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Ruba undertakes all areas of criminal work, both prosecuting and defending, and is a CPS Level 2 Panel Advocate for general crime. She has a calm and genuine demeanour which establishes an easy rapport with clients. She is developing a reputation as an eloquent and effective advocate, employing meticulous preparation.

Recently, Ruba has acted as disclosure junior in a case concerning historic sex offences. She has also completed a legal review for Lexis PSL of Practice Notes on Road Traffic Offences

Previously, Ruba completed an LLM in International Law. Inspired by her casework at a criminal defence firm, she wrote her dissertation on extradition and the right to a fair trial.

Prior to qualifying, Ruba was a legal advisor at Harrow Law Centre working with young people and parents on Stop and Search rights, county lines exploitation, education law, and community care law. Alongside this role, she was a support worker to Syrian refugees at Single Homelessness Project.

In a previous career, Ruba co-founded an ethical fashion brand employing women facing barriers to work. She has also worked with Seeds of Peace and Solutions-not-Sides, conflict resolution charities focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli crisis.

Recent Case Examples:

R v A (3-day trial, Southampton Crown Court, 2022): Allegations of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Commended by the judge for legal arguments on bad character and hearsay. Not guilty verdict.

R v E (3-day trial, Southampton, 2022): Allegations of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Vulnerable defendant requiring an intermediary. Not guilty verdict.

R v TM (Portsmouth, 2022): successfully vacated a guilty plea entered by a defendant who felt pressured by a judge.

SPA v M (4-day trial, Court Martial, 2023): Allegations of sexual assault. Not guilty verdict.

Qualifications

- LLM International Law (Dissertation on Extradition) – University of Westminster
- LLM in Bar Practice – University of Law (Distinction)
- BPTC – University of Law
- GDL – University of Law
- MSc Comparative Politics-States and Markets – LSE
- BA International Relations and Business Administration – IDC Herzliya

Professional associations

- Middle Temple Inn
- Western Circuit
- CPS Grade 2 Panel Advocate – General Crime
- Youth Court Certified

Outside Interests

Ruba is a (slow) marathon runner, fundraising for Coram, Solace Women's Aid, and Year Here. She is co-chair of Sisters-in-Law-Nisa-Nashim, an association of Muslim and Jewish lawyers. She is also on the steering committee of Global Voices Theatre, an organisation promoting diversity and representation in the arts.

Publications

[Greater Sentencing Power for Magistrates – A solution to the Backlog?](#)

Coercive control: What is it and how to spot the signs

'Controlling or coercive behaviour': Is the law fit for purpose?

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