every client.

Business Crime & Financial Services

Rebecca has repeatedly been instructed as Disclosure Counsel for HMRC and the SFO. She has extensive experience of cases involving large scale financial investigations and her meticulous attention to detail has led to her being instructed as independent counsel by HMRC to review material for LPP (Legal Professional Privilege).

Rebecca was instructed as one of a number of disclosure counsel in Operation Lunar, a ten-handed, multi-million pound tax fraud, which was the largest HMRC prosecution for tax fraud to date. At the SFO, Rebecca was instructed as disclosure counsel on a £250 million fraud, the impact of which reduced the share value of the company by £1.5 billion in one trading day.

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Criminal Defence

Rebecca has extensive experience defending clients accused of a range of serious criminal offences including s18 GBH with intent, robbery, sexual offences, drug offences, possession of offensive weapons, burglary and fraud. She regularly defends clients at trial in multi-handed conspiracy cases and has successfully represented clients in prison adjudication hearings.

Rebecca frequently represents vulnerable youth clients with complex mental health issues and clients who have been deemed unfit to stand trial. She has defended clients in Civil Injunction Proceedings in the Youth Court and is dedicated to obtaining the best possible outcome for every client.

Notable Cases:

R v H

Croydon Crown Court (led Junior)

Rebecca was instructed as led Junior Counsel in a multi-handed case of murder. After a seven week trial of three defendants MH was acquitted of all charges by the jury.

R v W

Guildford Crown Court (led Junior)

Rebecca was instructed as led Junior counsel in a complex case of conspiracy to burgle involving multiple defendants and large amount of cell site and expert evidence.

R v D

Central Criminal Court

Represented D who faced three counts of Conspiracy to Supply Class A. After successful legal arguments were made on D's behalf, D was permitted to appear by video link from HMP Lewes for the entirety of the trial. Despite D's DNA being present on the drugs, D was acquitted of all three counts on the indictment after a full trial.

R v Q

Harrow Crown Court

Q faced one count of Possession of an Imitation Firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. Q accepted that he was in possession of the imitation firearm but disputed that he ever had the requisite intent for the offence to be made out. Rebecca carefully cross-examined the complainant and made a successful submission of No Case to Answer. The case against Q was dismissed.

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R v A

Snaresbrook Crown Court

Rebecca represented A who faced one count of knife-point robbery. This offence allegedly took place within the complainant's flat. A agreed that he was present in the flat and that he had been consuming alcohol and drugs throughout the night. Despite injuries to the complainant and significant signs of a disturbance inside the flat, A was unanimously acquitted of robbery after a full trial.

R v J

Kingston Crown Court

J pleaded guilty to Conveying a List A Article into Prison, namely cannabis. Despite case law confirming that the default position for those convicted of taking contraband items into prison is an immediate custodial sentence, S was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment wholly suspended for 12 months.

Public Prosecution

Rebecca is CPS Grade 2 Prosecutor and is regularly instructed in a wide range of criminal offences in the Crown Court. She also prosecutes Breach Proceedings on behalf of the National Probation Service.

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