

## Overview

Sobia is a specialist criminal practitioner practicing in courts across the Northern Circuit and beyond. She joined Lincoln House in 2016, having moved from chambers in Leeds where she had established a busy and successful criminal practice. Sobia completed pupillage in-house with the Crown Prosecution Service in Lancashire where she was employed as a Senior Crown Prosecutor until 2011 when she moved to the independent bar.

Sobia is regularly instructed by both Prosecution and Defence in a wide range of offences spanning the criminal calendar including rape, serious sexual offences, child cruelty allegations, offences of serious violence and drugs supply. She has particular experience in dealing with young and vulnerable defendants and witnesses, including those suffering from mental health issues. Her personable and sensitive approach to such cases make her a popular choice amongst solicitors.

Sobia is also regularly instructed to deal with applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act. She recently dealt with a confiscation order sought by the Crown in a case involving the largest ever seizure of cannabis in the country. She was successful in negotiating the defendant's benefit figure down to £50million less than what had initially been sought by the Crown.

Sobia has experience of representing prisoners before the Parole Board as well as dealing with cases involving regulatory matters and professional discipline. This is an area in which she is keen to develop her practice. Her thorough approach and ability to quickly get to grips with new areas of law are assets which render her well-suited to these areas.

Sobia prides herself on delivering a high level of client care and professionalism in all aspects of her work. She maintains a close working relationship with those who instruct her and is always available to be contacted at any time of day to provide advice or guidance as required.

## Notable Cases

**R v NS** – *Proceeds of crime. Involved largest cannabis production operation in the country ever uncovered. Multi-million pound confiscation order. Benefit figure sought by the Crown reduced by over £50million. (Defence).*

**R v RF** – *Secured acquittal of defendant with mental health issues charged with historic rape allegations.*

**R v DW** – *Secured acquittal of 17-year old defendant charged in a multi-handed conspiracy to supply drugs.*

**R v TB** – *Main defendant charged with murder. This defendant charged with perverting the course of justice. Prosecution offered no evidence just before half-time following successful legal argument re. exclusion of evidence.*

**R v WS** – *Sexual assault on child under 14. First trial heard under s.28 pre-recorded cross-examination procedure at Leeds CC. Defendant acquitted.*

**R v MM** – *Multi-handed conspiracy to supply and produce drugs. (Defence)*

**R v P** – *Defendant charged with offences of people trafficking and forced labour. Acquitted.*

**R v L** – *Successfully prosecuted defendant charged with dangerous driving. Involved expert evidence on the effect of Tourettes Syndrome.*

**R v GB** – *Successful prosecution of manager of Luton Town F.C. for public order offence committed during the course of a football match.*

**R v PM** – *Defended a serving life prisoner charged with s.47 assault on a prison officer.*



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