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PRACTICE HISTORY

Anita is a barrister with full rights of audience and joined Bright Line Law when it started in 2016. Anita has a busy advocacy and advisory practice. She is regularly instructed in her own right, most recently on matters relating to money laundering, and also works closely with Lead Counsel.

Originally qualifying as a solicitor in Australia, Anita worked in London as a foreign qualified lawyer at a boutique firm focused on private prosecutions for fraud. In Australia she was a criminal defence solicitor and later an in-house lawyer at the police where she specialised in intelligence-driven major investigations. Immediately after university, Anita was a Judge's Associate to a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

RECENT COURT PROCEEDINGS

- Successful opposition of account forfeiture application under Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, resulting in police withdrawing application (**Luton Magistrates' Court**).
- Led junior in criminal trial for fraud resulting in acquittal, including preparation of closing and examination of one witness in front of a jury (**Inner London Crown Court**).
- Led junior in successful appeal of cash forfeiture order under Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, including drafting all skeleton arguments and cross-examination of key National Crime Agency Witness (**Snaresbrook Crown Court**).
- Led junior in application under Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, including oral submissions on one aspect of the applicant's evidence (**High Court, Queen's Bench Division**).
- Defence of company privately prosecuted for failure to deliver records including application for stay of proceedings (**Poole Magistrates' Court**).
- Regular carriage of multiple CPS trial lists in the Magistrates and Youth Courts (**South Essex and Kent Magistrates' Courts**).
- Member of legal team behind high-value claim in the Dubai International Financial Centre Court.



RECENT ADVISORY WORK

- Advising on anti-money laundering and anti-bribery procedures for high-end central London estate agent.
- Advising on the application of Syrian sanctions for company approached to provide consultancy services in relation to proposed oil and gas investment.
- Advising an NGO on the application of the Syrian sanctions regime in relation to proposed aid work.
- Advising a north London law firm on the submission of a Suspicious Activity Report relating to a property matter.
- Advising on sufficiency of evidence to make a complaint of money laundering to authorities in the UK and subsequent drafting of complaint resulting in the commencement of criminal investigation.
- Advising on sufficiency of evidence to make a complaint of fraud to police in the UK in the context of irregularities in a UK trust.
- Advising on exposure under Part 7 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 of central London law firm where money received from jurisdiction with capital controls.
- Assisting leading counsel in advising on the implications of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 for cannabis-related investment.
- Advising victim of fraud resulting in full recovery of defrauded funds.

SPEAKING

- **Anti-Money Laundering: Training the Bar Association** Council of Europe, 2-day workshop, Moldova, (4-5 June 2019, co-expert).
- **The Fight Against Money Laundering** – Council of Europe, 2-day workshop for senior lawyers and Georgian Bar Association, Georgia, (23–25 June 2018, co-expert).
- **Tackling Illicit Enrichment** – Council of Europe, 2-day workshop for senior lawyers and policymakers, Moldova, (17–19 June 2018, co-expert).
- **Criminal Finances Act 2017** – MBL Seminars, three-hour presentation between 100–200 delegates on seven different occasions in London, Edinburgh and Manchester, (2017–2018 and ongoing, co-speaker).
- **The Impact of the Criminal Finances Act 2017 on prosecutors** – Crown Prosecution Service, three-hour presentation, Liverpool, (2018, speaker).
- Five webinars and seminars on money laundering, corporate offence of tax evasion facilitation and the EU Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive for MBL Seminars, (2017–2018, presenter).
- **Corporate Offence of Tax Evasion Facilitation** – Accounting Association, three-hour presentation, London, (2017, speaker).
- **Corruption, Investigation Strategy and Anti-money Laundering** – International Senior Lawyers Project and British Council, two-day seminar, Albania, (2017, co-speaker).
- **EU Regulation and Supervision of Financial Markets in Trier** – ERA Academy of European Law, Summer Course 2017, presentations on European Central Bank supervision/ enforcement and the EU Fourth Money Laundering Directive, (2017, co-speaker).
- **Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance** – International Senior Lawyers Project and British Council, two-day seminar, Albania, (2016, co-speaker).



ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- CPS Advocate Level 1.
- Government Legal Department Junior Scheme.
- Available to attend a full range of interviews, including at police stations.
- Former judicial assistant (Judge's Associate) to senior judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland.
- Former Australian lawyer focusing on criminal law and public law.
- Former In-house government lawyer in Australia.
- Former Senior Associate in London at private prosecution firm, focusing on high-value fraud.
- Volunteer support worker for 5+ years at Australian domestic violence community legal centre.
- Assistance in rule of law workshops in Myanmar in 2012 and 2013.
- Founding member of LSE Pro Bono Matters society.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Chapter 3: Politically exposed persons and their definition, Anti-money Laundering Compliance for Law Firms** – Book published by Ark Group, 2nd Edition, (2019, author).
- **International Legal Materials** – Menci & Garlsson Real Estate SA and Others v. Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (Consob) & Joined Cases Di Puma v. Consob and Consob v. Zecca (CJEU). (2018, 57(4), 583-615, author).
- **Criminal Finances Act 2017** – Book published by Informa, (2018, co-author).
- **Corporate Criminal Liability in the Supply Chain: A Coherent Divergence?** – Criminal Law Review, (July 2018, co-author).
- **The Reluctant Reformer? Australia's Role in the International Fight Against Corruption** – ILA Reporter, online, (May 2018, author).
- **Suspicious, privacy and money laundering** – New Law Journal, (October 2017, co-author).
- **Privacy and the new arrangements for money laundering** – Money Laundering Bulletin, (October 2017, author).
- **Data breach as a boardroom issue? Considering potential corporate criminal liability** – IRMS Bulletin, (July 2017, co-author).
- **Unexplained Wealth Orders, the new Corporate Offence of Failure to Prevent the Facilitation of Tax Evasion and new money laundering provisions in the Criminal Finances Act 2017** – Briefing Papers published by The White Collar Crime Centre, subsequently cited in the New Law Journal and Money Laundering Bulletin, (March 2017, contributor).
- **Criminal Forms of High-Frequency Trading** – Law and Financial Markets Review, peer-reviewed, (2015, co-author).
- **Chapter 5: Representing a Defendant in Committal Proceedings** – Caxton Legal Centre Manual, updated chapter following significant reform of committal proceedings in Queensland, (2011, co-author).



MEMBERSHIPS

- The Hon. Society of the Inner Temple, Liberty, Howard League for Penal Reform, Young Fraud Lawyers and Female Fraud Forum (London).
- International Commission of Jurists and Lawyers' Information Network (Australia).

EDUCATION

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| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Call to the Bar of England and Wales■ The Hon. Society of Inner Temple■ Bar Transfer Test, BPP University for experienced practitioners |
| 2014–2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Master of Laws (Distinction), The London School of Economics■ Lionel Murphy Postgraduate Scholar (one of two recipients Australia-wide for academic excellence and social justice leadership)■ LSE Graduate Scholarship■ Finalist, LSE Human Rights Moot |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Admission as a legal practitioner, Supreme Court of Queensland, (Australia)■ Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Queensland, (Australia National University) |
| 2004–2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) / Bachelor of Arts (French and International Relations), University of Queensland, (Australia)■ Dean's Commendation for High Achievement |
| 2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Commonwealth Higher Education Scholarship for regional tertiary students |
| 2003–2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Residence at The Women's College |