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PROFILE

Ieva is an experienced solicitor and supervisor at the firm, and is also duty qualified. She is an integral part of the Lloyds PR team, having joined in 2011. In addition, Ieva heads the extradition department and is part of the marketing team.

Ieva represents clients at all stages of the criminal justice process, including at the police station, the Magistrates' Court, the Crown Court, the Court of Appeal and the High Court. The cases she defends are prosecuted by the National Crime Agency ("NCA"), Her Majesty Revenue and Customs ("HMRC"), the Serious Fraud Office ("SFO"), the Crown Prosecution Service ("CPS"), the CPS Rape and Sexual Offences Unit ("RASSO") and the CPS Extradition Unit.

The range of cases that Ieva defends is varied but she particularly specialises in complex fraud and white collar crime, conspiracies to steal high value vehicles, burglaries, robberies, serious sex offences and extradition.

Whilst at Lloyds PR Solicitors, Ieva has successfully attained acquittals and discontinuances in many of her cases as well as having had investigations discontinued at an early stage prior to charging decisions.

She is a fierce defence lawyer who always has her client's best interests at heart, and is extremely confident and knowledgeable in her profession. Ieva has a wealth of experience in dealing with high volume of evidential material that often comes to thousands of pages of evidence as well as banking/ financial, telephone, cell site, DNA, medical, imagery and other types of evidence used by the prosecuting authorities. Further, Lloyds PR Solicitors work with experienced, high profile defence barristers and experts such as forensic accountants and medical experts, all of which contribute to leaving no stone unturned when preparing and executing a defence strategy.

Ieva is fluent in the Lithuanian language and has basic skills in Russian. Due to her bilingual skills she has been able to develop a strong Lithuanian client base.

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NOTABLE CASES

FRAUD & WHITE COLLAR CRIME

• Operation Yuletide, Southwark Crown Court

Represented a defendant in a €100 million fraud concerning a large multinational company where funds were laundered through Malta, Spain, Lichtenstein, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Cyprus and Sri Lanka. The defendant was alleged of diverting €100 million using a UK solicitor's account and various fraudulent documents.

• Operation Fireball, Central Criminal Court

This was an investigation by the London Regional Fraud Team ("LRFT") (arm of the Regional Organised Crime Unit ("ROCU")) and the National Crime Agency ("NCA") into an Organised Crime Group of fraudsters carrying out Cyber Fraud. The Cyber Threat had been assigned a "Tier One" threat status in the National Security Strategy, one of the highest priorities for action.

Lloyds PR Solicitors represented the lead defendant and one other defendant in this five co-defendant case, charged with Conspiracy to Convert Criminal Property and Conspiracy to commit Fraud by False Representation. The group was accused of using auction sites such as Ebay and Gumtree, and exploiting weaknesses through the internet using bogus EBAY advertisements and fake PayPal payment procedure in order to facilitate payment into mule bank accounts opened by the group members using false identification and stolen mail. The money was then laundering through other business. The approximate losses totaled to £2 million.

• Operation Academy, Blackfriars Crown Court

This was an investigation into a multi-million pound credit card ATM fraud allegedly being run by a large criminal network. This group was said to be involved in the manufacture and distribution of skimming devices for use on TFL ticket vending machines and other cash vending machines, the cloning of credit cards and their sale. The loss to the victims was alleged to run in the region of several million pounds.

• Operation Studley, Inner London Crown Court

We represented a lead defendant charged with conspiracy to commit fraud. He was alleged to be part of an Organised Crime Group who targeted ATM's by uploading malware onto the machines, which enabled the machines to dispense all of the funds. There was a loss in excess of £1.3 million from over 51 ATM's which were targeted over the May 2014 Bank holiday. A significant number of machines were attacked within London with smaller clusters targeted elsewhere in the UK. Prior to this series of attacks, this version of attack and malware had not been seen in the United Kingdom.

• Operation Salvage, Reading Crown Court

This case concerned defendants charged with a large conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation by way of insurance fraud. They were also charged with conspiracy to arrange for vehicles to be driven dangerously and possession of articles for use in fraud. The total fraud value was said to be £7.25 million and the defendant we represented was acquitted.

• R v MZ, Swansea Crown Court

The defendant was accused of facilitating breach of UK immigration law by assisting a friend, who had previously been deported and therefore not allowed into the country, to enter back into the UK. The defendant was acquitted.

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• R v SA, Luton Crown Court

We represented a senior accountant who worked for a large multi-national charity for over 10 years. He was charged with eight counts of Fraud and false accounting in respect of the charity, and was said to have committed the above crimes over 10 years whilst in charge of the charity's accounts. The total value of the fraud alleged was over £3 million.

• Operation Wasp, Central Criminal Court

We represented a lead female defendant in an eight defendant case; she was alleged to have conspired with others to assist in unlawful immigration by arranging sham marriages and was also alleged to have married her husband for the same reason.

SEXUAL OFFENCES AND SLAVERY

• R v MN, St Albans Crown Court

The defendant was accused of raping a woman he met online. He was acquitted after the defence carefully analysed and used telephone evidence in his defence.

• R v TG, Snaresbrook Crown Court

The defendant was acquitted at trial, having been accused by his partner of multiple counts of rape and assault whilst in the relationship.

• R v PB, Canterbury Crown Court

The defendant was accused of raping a vulnerable woman at a party and was linked to the alleged crime months later by his DNA. He was acquitted of the charge.

• R v TH, Isleworth Crown Court

The defendant was a wealthy foreign national who was accused of raping a woman he had met at a high end restaurant and taken her back to his hotel. The defence instructed a number of various experts, including a private investigator, as it was believed that the woman may have had blackmail in mind. After the defence lawyers spent months pursuing the Crown for various pieces of evidence, the case was discontinued.

• R v AC, Harrow Crown Court

The defendant was accused of a "stranger rape" whereby the complainant stated he had met her out in town, gave her alcohol and then raped her, leaving her in someone's garden. He was identified months later through his DNA. The defendant was successfully acquitted.

• R v AC, Luton Crown Court

The defendant was accused of spending months stalking a woman that worked at a shopping center in Bedford, and one day raping another vulnerable woman; this was called a "stranger rape" since the two did not know each other .

• Operation Rakuyou, Southwark Crown Court

Represented two lead defendants in a nine hander case where they were alleged to be a part of an organized criminal network involved in the trafficking of females, mostly Romanian, into the United Kingdom for the purpose of sexually exploiting them. The group had been linked to numerous brothels, operating over four years, located primarily in West London. The defence managed to uncover withheld evidence that eventually led to most of the accusations being discontinued at trial.

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• R v GA, Southwark Crown Court

The defendant, who was an assistant / researcher to one of the ministers at the House of Lords, was charged with making and distributing just over a thousand of indecent images of children.

• R v SC, Isleworth Crown Court

The defendant was accused of making and possessing hundreds of indecent child images as well as arranging to meet a parent in order to facilitate a child sex offence.

• R v KR, Chelmsford Crown Court

The defendant, who was over 70 years old, was accused of historic crimes relating to multiple counts of rape of a child over 20 years ago.

HOMICIDE & FIREARMS

• R v H, Central Criminal Court

Client and four others accused of two attempted murders, wounding with intent and possession of fire arms with intent.

• R v H, Central Criminal Court

Client along with five others accused of murder in a gang related incident.

• R v V, Cambridge Crown Court

Client accused of kidnaping his ex-wife and hiding the body after carrying out her murder.

• R v RD, Snaresbrook Crown Court

This was a large investigation by the Specialist Crime and Operations Unit attached to New Scotland Yard. Over ten defendants were accused of conspiring to purchase and sell illegal firearms and ammunition from Eastern Europe. The case span months of careful undercover surveillance by video footage and phones, and the case span extensive cell site evidence against most defendants, as well as messages between all parties. Almost 30,000 pages of evidence was served and the defence team had to carefully analyse the evidence, instructing cell site experts and Lithuanian language experts to dispute interpretations.

THEFT/ ROBBERY/ BURGLARY

• Operation Parramatta, St Albans Crown Cour

This case concerned an allegation that the Defendant conspired with others to commit a theft where vulnerable victims were convinced over the phone to hand over money to an organised criminal group. The Crown's case was that there were 90 or more incidents where this theft/fraud was said to have taken place and over £200,000 was taken.

• Operation Cadium, Reading Crown Court

This case involved six co-defendants charged with conspiracy to steal business vehicles in the areas of Slough and Iver; there were a total of 141 individual offences spanning over a period of 6 months.

The defence has utilized its telephone analysis expertise and instructed cell site experts which enabled it to expose gaps in the continuity of the evidence therefore substantially weakening the Crown's case in regards to the two lead defendants we represented.

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- **R v SM, Kingston Crown Court**

Defendant was accused of robbing a local bookers using an imitation firearm.

- **R v LK, Guildford Crown Court**

The defendant was accused of being the leader of a gang that targeted over 30 properties in order to burgle them and escape using motorcycles.

- **R v EW, St Albans Crown Court**

The defendant we represented was accused of being a lead defendant in arranging employees of a designer clothes shop to burgle the property multiple times during the night, allegedly stealing thousands of pounds worth of merchandise. The prosecution's case was largely based on cell site evidence, which the defence managed to discredit using a cell site expert and the defendant was acquitted.

- **R v C, Oxford Crown Court**

Conspiracy to commit 10 dwelling burglaries.

- **R v D, Central Criminal Courts**

Client accused of aggravated burglary and perverting the course of justice in a gang related incident.

SEXUAL OFFENCES AND SLAVERY

- **Operation Opaque & Rome - Central Criminal Court**

A £150 million UK wide conspiracy to supply cannabis investigated by SOCA and Dutch authorities and prosecuted by the CPS. This was a Very High Cost Case which indicates that it was a vast and complex prosecution.

- **Operation Bewcastle, Lewes Crown Court**

Lloyds PR represent a defendant in a twelve hander conspiracy to convey prohibited items, including drugs and telephones, into HMP Lewes. Some of the defendants were prison officers. The Sussex Police investigation uncovered a conspiracy that ranged over a two year period whereby drugs, mobiles and money were exchanged between prisoners, prison staff and their families. We represented a defendant who was acquitted of all charges.

- **R v IR, Norwich Crown Court**

This was a county lines case whereby an organized group from London were alleged to be supplying class A drugs in Norfolk. The case involved extensive surveillance and telephone evidence .

DRIVING OFFENCES

- **R v F, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Allegation of intentional dangerous driving where we made a successful half time submission and the defendant was acquitted.

- **R v K, Harrow Crown Court**

Client charged with dangerous driving and alleged to have driven his car with his partner on top of the bonnet for almost half a mile

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- **R v F, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Client charged with dangerous driving as well as other offences after an allegation that he tried to run into a number of members of the public.

EXTRADITION

- **Hungry v M, Westminster Magistrates' Court**

Court was persuaded to withdraw the European Arrest Warrant issued in connection with human trafficking allegations due to the client's serious illness.

- **Lithuania v G, Westminster Magistrates' Court**

A European Arrest Warrant was issued pursuant to a convictions of robbery and driving offences. It was successfully discharged on Article 8 grounds (right to family and private life).

- **Romania v C, Westminster Magistrates' Court**

Extradition was sought pursuant to three convictions in 2009 of driving offences and criminal damage. It was successfully resisted on human rights grounds.

- **Moldova v C, Westminster Magistrates' Court**

This was a Part 2 arrest warrant. Extradition was successfully resisted on the basis that Moldova applied for an incorrect arrest warrant and the fraud offence alleged was not a criminal offence under the English law due to the pre-requisite mens rea element not being part of the offence under the Moldovan law.

- **D v Germany, High Court (appeal)**

Leading extradition case in relation to section 12A of the Extradition Act 2003 ("Absence of prosecution decision"). The warrant against the client was successfully discharged on grounds of section 12A, as well as Article 8 (right to family and private life).

- **E v Italy, High Court (appeal)**

Leading case with respect to Italian prison assurances. Client was requested by Italy following a conviction and sentence for rape.

- **S v Romania, High Court (appeal)**

Successfully discharged an accusation European Arrest Warrant on appeal arguing particularity grounds. The case concerned an allegation of a large multinational fraud conspiracy where the client was said to be the leader of the criminal organisation.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- The University of Law
- University of East Anglia

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- Defence Extradition Lawyer Forum

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