

Jacqueline Vallejo

Called 1997

Areas of Practice

- Criminal Defence
- Prison Law
- Mental Health Law

Criminal Defence

From arrest to freedom Jacqui specialises in all aspects of criminal defence work. Jacqui specialises in representing Youths and the more vulnerable members of society including those with mental health issues. Cases which involve the cross examination of vulnerable complainants also make up a significant part of Jacqui's practice. Jacqui's friendly and down to earth approach is appreciated by both professional and lay clients. This and her cockney accent facilitates communication with the most demanding clients and difficult witnesses. Other specialisms include cases which involve the robust challenging of police officers evidence and cases which rely upon forensic evidence.

Jacqui's practice sees her defending, both as Junior and Leading Counsel, in a wide variety of cases.

- **Official Secrets Act**
- **Large scale drug cases**
- **Multi-handed public order cases (gangs)**
- **Dishonesty cases including benefit frauds; street robberies**
- **Violence/hate crimes**
- **Possession of unlawful weapons/firearms**
- **Child cruelty/torture**
- **Death by Dangerous Driving**
- **Sexual Offences**
- **POCA hearings**
- **Appellate hearings**

Prison Law

Prison adjudications
Parole Review hearings

Mental Health Law

Mental Health Review Tribunals

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Notable Cases

- R v Beg (2009)
Court of Appeal Criminal Division. Led by Michael Mansfield QC in an Appeal Against Conviction & Sentence.
- Paul Massie and others (2008/9)
Ipswich Crown Court. Leading Counsel with Giles Newell also from Toops. “**Operation Wager**” involves 10 named persons in a sophisticated conspiracy to supply Class A drugs, imported on a regular weekly basis from London to Suffolk between October 2007 and July 2008.
- R v Daniel James (2007/8)
Central Criminal Court, one of the very few specialised barristers who has prepared and undertaken a massive leading spy case “the Salsa Spy” (National Media).
- R v John Madugba (2008)
Bradford Crown Court, one of the few barristers who has undertaken representing those accused of religiously motivated crime. Child cruelty/ torture. (Yorkshire, Bradford and Leeds Media)
- R v Rebecca Thomas (2007/8)
Court of Appeal Criminal Division, Appeal Against Sentence, drug importation, Legal issue guidance given upon disparity and the effect of Newton Hearing’s upon credit
- R v D(O) aged 18, B(O) aged 17, Y(O) aged 17, S(O) aged 17(2006) Court of Appeal Criminal Division, Appeal Against Conviction, Appeal Against Sentence, Leave to Appeal, Grievous Bodily Harm (With Intent) legal issue, character of non-defendant and guidance given by CA as to how this is to be approached by the courts.
- R v Kory Cowell (Oct 2006)
Attorney General’s reference Court of Appeal Criminal Division, possession of firearms. Legal issue mandatory sentences and exceptional circumstances.
- R v Stephen Britton (Oct 2006)
Court of Appeal Criminal Division, Ram-raiding offences, aged 18-19. Legal issue youth sentencing, clear guidance given by CA on what occurs when a young Accused has a significant birthday e.g. 18 yrs. Case adopted by Cherie Blair. (cf commentary Archbold 2006 & 2007)

Publications

- Crimeline Article “*Shivkuri & Bilinski Revisited*” (February 2008)
- Counsel Magazine Co-author “*Contamination! Forensics and contamination dispel the myths*” (December 2006)

Speaking Events and Training, Seminars

- *Legal Snapshot seminars - a series of seminars on Expert Evidence (Autumn 2007)*
- *Lecture at Tuckers Solicitors “Mandatory sentences & exceptional circumstances for firearms offences” (July 2006)*

Memberships & Societies

- Criminal Bar Association
- Pending application to the International Criminal Court
- British and Spanish Lawyers Association
- Notaria, The Spanish Consulate General in London

Other Relevant Information

Awards

The Honourable Society of The Middle Temple - Blackstone Awardship of 1996

Languages

Spanish. Jacqui is one of the very few barristers who is of dual English and Spanish nationality, often defending Spanish speaking clients from South America and Spain.