



Aimee Riese

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Aimee provides advice and representation in criminal and public law cases.

She has appeared in cases involving serious violence (violent disorder, offensive weapons, “acid attacks”, domestic abuse and grievous bodily harm), fraud, sex, drugs, and proceeds of crime. She has particular experience in representing vulnerable and young clients, including experience with expert reports, intermediaries, ground rules hearings and video-linked cross examination.

Aimee also has a practice in inquiries and inquests. She is currently part of the counsel team to the [Dame Linda Dobbs Review](#) into Lloyds Banking Group and has a keen interest in financial crime.

Aimee was also instructed in the [Undercover Policing Inquiry](#) as part of the counsel team to the Inquiry. She was junior counsel to the Inquest Touching Upon the Death of [Ellie Butler](#), led by Adam Wiseman QC. She is regularly instructed by government departments in advisory matters, including on matters of human rights law.

Aimee has a strong academic background having completed an LLM in Human Rights Law, awarded with distinction. She specialised in the intersect between human rights and national security, criminal process and prison law. Prior to pupillage, Aimee was a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre. She carried out work for a number of leading NGOs both in the UK and internationally.

Aimee has completed the Bar Council “Advocacy and the Vulnerable Training Programme” and has security vetting to “SC” level.

Recent notable work

- Junior counsel within the [Dame Linda Dobbs Review](#) considering whether issues relating to HBOS Reading were investigated and appropriately reported to authorities following Lloyds Banking Group’s acquisition of HBOS.
- Member of the counsel team to the [Undercover Policing Inquiry](#)
- Junior counsel to the Inquest Touching Upon the Death of [Ellie Butler](#)
- Co-authored submissions for the International Criminal Court on behalf of Bangladeshi NGOs in relation to the [Rohingya](#) crisis

- Currently instructed in criminal matters including violence and dishonesty offences
- Advising a central government department on issues relating to Brexit

Crime

Recent cases include:

- R v X (2018) Following successful written representations, prosecution offered no evidence on an alleged benefit fraud totalling over £10k
- R v X (2018) Represented client in a sentencing hearing for production of Class B drugs, successfully achieving a sentence outside of the sentencing guidelines, despite initially being categorised by the prosecution as playing a “significant role”.
- R v X (a child) (2018) Despite crossing the custody threshold, 15-year-old client given a referral order following a two-day multi-handed youth robbery Newton hearing.
- R v X (2018) Represented client in a sentencing hearing for a multi-handed violent disorder
- R v X (2017) Client acquitted of two charges of assaulting two police officers and possession of a bladed article.
- R v X (2017) Client acquitted of burglary on the basis that he was a genuine squatter.
- R v X (2017) Prosecution discontinued following successful legal argument about whether client’s alleged offence was committed in a “public place”.

Aimee also prosecutes on behalf of the CPS, National Probation Service and local authorities.

Public Law, Human Rights, Inquests and Inquiries

Junior Counsel in the [Dame Linda Dobbs Review](#) (ongoing)

Part of the counsel team assisting Dame Linda Dobbs in considering whether issues relating to HBOS Reading were investigated and appropriately reported to authorities following Lloyds Banking Group’s acquisition of HBOS.

Advising a central government department on issues relating to Brexit, human rights and international law

Aimee has also previously also been instructed in advisory matters for a number of government departments, with experience in advising on legal professional privilege and Parliamentary privilege.

Counsel team to the [Undercover Policing Inquiry](#) (2018)

A member of the inquiry counsel team to the public inquiry into undercover policing.

Junior Counsel to the Inquest touching upon the death of [Ellie Butler](#) (2018)

This was an Article 2 inquest. As junior counsel to the inquest, Aimee prepared the core material, had responsibility over disclosure issues, drafted written legal advice to the Assistant Coroner on issues relating to Article 2 and public interest immunity, and questioned key witnesses.

Aimee will accept instructions to represent bereaved families, recognising the challenges of legal aid in this area.

Civil

Commissioner for the Police of the Metropolis v X (2018)

Successfully resisted a police application for a sexual harm prevention order against a particularly vulnerable client. This included advising on multiple expert reports, working with an intermediary and legal argument on hearsay evidence.

Aimee also has experience in defending closure orders and in making successful applications for immigration bail in the First Tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum).

Education

LLM in Human Rights Law, UCL, Distinction

BPTC, City Law School

GDL, University of Law

BSc International Relations and History, London School of Economics and Political Science

Appointments

CPS Grade 1 Prosecutor

Attorney General's Civil Panel (GLD) Junior Juniors Scheme

National Security Check ("SC") cleared