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Catherine is instructed in criminal and healthcare regulatory work.

## Criminal Work

Catherine is regularly instructed to defend serious criminal cases including rape, sexual assaults, drug importation and supply and cases involving serious violence and dishonesty. She has also been instructed as junior counsel in murder cases. An approachable and skilled advocate, over the last 17 years she has acquired considerable experience and is particularly adept at cross-examining vulnerable and difficult witnesses.

She is a Grade 3 prosecutor, and has been appointed to the RASSO Panel of prosecutors.

## Tribunals and Regulatory Crime

Catherine is also instructed to represent professionals facing disciplinary proceedings. She has also been instructed several times on behalf of the General Osteopathic Council in Committee proceedings and appeals. Her experience as a criminal advocate enables her to take a thorough and expeditious approach to disciplinary work.

Catherine has been instructed by the Federation Against Copyright Theft and Media Protection Services and has also travelled the UK prosecuting Trade Mark and Trade Descriptions cases for several Local Authorities.

Catherine has also lectured on regulatory crime to Local Authorities and at the Annual Trading Standards Conference.

## Education/Professional

- BA Hons in Spanish and French (Leeds University), PG Dip Law
- Languages: Spanish, French
- Member of the South Eastern Circuit and the Criminal Bar Association

