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## Career Overview

Sam is an established, skilled advocate who exclusively practises for the defence. She has extensive experience in all aspects of criminal law and is regularly instructed by a range of well-regarded criminal firms across London in numerous challenging and serious cases, mainly as leading counsel. Sam's thorough and meticulous approach in preparing cases means that she is highly valued and sought after by both solicitors and clients alike.

## Notable Cases

### **R V L - Central Criminal Court**

Leading Counsel in attempted murder; victim suffered extensive mental illness lengthy cross examination involved of psychiatrists. Defendant of good character but a history of indulgent drinking. Acquitted.

### **R V C & ors - Southwark Crown Court**

Leading Counsel in kidnap, grievous bodily harm, obtaining by deception Prosecution relied extensively upon mobile

telephone evidence.

### **RV S & ors - Inner London Crown Court**

Young woman of good character indicted with kidnapping together with three other co-defendants . Crown alleged joint enterprise. Cutthroat defence. Acquitted.

### **R v W & ors - Central Criminal Court**

Murder with 2 other co-defendants. Defence was no intent to kill. Prosecution alleged murder as a result of drunken brawl caught on cctv at petrol station. Numerous lay witnesses to the incident.

### **R v N - Wood Green Crown Court**

Defendant arrested for attempted murder, charged with grievous bodily harm with intent- defendant maliciously stabbed the victim who was having an affair with the defendant's girlfriend. The defendant could not recollect anything about the attack other than his visit to the victim's flat and that he was covered in blood when he left. The defence ran non-insane automatism and relied on several medical experts to lay the defence before the jury.

### **R v O - Guildhall Crown Court**

Acquittal of defendant accused of bomb hoax at Waterloo International train station.

### **R v O - Wood Green Crown Court**

Defendant indicted with aggravated rape and buggery. Bad character application made by the Crown and after conviction issue of dangerousness argued.

### **R v S & ors - Kingston Crown Court**

Representing one of four brothers facing a conspiracy to burgle- surveillance evidence. The defendants approached elderly households under the guise of offering repair and other services to their houses and gardens. Upon gaining trust they forced entry into the houses and ransacked their homes making off with the victims' pension, savings and Christmas club money.

### **R v V & ors - Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Acquitted defendant who faced transferring a firearm. Co-defendants represented by Queens Counsel and junior. Cut throat defence.

## **R v Z - Southwark Crown Court**

Acquittal of defendant who faced an allegation of grievous bodily harm and unlawful wounding in the alternative. The defendant was a respectable member of society, of good character with a family and a responsible job.

## **R v S - Guildhall Crown Court**

Acquittal of defendant accused of two Counts of indecent assault; allegations made by ambulance paramedics when they came to the defendant's assistance after he collapsed drunk at an underground station. The defendant whilst drunk indecently assaulted the female paramedics.

