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Laura is a second-six pupil accepting instructions in crime, family, civil and transport law.

Laura appears regularly in the Magistrates', Family and County Courts and also has experience appearing in Crown Court.

Having transferred as a solicitor from Australia, Laura read Law and Criminology at the University of New South Wales and worked in tax compliance for Deloitte Sydney before moving to England.

Laura's practice has a strong academic foundation. Laura has a Master's and DPhil (PhD) in Criminology from the University of Oxford. Her thesis focused on wrongful convictions and she currently sits as a member of the advisory panel for the Miscarriages of Justice Support Service. Laura has a number of publications based on this research and is currently in the process of publishing her thesis as a monograph. Prior to coming to the Bar, Laura worked in the criminal law team at the Law Commission of England and Wales. Laura is currently a visiting lecturer in criminal law at King's College London.

Criminal

Laura is fast developing experience in both the Magistrates' and Crown Court, particularly in defence, and also has experience representing probation in respect of breaches.

Selected Cases

R v U (Ongoing) (Southwark Crown Court)

Laura is defending U for a charge of sexual assault, where consent is in issue.

Family Finance

Laura has been described as a “highly competent” advocate for her level in family finance matters and has been recommended by solicitors for her work.

Laura appears at all levels of the process, particularly First Appointments and Financial Dispute Resolution hearings, facilitating settlements and providing robust advice to her clients.

Children Law (Private)

Laura frequently undertakes instructions in private children law matters at all stages, from FHDRAs to final hearings, and has experience of cases where domestic violence is in issue.

Laura takes a reasonable and level-headed approach to her cases, providing clients with realistic and child-focused advice.

Transport Law

Laura has considerable experience in motoring cases including drink driving, careless driving, driving without insurance and totting up disqualification. Laura frequently makes successful exceptional hardship arguments on behalf of her clients.

Selected Cases

R v S (2021) (St Alban's Magistrate's Court)

Defended S against three charges including careless driving involving an incident where S's vehicle collided with a woman and her child who were crossing the road. After careful cross examination of the complainant, Laura successfully argued that S had not fallen below the standard expected of a competent and careful driver in the circumstances and S was acquitted of all charges.

R v BH (2021) (Wimbledon Magistrate's Court)

Laura successfully represented BH, who was at risk of totting up disqualification but was the sole operator of a number of Bed and Breakfasts, in making an exceptional hardship argument which was accepted in full.

R v P (2021) (Lavender Hill Magistrate's Court)

Laura successfully represented P who was at risk of totting up disqualification but whose role involved the safeguarding of children. Laura made an exceptional hardship argument focusing on the impact disqualification may have on those she worked with and on the public interest at large. This was accepted in full and the Court did not impose the 6 month totting up ban.

Qualifications

- B Law / B Criminology, UNSW (Australia)
- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Oxford
- DPhil Criminology, University of Oxford
- Bar Transfer Test, BPP Law School
- Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice, College of Law (Australia)

Professional associations

- Gray's Inn
- British Society of Criminology
- Law Society of New South Wales

Publications

“Long Overdue and a Welcome Addition: The Sentencing Act 2020” [Long overdue and a welcome addition: The Sentencing Act 2020 – Pump Court Chambers](#)

Tilt, L and **Hoyle, C.** [Not Innocent Enough: State compensation for miscarriages of justice in England and Wales.](#) *Criminal Law Review* [2020] (1)

Hoyle, C and **Tilt, L.** (2018) The Benefits of Social Capital for the Wrongfully Convicted: Considering the promise of a resettlement model. *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, 57(4) 495 – 517.