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Jessica Heggie is a tenacious advocate, with experience far beyond her call across a broad spectrum of prosecution and defence work.

Jessica practices in all areas of **criminal** defence, with an emphasis on **serious violent crime**, **drugs** and public order offences, as well as a growing **fraud** practice. Jessica is known for her personable nature, attention to detail and her excellent rapport with clients. Jessica is a Grade 3 prosecutor and routinely prosecutes complex multi-handed matters.

Expertise

Serious Crime

Jessica is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in cases involving firearms, fraud, offensive weapons, drugs, armed robbery, aggravated burglary and other serious offences.

Recent instructions include defending in a murder trial, led by Frida Hussain KC. She has successfully prosecuted a series of armed robberies committed using machetes.

Notable Serious Crime cases

R v Allon [2023] EWCA Crim 204

Successful appeal in relation to notification requirements.

R v JC & BJ (2023)

Successfully prosecuted a multi-handed armed robbery which relied on circumstantial evidence.

R v AH (2020)

Defending in a case of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, Jessica successfully argued that there was no case to answer at half-time and the jury were directed to acquit the Defendant.

Financial & Corporate Crime

Jessica is a sought-after junior. Jessica is currently instructed to prosecute a multi-handed money laundering case, led by Frances Pencheon.

Jessica is also currently instructed on behalf of HMRC to prosecute a complex multi-handed fraud, led by Angus MacDonald.

Education

- BPTC (Very Competent)
- GDL (Distinction)
- MA Hons (2:1) International Relations, University of Edinburgh

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- North Eastern Circuit

Appointments

- Grade 3 General Crime
- Grade 2 Special Crime Division