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Lidia has built a successful practice since becoming a tenant in August 2023.

Lidia prosecutes and defends before the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court. She also prosecutes on behalf of Local Authorities and the Insolvency Service on a range of matters.

Of note, Lidia obtained an acquittal in the Crown Court within 30 minutes. This was her first Crown Court trial. The trial was in front of the Resident Judge who complemented Lidia for her calmness and advocacy.

Lidia also persuaded the Crown Prosecution Service to drop charges against her client in a cultivation of Cannabis case, where the amount of Cannabis was over 100kg. The defendant's case was that he had been trafficked to the UK and that he played no part in the cultivation of the Cannabis.

Lidia secured an acquittal in the Magistrates' Court for a defendant who was accused of assaulting a care home resident. The allegation had been reported by another member of staff.

Prior to pupillage, Lidia worked for over 4 years as a Legal Adviser in the Magistrates' Court.

Lidia completed an internship at the [European Court of Human Rights](#) where she drafted reports and decisions on cases where the applicant had been a victim of rape, convicted of bribery or drug trafficking. One of her draft decisions was put before the Third Section of the Court and it is now a published judgment ([Toran and Schymik v Romania](#)).

Expertise

Crime

Notable Crime cases

R v AD & 17 Others [2024] Maidstone Crown Court

Represented defendant in a multi-handed trial (17 defendants), charged with conspiracy to commit "creeper style burglaries" of which there were 112 over a year and a half period. The prosecution relied on call data records, cell site and

ANPR evidence. After a 5-week trial, Lidia's client was unanimously acquitted. Lidia was instructed and ably assisted by Daniel Salter of Edwards Duthie Shamash, Solicitors.

Qualifications

LLB Law
BPTC

Languages

Lidia is a native Romanian and fluent Spanish speaker