

Sophie Evans

Call: 2010



Sophie Evans is an established criminal practitioner, accepting instructions for both the prosecution and defence. She has experience across the full spectrum of offences, including offences of violence, drugs, dishonesty, driving and sexual offences. She also has experience of regulatory crime, including animal welfare prosecutions.

Sophie also regularly accepts instructions in local government and public law.

Crime

Sophie has extensive experience of a range of hearings in the criminal courts, from trials to Proceeds of Crime Act applications. She is known for her ability to quickly grasp the issues in each case, for her sensible advice, and for her care and attention to detail. Sophie has experience of handling vulnerable witnesses and conducting youth trials and has shown herself to be at ease dealing with sensitive areas such as sexual assault. Sophie is well regarded for her approachable and realistic manner, and her ability to put clients at ease whilst giving firm advice.

She regularly defends road traffic offences. She has a firm technical understanding of the complexities of the law in driving offences. She is able to provide realistic advice to clients. She has a fantastic success rate in minimising penalties for driving offences.

Sophie is a Level 3 CPS Prosecutor.

Selected Cases

- **RSCPA (2020)**: Prosecuted case of abandoned snake.

- **(2020)**: Secured acquittal for man accused of assault and threatening his ex-partner.
- **R v Davidoff (2020)**: Prosecuted Indecent Exposure case.
- **R v Roffey (2019)**: Resisted appeal of vegan activist convicted of spitting at a woman.
- **RSPCA Appeal (2019)**: Resisted appeal of man convicted under section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- **R v LW (2019)**: Successfully defending a young male accused of assaulting his 4 year old step-son. The case required cross-examination of a medical expert and handling a vulnerable child witness.
- **R v TH and others (2018)**: Acting as junior counsel for a defendant charged with attempted murder.
- **R v NM (2018)**: Secured conviction of a defendant accused of outraging public decency on public transport.
- **R v CA (2018)**: Representing a defendant accused of numerous offences contrary to the Insolvency Act and Companies Act in the winding up of his business.
- **R v IM and others (2018)**: Acting as junior counsel for the defence in a multi-handed drugs conspiracy involving a London gang.
- **R v SO (2018)**: Representing a defendant accused of sexual assault and domestic violence in a prosecution with a non-supportive victim.
- **R v IG (2018)**: Prosecution of a defendant accused of breaking into a house and assaulting the 81 year old occupant.
- **R v TM (2018)**: Prosecuting a serving police officer accused of outraging public decency and indecent exposure on public transport.
- **R v LJ (2018)**: Prosecuting a defendant with mental health difficulties, involving argument as to whether he could form the requisite intention for the offence of attempted robbery.
- **R v RG (2018)**: Acting for the defendant in a Proceeds of Crime Act application involving over £250,000.
- **R v MM (2017)**: Defending a young male accused of stabbing an 18 year old boy in a KFC restaurant.
- **R v WB (2017)**: Representing a defendant accused of sexual activity with an 8 year old family member.
- **R v JG (2017)**: Representing a young man accused of sexual activity with an underage female.
- **R v DL (2017)**: Acting for the Home Office in the prosecution of a female accused of assisting unlawful immigration into an EU member state.
- **R v RB (2017)**: Representing a defendant with mental health difficulties accused of indecent exposure towards school age females.
- **R v JB (2017)**: Prosecuting the trial of a male accused of sexually assaulting a female outside a nightclub.
- **R v GA and others (2016)**: Secured acquittal as junior counsel in a multi-handed rape case.
- **RSPCA v HD and others (2016)**: Secured convictions of four defendants charged with animal welfare offences.
- **R v LG (2016)**: Defending a 20 year old male at his sentence for causing serious injury by dangerous driving, and securing a suspended sentence.
- **R v JB (2016)**: Securing the acquittal after trial of a male accused of possession of a bladed article, a samurai sword.

Regulatory Crime

Sophie has valuable experience in regulatory law, including Health and Safety prosecutions, licensing, animal welfare prosecutions and disciplinary action by professional bodies.

Selected Cases

- **R v DM (2019)**: Successful prosecution for a local authority of a Defendant accused of fraudulently claiming the right to buy her local authority owned home.
- **MS v MA (2019)**: Acting for a local authority in an appeal by a taxi driver of the decision to revoke his hackney carriage license.
- **RSPCA v TL (2019)**: Appearing for the respondent RSPCA in an appeal against conviction of a man accused of cruelty to two donkeys.
- **RSPCA v AF (2018)**: Secured the conviction of a Defendant accused of picking up and throwing his dog.
- **R v AA (2017)**: Prosecution for a local authority of a Defendant misusing a disabled parking badge.
- **RSPCA v HD & Others (2016)**: Secured prosecutions of four Defendants charged with animal welfare offences.

Police Law

Sophie is regularly instructed in all areas of Police Law, including anti-social behaviour, disclosure applications, Domestic Violence Protection Orders, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Police Property Act matters.

Local Government & Public Law

Sophie accepts instructions in Immigration Law, Licensing, Inquests and Housing Law.

Direct Access

Sophie accepts work from lay clients via [Direct Access](#). She accepts instruction in criminal, regulatory, local government and public law matters. You can view her profile [here](#).

Appointments

- Grade 3 CPS Prosecutor.

Awards

- Viscount Sankey Scholarship, Jesus College, University of Oxford

Education

- Cardiff Law School, BVC (Very Competent)
- Jesus College, University of Oxford, Jurisprudence MA (Oxon)

Memberships

- CBA
- LCLCBA