

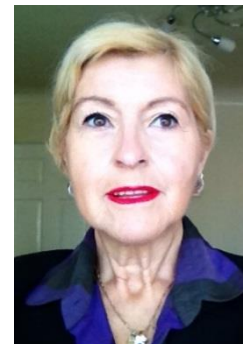
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## MILENA BENNETT

Milena was called to the Bar in **2012** and is a Member of Inner Temple

### *Specialisations :*

- Civil
- Crime (including Motoring Law)
- Family
- Prison



### *Qualifications :*

LLB (ii.i), LPC

### *Profile :*

Prior to being called to the Bar, Milena was a Higher Courts' Advocate since 2008 and previous to that she was a Solicitor.

Her life experience, common sense approach combined with strong advocacy skills makes her a resourceful and probing advocate. Attention to detail, clear advice and ability to inspire confidence in her clients makes her a highly respected Counsel with her clients. Milena originates from Bulgaria and speaks fluent Bulgarian. She also understands Russian and is able to clearly communicate with clients from the European Union.

Milena regularly represents defendants in criminal trials covering a wide range of complex cases including cases of rape, historical children sexual abuse cases, armed robbery cases and serious assault cases amongst others. An experienced advocate in cases of alleged money laundering and alleged breaches on Trade Marks laws and counterfeit goods. She regularly attends at the Court of Appeal in appeals against conviction or sentence.

Milena regularly defends cases of alleged careless driving, speeding, driving whilst disqualified, dangerous driving and causing serious injuries by dangerous driving.

Milena's civil cases include a recent High Court case contesting the legality of hand held speed testing guns and a number of landlord and tenant cases.

Milena deals with divorce matters including appearing in Finding of fact Hearings on behalf of parents in cases involving Social Services.

Milena appears before Parole Boards for hearings concerning release of prisoners or moving them to open prison environment.

Milena is accredited under the **Public Access Scheme** for direct instructions.

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***Notable Criminal Cases:***

R v Stephen Taker and others, 2015, Chester Crown Court, the judge discussed with the prosecution for them to offer no evidence against the client after cross examination of the main witness in a very serious assault case, reported in the newspapers.

R v DH, 2015, Manchester Crown Court, client acquitted of a 22 years old allegation of sexual assault by penetration, where he was arrested on an European Arrest Warrant and brought back to UK for trial

R v IR, 2014, Manchester Crown Court, client who was a masseur, acquitted on an allegation of a serious sexual assault against a client

R v GH, 2014, Manchester Crown Square Crown Court, client acquitted of an allegation of marital rape which resulted in the birth of a baby.

R v TG, 2014, Preston Crown Court, client acquitted of rape of his business partner's girlfriend which resulted in the birth of a baby

R v Michael Gill, 2014, Manchester Crown Court, after a Newton hearing lasting 3 days, the judge agreed with the defendant's basis of plea and sentenced him to 2 months in custody suspended.

R v PT, 2013, Manchester Crown Court, the client was acquitted of allegations of historical sexual abuse of his step-daughter at re-trial, after hung jury in his first trial

R v Marcus Gibson, 2012, Birmingham Crown Court, the client was convicted of a serious assault against a prison officer, however received a sentence concurrent to a sentence he was already serving in the same prison.

R v M Tannase and others, 2012, Manchester Crown Court, Prosecution offered no evidence after successful submissions of no case to answer at trial

R v AC, 2011, Manchester Crown Square Crown Court, client acquitted on an allegation of a serious sexual assault against a bedridden woman suffering from multiple sclerosis

R v Lee Rimmer, 2010, Derby Crown Court, the client acquitted of an allegation of a serious assault involving a broken bottle after an application to stay proceedings in his case was refused

R v Alan Barratt and others, 2010, Manchester Crown Court, client acquitted of an allegation of aggravated burglary after the jury agreed submissions by defence regarding the client's tattoos

**Notable Civil Cases**

Mohamed Kamil and Mohammed El Ghazze and Chandrakant Jiwa, 2013, Preston County Court, Breach of Lease matter

Aitken Brotherston, Daniel Oates-Lee, Alan Weedon, Count Stephen Komlosy and DPP, 2012, High Court of Justice, 2012, Appeal decision by a way of Case Stated in the lower courts, the case concerned the legality of use of speed cameras

***Other Languages :***

Bulgarian  
Russian

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