

## **Nargees Choudhury**

**Call: 2013**

### **Practice Areas:**

- Crime

Nargees is regularly instructed to represent clients in the Crown Court. She is instructed to act in cases involving serious violence, rape, sexual offences, dishonesty offences, fraud and drug matters. She is a meticulous advocate with a passion for criminal law. She enjoys a diverse practice and vigorously and fearlessly fights for her clients. Her client care is extraordinary and her previous experience as a secondary school teacher allows her to express empathy and relatability to clients, particularly when representing youths and young adults.

Nargees was instructed as disclosure counsel on the Grenfell Inquiry. She has previously been contracted by the Bar Standards Board (BSB) as a papers scrutiniser for the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) examinations and as a panel member determining Authorised Training and Education Organisation (AETO) status.

### **Notable cases**

- R v CB: led in a multi-handed firearms case.
- R v DA: instructed to defend in a case where D charged with possession with a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.
- R v RF: instructed to defend a youth charged with attempted robbery as part of a joint enterprise, matter was deemed to be a 'Grave Crime' and trial took place in the Crown Court.
- R v HA: instructed to defend a client charged with assaulting an emergency worker by spitting in a police officer's face outside Reading Crown Court, act of spitting captured on multiple BWV and CCTV. D was acquitted.
- R v ML: instructed to defend a client charged with s.18 and alternative s.20 offence in circumstances where D alleged the complainant had stabbed himself during a physical fight with D. D was acquitted.
- R v ZD: instructed to defend a client charged with multiple fraud offences at Southwark CC with fraud involving stealing terminally ill patients' bank cards from hospitals where the D worked and embarking on spending sprees with his wife. D was acquitted.
- R v RA: instructed to defend a client charged with sexual assault of a child at a birthday party while D was intoxicated and in the presence of others. D was acquitted.

- R v RBJ: instructed to defend a client charged with affray with weapons involved in the context of a mass brawl in a newsagent between two competing sides. D was acquitted.
- R v RJ: acquittal of client charged with numerous assaults and controlling and coercive behavior against his former partner.

### **Awards**

**2012 - Middle Temple** - Lord Diplock Scholarship for the Bar Professional Training Course

**2010 - Middle Temple** - Lord Diplock scholarship for the Graduate Diploma in Law – full scholarship granted

**2013 - British Arab Exchanges** - Awarded bursary for Cultural Exchange program (Palestine/Israel)

**2011 - Amnah Foundation** - Awarded bursary for Learning to be a Peacemaker Program (Switzerland)

### **Languages**

English (native), Bengali (conversational), Arabic (beginner).

### **Memberships**

Grade 1 – Crown Prosecution Service

Member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple