

NADIA SEMLALI

Barrister



Nadia is a Criminal, Extradition & Civil Barrister, formally a Solicitor-Advocate with 11yrs' + PQE, prior to transferring to the Bar. Nadia is an experienced Litigator & Advocate having been both a Solicitor-Advocate & Barrister, practicing in criminal law for 16 years.

Nadia has litigation rights as an employed barrister (a skill she carried over from her years as a Solicitor-Advocate) & an extension to her practice certificate to conduct litigation, authorised by the Bar Council.

Nadia has a demonstrated history of achieving positive outcomes in all of her cases. Fighting for justice is what drives her. She is a very personable and approachable professional.

Nadia now specialises in criminal defence work and mental health. She is skilled in dealing with minor to more serious offences from theft related offences to drugs, serious assaults, sexual offences, terrorism, facilitation (illegal entry into the UK), human trafficking and murder. She assists the most vulnerable clients, including those with Mental Health issues and addictions.

Nadia has dealt with a wide variety of cases, she was Junior Counsel led by Justin Rouse KC in a murder trial (R.v.Jordan Clarke 2018), where the defendant was convicted of Manslaughter (diminished responsibility due to mental health issues) and received a Hospital Order, as opposed to life in prison. More recently, Nadia was Junior Counsel led by Colin Aylott KC, in a Joint Enterprise multi-handed murder trial (R.v.Savander & others 2023), where the defendant was acquitted.

When fighting for justice Nadia works very closely with case workers, leaving no stone unturned in making representations to the prosecution for lesser sentences and even dismissal in some cases.

Nadia has also assisted those fighting against their extradition and has conducted full contested hearings.

As a former Solicitor-Advocate, Nadia prides herself, as well as thrives on dealing with cases from the police station to the Magistrates' to the Crown Court, because to her, client care and consistency is paramount, especially when dealing with vulnerable clients. She is a strong professional with a great work ethic, efficient and dedicated to achieving positive outcomes in all her cases.

Nadia was part of the Defence Team working in a big VHCC case (HBOS 2016) involving corporate fraud and corruption in the banking industry.

Nadia has Duty Status, regularly covering duty slots at both police stations and at court.

Nadia has also defended large corporations in civil litigation/aviation claims.

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