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Lou Lou is a caseworker in the Serious and Complex Crime team which litigates in high-profile and the most complex criminal and white-collar matters across England and Wales. Lou Lou obtained her degree in English Literature and Language (BA) from Hertford College at the University of Oxford before converting to law; completing her LLM at BPP University on a scholarship where she also served as President and co-Founder of the European Law Students Association.

As a caseworker in a busy Crown Court department, Lou Lou has assisted in multiple murder cases (Operation Pochade), high-value frauds (Operation Chaplegate) and drugs conspiracies (Operation Bagshot), litigating against agencies such as the MHRA, Serious Fraud Office and the NCA. Alongside this, she also manages her own active caseload of firearms, drugs, violent and sexual offences. She also defends in several cash detention and forfeiture matters as well as public justice offences such as breaches of Serious Harm Prevention Orders and perverting the course of justice.

Outside of her practice, Lou Lou has volunteered her legal insight pro-bono at several organisations including the Freedom Law Clinic, North Kensington Law Centre, Hammersmith and Fulham Law Centre, Hackney Law Centre, BPP Legal Advice Clinic, BPP Human Rights Unit and JENGBA (Joint Enterprise Not Guilty by Association).

## **Area of Practice**

**White Collar & Financial Crime**

### **Operation Chaplegate, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Lou Lou defends in a complex matter relating to a conspiracy to launder money in which the police seized just over £300,000 from the persons and addresses of those involved.

### **R v I, Inner London Crown Court**

Represented a client in a fraud matter worth a quarter of a million pounds, achieving a suspended sentence after meticulous preparation and mitigation on behalf of the client. Lou Lou continues to progress the case through confiscation proceedings.

### **R v V, Central Criminal Court**

Defended a client in a complex tobacco products fraud case at the Old Bailey. After several successful applications to exclude evidence and careful mitigation, the matter was concluded by way of a community order. In addition to the non-custodial result achieved with regards to the white-collar offences, the Crown also dropped charges in relation to the possession of extreme pornographic images which would have resulted in a record on the sex offender's register.

### **R v G, Luton Crown Court**

The defence advanced an effective portfolio of mitigation in this money laundering matter resulting in a suspended sentence in a case concerning a cash value of over £300,000.

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## **Homicide**

### **Operation Teaneck, Woolwich Crown Court**

Lou Lou was heavily involved in the defence of a client charged with murder, an offence of which he was acquitted following a two-week trial which featured defence expert reports in the fields of psychiatry, pathology and CCTV evidence.

### **Human Trafficking, Slavery, Prostitution & Facilitation**

### **Operation Fort, Birmingham Crown Court**

Lou Lou litigated in the UK's most extensive modern slavery prosecution to date which was also the subject of a Panorama documentary. More can be read at [BBC News](#).

### **Theft, Burglary & Robbery**

### **Operation Dare, Warwick Crown Court**

Litigated in a sophisticated conspiracy whereby commercial theft occurred over a period of years, incurring a half a million-pound loss to a popular high street retailer and leading to an estimated £50,000 benefit for the defendant alone, who was charged alongside four other individuals. Despite the value and sophistication of the alleged criminal property benefit, the defence successfully secured a suspended sentence for the client.

## **Drugs**

### **Operation Croxby, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

After advancing a successful defence in a drugs supply matter, the Crown proceeded to drop all charges in relation to the defendant before even reaching trial. Proceedings remained ongoing for

the co-defendant who was represented by other solicitors.

### **Operation Geras, Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Lou Lou defends a client in a complex conspiracy to supply Class A drugs matter. The operation is run by the Metropolitan Police's Central Specialist Crime unit following a finding that up to 25 children may have been criminally and/or sexually exploited in a county lines drug operation. Proceedings remain ongoing and approximately 5 kilos of Class A and B drugs alongside £90,000 cash was seized in an investigation culminating in five arrests and six Section 8 Warrants.

### **Sexual Offences**

### **R v H, Exeter Crown Court**

Defended a client charged with nine historic sexual offences against a minor who was related to the defendant, including one charge of rape of a female under 16. Following trial, the defendant was acquitted on all counts after just under two hours of jury deliberations which resulted in a unanimous verdict.

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