

Name: Shannon Revel

Call: 2014

Practice Areas:

- Crime
- Immigration
- Extradition

Shannon's busy criminal practice includes all matters of general crime and cash forfeiture. Shannon is regularly instructed for both prosecution and defence in cases involving complex issues and serious violence. She is a Grade 2 Panel Advocate and has been commended by a judge at the Central Criminal Court for her ability to reduce complex and voluminous evidence into a jury friendly format. Shannon is particularly perceptive to clients who have mental health concerns and provides a friendly and professional approach to familiarising clients with the court process. Shannon is a CBA approved facilitator of the Vulnerable Witness Training Programme being rolled out across England and Wales with a progressive approach to the questioning of children and vulnerable adults in court.

Notable cases:

- **R v CT – Central Criminal Court Jan 2018 (Defence Counsel)**
Secured the acquittal of a man accused of possessing an offensive weapon in a public place. The defendant had possession of a metal bar outside his home address and used it to strike two males who had been attacking his house. The defence raised was self defence as a reasonable excuse.
- **R v BH – Central Criminal Court Dec 2017 (Defence Counsel)**
Successfully defended a young woman accused of 5 counts of possessing articles for use in fraud. The defendant was stopped in a shopping centre having attempted to use counterfeit credit cards to buy items of clothing. The defendant averred that she did not know the credit cards were counterfeit. She had been targeted by a group of males posing as a modelling agency. They instructed her to go and buy items as a 'stylist' for them. The judge presiding over this case has described Shannon's legal knowledge and advocacy as 'excellent.'
- **R v PA – Shrewsbury Crown Court Dec 2017 (Defence Counsel)**
Secured the acquittal after trial of a Ghanaian female accused of possessing an identity document with improper intent and 5 counts of fraud. The defendant was trafficked to the UK and was told by her traffickers that she was here on a student visa. She was supplied

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with a false home office letter giving her indefinite leave to remain and used it over a 16 year period. The defence advanced was that she did not know the document was false and had not made representations with it that she knew to be false.

- **R v ME & EE – Canterbury Crown Court Dec 2017 (Prosecution Counsel)**
Prosecution Counsel in a two-handed fraud case containing four counts of fraud by false representation. A father and son had led a 3-year campaign of setting up fraudulent accounts with companies such as British Gas, Sky and Southern Water to avoid paying for services. Both defendants were convicted on all counts.
- **R v KL – Central Criminal Court Nov 2017 (Prosecution Counsel)**
Secured the conviction of a man who continually returned to the UK after deportation to Poland in order to commit burglaries. The defendant advanced that he was in custody in Poland throughout the indictment period, which was disproved by cross border information sharing, international information requests and identification evidence. The defendant was convicted after trial.
- **R v AMA – Harrow Crown Court Oct 2017 (Defence Counsel)**
Defence Counsel in a case concerning burglary & theft. The defendant was a carpenter working on the complainant's property. £10,000 in cash went missing from the complainant's home during the defendant's period of work. There was a successful submission of no case to answer on the burglary and the jury acquitted the defendant after trial on the alternative of theft.
- **R v CJ – Woolwich Crown Court Sept 2017 (Defence Counsel)**
Defence counsel in a case concerning breach of a restraining order and criminal damage. The defendant was said to have attended his ex partner's address in violation of a restraining order. Whilst there he was alleged to have kicked and damaged the front door. The defence was one of mistaken recognition and the defendant was acquitted after trial.
- **R v MM & EM – Southwark Crown Court Aug 2017 (Defence Counsel for D1)**
Defence counsel for the first defendant in a two-handed fraud case regarding cancer research UK. The defendants had been out collecting money for Cancer Research UK without a permit. Both defendants acquitted following trial after they gave evidence of their involvement in the Race for Life and asserted that they did not know of any requirement to have a permit.
- **R v HW – Harrow Crown Court July 2017 (Prosecution Counsel)**
Secured the conviction of a male dealing drugs from a 'stash car.' The defendant was selling cocaine and cannabis from a stash car that was found to contain £75,000 worth of cocaine, £6,000 in cash and over £5,000 worth of cannabis.

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Education:

Accredited Mediator, ADR Group
BPTC, BPP London
LLB (Hons) European Comparative and International Law, Sheffield University
Transnational Law & Foreign Policy, Griffith University Australia

Memberships:

CPS Panel Grade 2
Middle Temple Hall Committee (elected member)
Criminal Bar Association
Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association
Middle Temple Anglo-Israel Scholarship Committee

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