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"She takes pride in her work. I am very impressed with all aspects of her work, especially her knowledge on law, case law and her ability to put clients and their families at ease."

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Alejandra Llorente Tascon is a specialist criminal practitioner.

She has a busy criminal practise, frequently appearing in the Crown Court and the Courts Martial on behalf of the Defence and the Prosecution. Alejandra's practice encompasses a wide range of offences including serious violence, drugs, sexual offences, dishonesty offences, road traffic matters, regulatory matters, and confiscation matters. Furthermore, she has experience in dealing with youth defendants and complainants, as well as those with mental health issues.

Throughout all of her cases, Alejandra maintains a strong work ethic which, coupled with her meticulous case preparation, allows her to represent her clients with mastery of the law and the facts.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Alejandra worked as a paralegal for a highly regarded criminal defence firm during which she gained invaluable experience in the most serious criminal cases. Alejandra worked as part of a team who secured an acquittal in Operation Nautical which was compromised of a 22-handed trial for grooming and rape in Oxfordshire.

Alejandra is a native Spanish speaker and is direct access qualified.

Criminal

Alejandra specialises in general criminal law and regularly appears in the Crown Court on behalf of the Defence and the Prosecution in matters involving serious violence, drugs, sexual offences, dishonesty, road traffic matters, regulatory matters and confiscation.

Alejandra is currently instructed in a number of serious fraud matters involving high-value Companies Act and Insolvency Act offences.

Selected Cases

London Borough Council of Barking & Dagenham v AM & Others (2019) (Snaresbrook Crown Court)

Following a 3-week trial with four defendants, Alejandra's client – the second defendant – was acquitted of offences under the perjury act.

R v G (2019) (Salisbury Crown Court)

Following a two-day trial, Alejandra secured Not Guilty verdicts for her client who was charged with ABH arising out of a domestic relationship.

R v MH (2019) (Southampton Crown Court)

The Defendant pleaded guilty to 3 counts of making indecent images of children (Cat A, B, and C), 3 counts of distributing indecent images of children (Cat A, B, and C) and 1 count of possession of prohibited images. The charges arose out of a combination of over 4,000 still and moving images of a penetrative nature involving children aged between 3 years of age to 15 years of age.

Alejandra persuaded the judge to reduce the starting point in light of the circumstances and impose a suspended sentence. The client was subsequently sentenced to an 18-month custodial sentence suspended for 2 years with a single condition to complete 50 days of Rehabilitation Activity Requirement.

R v T & T (2019) (Bournemouth Crown Court)

Alejandra represented both defendants following guilty pleas to 12 counts of Theft and 1 count of fraud, following a string of ATM machine thefts nationwide amounting to £220k. Following her persuasive mitigation, the defendants were sentenced to 12 months in custody.

R v C (2019) (Southampton Crown Court)

Following a significant number of breaches of an SSO for serious fraud offences, Alejandra persuaded the judge that activation would be unjust in the circumstances and that the court should only impose a small fine.

R v T (2018) (Bournemouth Crown Court)

Alejandra represented 'T' at a 3-day trial for dangerous driving.

R v S (2018) (Guildford Crown Court)

Alejandra represented 'S' at a 5-day trial for conveying A list articles into prison.

R v A (2018) (Portsmouth Crown Court)

Alejandra successfully persuaded the Crown to reduce an affray count to section 4 public order, despite the severity of the allegations. Upon a guilty plea, the defendant was sentenced below the guidelines to 16 months in custody for possession of an offensive weapon (an axe) and section 4 public order.

R v W (2018) (Harrow Crown Court)

The defendant pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class B. The Crown's case heavily relied upon evidence of high quantities of cannabis found in the defendant's home address and high volumes of mobile phone data to show the supply. Following submissions Alejandra persuaded the judge to suspend a custodial sentence and the defendant was sentenced to 8 months in custody suspended for 2 years.

R v BE (2018) (Inner London Crown Court)

Following a guilty plea, the defendant was sentenced to a 6-month custodial sentence for possession of false identity documents with improper intention despite the case law depicting a starting point of 12-18 months.

Courts Martial

Alejandra has experience representing members of the Armed Forces in the UK. Her experience involves advising service personnel on various offences under the Armed Forces Act as well as general criminal offences.

Selected Cases

Service Prosecuting Authority -v- Corporal L (2019) (Courts Martial Centre Bulford)

Alejandra successfully represented Corporal L in an appeal against sentence and conviction.

Service Prosecuting Authority -v- Private RB (2019) (Courts Martial Centre Bulford)

Following a guilty plea, Alejandra represented Private RB at the sentencing hearing for misconduct offences which involved the victim suffering a fractured eye socket. Following Alejandra's mitigation, the defendant was sentenced to a fine.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Alongside her criminal practice, Alejandra is keen to develop her experience in regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Transport Law

Alejandra has experience of motoring matters in the Magistrates' Courts and the Crown Court. She has appeared in cases involving drink driving, dangerous driving, totting up disqualification, exceptional hardship and special reasons.

Alejandra also has experience representing appellants following the refusal of private hire licences by TFL.

Selected Cases

R v T (2019) (Bournemouth Crown Court)

Alejandra represented 'T' at trial for dangerous driving.

S v TFL (2018) (City of London Magistrates' Court)

Alejandra represented the appellant in an appeal against TFL's refusal to grant a private hire licence.

R v DS (2018) (Winchester Crown Court)

Alejandra successfully appealed a conviction for a failure to identify the driver (section 172). The appeal was allowed on a technical point of law raised by Alejandra during a legal argument and in closing submissions.

R v A (2018) (Camberwell Magistrates' Court)

Alejandra successfully represented her client charged with being in charge whilst over the prescribed alcohol limit. The Crown's case relied upon body worn footage from the officers present at the scene, showing the defendant highly intoxicated while sat in the driver's side of the vehicle. Alejandra secured the acquittal by identifying failures by the police to take into consideration the defendant's proximity to his home address and producing defence evidence to corroborate the defendant's story.

R v G (2018) (Portsmouth Magistrates' Court)

At the close of the Crown's case, Alejandra made a successful submission of no case to answer, addressing the law and procedural failures relating to drink driving.

R v S (2018) (Salisbury Magistrates Court)

Alejandra successfully put forward a case of exceptional hardship for a Defendant who was subject to totting up provisions.

Qualifications

- PGDip Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School (2015-2016)
- LLB(Hons) Law with Spanish, The University of Sheffield (2011-2015)
- Spanish Law, La Universitat de Valencia (2013-2014)

Professional associations

- Inner Temple
- CPS Advocate Panel Level 1
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA)
- Young Legal Aid Lawyers (YLAL)
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- South Eastern Circuit
- Panel member at the Bar Pro Bono Unit

Professional activities

- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2019)
- The Marshall Hall Pupillage Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- The University of Sheffield Graduate Award (2015)

Alejandra frequently volunteers as a speaker for the Inner Temple Access to the Bar programmes as well as Urban Lawyers events.

Outside Interests

From a young age, Alejandra has been involved with the RAF Air Cadets, where she now volunteers as a civilian instructor. As part of the air cadets, Alejandra has completed the 100-mile (in 4 days) vierdaagse international marches 9 times.

As well as long distance walking, Alejandra enjoys baking and cooking Spanish and Colombian food in honour of her heritage.