Anisa Kebbati

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Anisa Kebbati maintains a busy practice defending across a wide range of offences, including serious violence, sexual offences, drug-related matters and dishonesty offences.

Anisa has particular experience representing defendants who present with significant vulnerabilities and mental health difficulties, requiring a high level of empathy. She is known for her ability to build genuine rapport with lay and professional clients.

Prior to joining Chambers, Anisa spent two years as a paralegal at Shearman Bowen, supporting a partner of the firm. She gained significant experience in complex sexual assault cases, and also assisted on cases involving serious violence, EncroChat conspiracies, bribery, fraud and money laundering, while having conduct of cases in the Crown Court.

In October 2025, Anisa was instructed by the Government Legal Department to act on behalf of core participant, the Youth Justice Board, in Phase 1 of the Southport Inquiry. She was subsequently instructed to act in Phase 2 in which the main hearings started in September 2026. Further information here.

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

R v V [2026] Central Criminal Court

Led junior representing the second defendant charged with attempted murder, s18 GBH, violent disorder and possession of bladed article. The victim sustained serious injuries which involved a stab wound which penetrated his skull, damaging part of his brain, two stab wounds on the thigh and a punctured lung. This was a complex multi-handed trial which lasted 8 weeks.

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Violent Offences

Notable Violent Offences cases

R v OY [2026] Winchester Crown Court

Anisa successfully represented a client charged with threatening another with a bladed article, possession of a bladed article, and two counts of battery involving separate complainants.

R v SS [2026] Harrow Crown Court

Anisa represented the first defendant charged with affray and ABH.

R v HI [2025] Lincoln Crown Court

Represented a client charged with coercive or controlling behaviour and two counts of ABH. The trial lasted five days and involved meticulous preparation and analysis of large volumes of material. It also involved careful cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses.

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v UG [2026] Central Criminal Court

Represented a client at trial charged with two counts of sexual assault.

General Crime

Notable General Crime cases

R v KE [2026] Wood Green Crown Court

Anisa represented a vulnerable client at trial charged with breaching a restraining order. After a 3 day trial, the jury unanimously acquitted him.

R v SJ [2025] Kingston Crown Court

Anisa represented a vulnerable client charged with stalking (involving serious alarm/distress) and threatening to share an intimate photograph. The seriousness of the offences meant that the custody threshold had been met. After extensive mitigation Anisa successfully persuaded the judge that the offence fell into a lower category and obtained a community order of 24 months with requirements as opposed to a 10-month custodial sentence.

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R v LC [2025] Snaresbrook Crown Court

Represented a client charged with breaching his suspended sentence ("SSO") by failing to comply with his community requirements and committing three further offences shortly after the SSO was imposed. Anisa successfully persuaded the Judge to not activate the SSO. The SSO was extended with no additional hours to his unpaid work or RAR days. An additional SSO was imposed for the further offences to run concurrently.

Youth Court

Notable Youth Court cases

R v T [2026] Colchester Youth Court

Anisa is representing a youth client charged with multiple counts of possession with intent to supply class A and possession of criminal property.

R v M [2026] Willesden Youth Court

Represented a vulnerable youth client charged with two assaults, criminal damage and racially aggravated harassment/alarm/distress. Anisa assisted her instructing solicitors with drafting representations to the Crown. The representations referred the Crown to the CPS Guidance on "children as suspects and defendants" and submitted that it would not be in the public interest to prosecute given her client's complex needs and vulnerabilities. As a result, the Crown discontinued all matters against her client.

R v L [2025] Portsmouth Youth Court

Anisa represented a youth client charged with s.18 GBH (wounding with intent) at trial and secured an acquittal. Her client was alleged to have stabbed another youth when he was 15 years old. This case involved careful cross-examination of a child witness which enabled Anisa to highlight the inconsistencies in their account. Her client was found not guilty and retained his good character.

R v A [2025] Highbury Corner Youth Court

Represented a youth client charged with attempt s.18 GBH and possession of a bladed article. Her client was seen on CCTV attempting to stab another person more than 3 times with a large kitchen knife. The Crown submitted that on the adult guidelines this case could have potentially attracted a custodial sentence of 4-7 years custody. Anisa's client was given a Referral Order with an Intensive Contract for 12 months.

R v P [2025] Croydon Youth Court

Represented a youth client who was involved in two violent robberies. Anisa successfully secured a Youth Referral Order.

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Inquiries

Notable Inquiries cases

Southport Inquiry

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Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- Women in Criminal Law

Qualifications

- University of Southampton: LLB Law (Hons)
- University of Law: Bar Practice Course, Very Competent and LLM, Distinction
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple: Queen Mother Scholarship

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