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"I can't recommend Emily Lanham highly enough. She works incredibly hard, is very articulate and pays close attention to detail on every case."

Criminal Defence Solicitor

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Emily Lanham is an established advocate and is regularly instructed in a range of both Defence and Prosecution work in all areas of Criminal Law.

She also accepts instructions in regulatory matters. She has acted as led junior and junior alone in complex drug matters, serious violence and trafficking.

Recent instructions include attempted murder, fraudulent trading, defending health and safety prosecutions, human trafficking, and kidnapping.

Emily takes pride in working collaboratively with those instructing her and providing support to professional witnesses. She is praised for her sensitive approach to cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants.

She is often instructed in cases which involve complicating factors such as mental health issues, serious injuries or vulnerable witnesses.

In a previous career, Emily worked within the Charity Sector for several years, giving her extensive experience working with children, vulnerable adults, and those with mental health needs.

She was the Director of a social-mobility charity, supported by the UK Supreme Court, which gave young people from diverse backgrounds opportunities to break down barriers to the legal profession.

Later, she moved into different specialities and managed various international projects including: developing an EU-wide approach to the anti-radicalisation of young people; nationally, managing services within secure mental health units; and locally, running cadet units for the London Fire Brigade. She also spent a summer working in India on a "legal literacy" project at the National University for Judicial Studies.

Criminal

- R v C [2025] EWCA Crim 513 – successful appeal against sentence in the Court of Appeal.
- R v S (On Appeal) – [2020] EWCA Crim 1797 | [2020] 12 WLUK 507 – successful appeal of the activation period of a suspended sentence order after breach
- R v F – Successfully defended a client charged with rape. The Defendant had admitted assaulting the Complainant but denied multiple counts of sexual assault and rape. The client was unanimously acquitted by the jury.
- R v W – Successfully defended a client charged with multiple counts of burglary. Photographic and ID evidence was given by police officers who knew the Defendant well. There were also supporting phone and cell site records which Emily successfully argued should not go before the jury. The client was unanimously acquitted.
- R v R (& others): Led junior for the prosecution in a multi-handed drugs conspiracy. All but one of the 9 Defendants was convicted of their part in the conspiracy and sentenced to between 2 and 4 and a half years each.
- R v H (& others): Led junior for the prosecution in a multi-handed drugs conspiracy to supply Class A drugs from prison. All defendants unanimously convicted.

Courts Martial

Emily appears in the Court Martial and is keen to continue to accept instructions in these matters.

- LD M – Successfully defended a Leading Diver charged with GBH against a superior officer whilst on deployment in Guam

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Emily has experience in various elements of Local Authority and Regulatory matters having been instructed as junior and led junior in a range of Local Authority prosecutions. These include licensing (taxi licensing appeals), trading standards (“dodgy builders” and counterfeit goods), as well as animal welfare and health and safety matters.

- C & M – junior counsel in a fraudulent trading prosecution in which the Defendant had scammed 22 homeowners out of over £500,000 and refused to complete the building works he had started. He received a prison sentence of 5 years and 9 months.
- CS – successful prosecution of a corner shop owner who was caught selling illicit cigarettes valued at more

than £125,000

Health & Safety

HSE v C: Secured a suspended sentence order for Defendant charged with a second time offence of operating without a gas safety certificate

Qualifications

- BPTC – BBP
- LLB – University of York

Awards:

- Quatercentenary Scholarship – Middle Temple
- Pupillage Scholarship Award – Middle Temple
- York Award – University of York

Professional associations

- Middle Temple
- Western Circuit
- CPS Grade 3 Panel Advocate – General Crime
- CPS Grade 2 – POCA
- CPS Grade 2 – Serious Crime

Outside Interests

- Emily lives on the coast and enjoys sea swimming and running with her (much faster) Greyhound x Collie, Finley.
- She enjoys learning new skills in her free time. She has qualifications in welding and is an occasional wakeboarder in training.

Publications

Young, Marginalised But Not Radicalised: A comparative study of positive approaches to youth radicalisation
<https://sculptuk.org/product/young-marginalised-but-not-radicalised-a-comparative-study-of-positive-approaches-to-youth-radicalisation/>

An Objectors Guide to Fracking (Environmental Planning and Litigation Service) (chapters drafted by Andrew Parkinson, the late Sonal Barot, Andrew Byass, Matthew Dale-Harris and Emily Lanham from Landmark Chambers, along with Jennifer Jones from Matrix Chambers and Ugo Hayter (solicitor) from Leigh Day).