



Grace McConnell

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Prior to joining chambers as a third-six pupil, Grace completed pupillage with the CPS in Wessex and qualified as a Crown Prosecutor.

During her first-six she spent time observing a number of Crown Court trials including RASSO trials. She also completed a five-week secondment to Drystone Chambers to experience defence work.

During her second-six, she prosecuted a large number of Magistrates' Court trials. These included offences such as threatening with a bladed article in a private place, ABH including strangulation, harassment, and driving offences. Grace has experienced dealing with interpreters, child and vulnerable witnesses. As well as trial courts, Grace regularly appeared in busy remand courts, enabling her to quickly get to grips with cases.

Additionally, Grace appeared in sentencing hearings in the Crown Court, including for sexual offences, coercive and controlling behaviour, strangulation and other violent offences.

During her legal studies, Grace volunteered for the British Red Cross as a Refugee Support Caseworker and worked for a small local legal services firm who provided unreserved services.

Qualifications

- University of Portsmouth: LLB Law, First Class Hons
- University of Law Bristol: Bar Practice Course, Very Competent and LLM, Distinction

Positions Held

- CPS Level 1 Advocate Panel