

## Lynne Shirley

Barrister (Call Date: 2002)



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Lynne is a highly respected jury advocate, whose practice encompasses regulatory offences and all areas of serious crime, predominantly sexual offences, drugs and fraud. Lynne is a Grade 3 prosecutor. She has a special flair for dealing with serious sexual offences and has a wealth of expertise in this regard.

With an ability easily to gain the confidence of and quickly establish a rapport with lay and professional clients as well as witnesses, Lynne has a wealth of experience with defendants and witnesses who are young, vulnerable and have a range of medical and mental health difficulties.

A robust advocate, Lynne tirelessly fights her lay and professional clients' corner. She is meticulous in preparation and detail; a persuasive advocate who receives the respect of both lay and professional clients and the tribunal she appears before.

Lynne comes from a military and medical background, having been a serving officer in the regular Army for eight years. Lynne also trained as a nurse and midwife. Her experience of Army life means that Lynne has a detailed understanding of military procedure and the courts martial system. Clients can only gain from her knowledge of the courts martial procedure as she previously sat as a member of the Courts Martial Board and, in private practice, has been instructed regularly in court martial proceedings.

Lynne accepts instructions under the Public Access Rules, for those clients who do not wish to employ the services of a solicitor.



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## **Court and tribunal experience**

Lynne's practice is predominantly in the Crown Court. She also appears in the courts martial setting, tribunals where required, the Court of Appeal and the magistrates' court.

## **Qualifications/Education**

RGN - 1987

RM - 1990

LLB (Hons) - 2001

Dip in Prof Legal Studies - 2002

## **Memberships/Appointments**

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Essex Bar Mess  
CPS Advocate Panel Grade 3

## Cases

*R v W* - 2019 - Junior Defence Counsel instructed to defend a former choirmaster facing a twenty count indictment, alleging historic penetrative sexual activity involving four former choirboys.

*R v W* - 2019 - Junior alone instructed to defend in a complex case involving seven defendants, involving high value thefts and handling of high value goods.

*R v P* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to defend a high profile case of historic sexual allegations and child abuse, involving five defendants.

*R v F* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to prosecute historic allegations of penetrative sexual activity with a child.

*R v D* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to prosecute a high value, complex multi-handed VAT fraud.

*R v W* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to defend a health care professional indicted with misconduct in public office.

*R v E* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to defend a senior non-commissioned officer of allegations relating to misconduct in public office.

*R v S* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to defend a fraud case involving a vulnerable victim.

*R v P* - 2018 - Junior alone, instructed to defend a prison officer charged with sexual offences against those he worked with.

*R v G* - 2017 - Junior alone, instructed to defend allegations of penetrative sexual activity with a vulnerable complainant.

*R v R and ors* - 2016 - Junior alone instructed to prosecute a multi-handed high value cigarette importation, involving complex areas of both UK and EU law.

*R v P* - 2016 - Junior alone, instructed to defend historic allegations of penetrative sexual

activity with males.

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