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Mary has an established practice in fraud and financial crime. She regularly prosecutes complex, multi-handed cases which require advocacy that engages a jury whilst dealing with the forensic detail. Her broader background in general crime, including a specialism in defending those with learning disability or psychiatric problems, mean that she is well-placed to deal with challenging clients and expert witnesses.

Crime

- **Operation Range (2018)** - Leading junior prosecuting a six-handed car-ringing conspiracy
- **Operation Everest (2018)** - Led junior prosecuting a fraud relating to claims made by a biotechnology company in an Information Memorandum. The claims were false both in terms of the technical achievements of the company and the nature of the shares being sold. Mary was heavily involved in the legal arguments in this case and dealt with many witnesses including the evidence of an intellectual property expert.
- **R v RF (2018)** - Defending alone a man charged with having explosive devices without a lawful object relating to a stockpile of home made bombs in his bedroom; this case involved psychiatric evidence
- **Operation Blisland (2017/2018)** - Led junior prosecuting six men charged with a series of rapes against a vulnerable girl
- **R v SMN (2017)** - Defending alone a woman with an extremely low IQ charged with historic sexual offences; this case involved input from a psychiatrist, a psychologist and an intermediary
- **R v C and Others (2017)** - Prosecuting alone a man charged with wilfully pretending to be a barrister and a variety of frauds including appropriating funds intended to be used by his 'client' to purchase land
- **R v AS (2016)** - Prosecuting alone 25 counts of fraud relating to an international freight forwarding business

Education

MA (Hons) Jurisprudence, Keble College, Oxford

MPhil Criminology, St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Memberships

Inner Temple

Criminal Bar Association

Western Circuit

Lawyers for Liberty

Howard League for Penal Reform

Bar Pro Bono Unit