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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 sexual offences, serious violence, offensive weapons, drugs, financial crime, dishonesty offences, regulatory matters, and POCA. Furthermore, she has experience in dealing with youth and vulnerable 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.

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

## Criminal

### Selected Cases

#### **R v CD (2020) (Salisbury Crown Court)**

Alejandra's client, an ex-soldier, was facing section 20 GBH charges arising out of a fight in a pub.

Following a week-long trial, the thorough cross-examination of the 5 prosecution eye-witnesses and a confession by the Defendant at the police interview, Alejandra's client was acquitted of all counts on the indictment.

### R v AB (2020) (Bournemouth Crown Court)

Alejandra represented a Defendant charged with Perverting the Course of Justice by making a false allegation to the police to assist a friend with a fraudulent car insurance claim.

Following guilty pleas and Alejandra's persuasive plea in mitigation, the Defendant was sentenced to a conditional discharge.

### R v R (2019) (Hove Crown Court)

Following Alejandra's vigorous cross-examination of the complainant, the judge stopped the case and R was acquitted of all counts on the indictment.

R was charged with section 18 wounding with intent to cause GBH and attempted section 18 wounding with intent to cause GBH. It was alleged that following a one-on-one fight with the complainant, R had stabbed the complainant in the face with a kitchen knife and attempted to throw hot oil over him.

### R v H (2019) (Swindon Crown Court)

Alejandra represented H before the Crown Court at Swindon facing charges of sexual assault. It was alleged that H had followed a 15-year old girl on her way to school and while on a small and isolated road, H lifted up the complainant's school skirt and touched her buttocks. The complainant picked out H in an ID parade and made various statements to the police describing the perpetrator. There were a number of other ID witnesses in this matter.

Following a finding of unfitness to plead and Alejandra's robust challenging of the prosecution's identification evidence, the jury returned Not Guilty verdicts.

### R v SM (2019) (Swindon Crown Court)

Alejandra represented SM charged with 4 counts of making indecent images of children, 1 count of possessing a paedophile manual and 1 count of extreme pornography.

Following his guilty plea on all counts, Alejandra persuaded the judge to impose a suspended sentence despite the severity and extreme nature of the paedophile manual.

### R v P (2019) (Southampton Crown Court)

Alejandra represented P at a 3 day trial for having a bladed article, namely a knife, and affray.

The Crown's case was reliant on numerous eye witnesses and a bad character application for recent similar offences. After the successful exclusion of the bad character and the thorough cross-examination of the Crown's

witnesses, the jury acquitted P after 30 minutes of deliberations.

#### **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 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.

#### **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 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

#### **R v Corporal L (2019) (Courts Martial Centre Bulford)**

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

#### **R 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.

### R v Trouper B (2019) (Courts Martial Center, Bulford)

Alejandra represented Trouper B who faced charges of racially aggravated public order offences.

### R v Fusilier H (2019) (Courts Martial Centre Bulford)

Alejandra represented Fusilier H who faced a charge of ABH.

## Regulatory & Disciplinary

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

Alejandra is frequently instructed to act in private prosecutions under the Environmental Protection Act and has defended in environmental cases prosecuted by Natural England.

## 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

- CPS Advocate Panel Level 2
- Inner Temple
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA) Elected Executive Committee Member & Social Mobility Committee Member
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- South Eastern Circuit
- Western Circuit
- Panel member at the Bar Pro Bono Unit

## Professional activities

- Criminal Bar Association Bursary for Excellence in Advocacy (2019)
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- 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.

## Outside Interests

From a young age, Alejandra has been involved with the RAF Air Cadets, where she now volunteers as a civilian instructor.

Alejandra enjoys baking and cooking Spanish and Colombian food in honour of her heritage.