



Sophie Stannard

Prosecutes and defends serious crime.

YEAR OF CALL 2015

Education

LLB Law – First
BPTC – Very Competent

Appointments

CPS Advocate Panel at
Level 3
Young Fraud Lawyers
Association
Criminal Bar Association

Scholarships

BPTC Exhibition Award,
Inner Temple
Duke of Edinburgh
Entrance Award, Inner
Temple

Overview of Practice

Sophie prosecutes and defends cases in the Youth Court, Magistrates' Court, and predominantly the Crown Court. Her experience covers a wide range of criminal matters including allegations of violence, sexual offences, drug offences, robbery, burglary, possession of offensive weapons and fraud.

Recently, Sophie acted as a led junior in a multi-handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs. She also represented an 18-year-old at his trial for attempted GBH and possession of a bladed article, namely a machete.

Sophie has experience in representing defendants with a range of vulnerabilities and in cross-examining vulnerable witnesses. She has been commended by Crown Court Judges on her "focused and intelligent submissions" and her "polished and confident" manner.

Those who instruct Sophie have said she "boasts a fantastic work ethic. She is a fighter. She will go above and beyond for her clients to achieve the best outcome."

Before joining Foundry Chambers, Sophie worked on capital defence cases in Houston, Texas.

– Professional Discipline

Sophie spent 3 months on secondment with the

Nursing and Midwifery Council. She continues to be regularly instructed by the NMC and presents cases that include a range of serious regulatory concerns and misconduct matters.

- **Sports Law**

Sophie was led as a junior representing England Cricketer, Ben Stokes, in the proceedings brought by the English Cricket Board at the Cricket Disciplinary Commission. Ben Stokes and Alex Hales were charged with bringing the game into disrepute following the well-publicised incident that occurred in Bristol in September 2017.

- **Asset Recovery, Restraint and Confiscation**

Sophie appears on behalf of the Home Office and Border Force in cash forfeiture and condemnation hearings. She has experience defending and prosecuting in proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Recently, Sophie was led in a multi-million pound confiscation case, which involved complex questions relating to “tainted gifts”, third party claims and issues concerning expert evidence from foreign jurisdictions.
