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Cally Gormally is a criminal defence solicitor who acts for individuals accused in the full range of offences. She provides robust, considered advice throughout the life of a criminal investigation.

Cally prides herself on providing a bespoke service based on her clients' needs and long term best interests. She has had significant success at the early stages of a police enquiry: often managing to avoid matters proceeding beyond an initial allegation.

Cally's determination to dig deep into a case's investigatory and evidential deficiencies has enabled her to build a strong track record of concluding criminal investigations with no further action being taken against her clients.

She has a wealth of experience advising in police interviews. Cally's pre-charge advice has included drafting detailed letters of representations to end a case without charge; litigating in the magistrates' and Crown Courts; and advising on appeals and associated confiscation proceedings.

Cally qualified at another top-ranking London criminal defence firm before working at a boutique practice. She joined Hickman & Rose in 2025.

She is an active committee member of Women in Criminal Law, and member of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association (LCCSA) and London Irish Lawyers Association (LILA).

Areas of Expertise

Police investigations

Cally has many years' experience providing legal guidance at police stations, where she has

represented individuals in interviews under caution. She frequently attends the police station for voluntary interviews, or interviews upon arrest. She has acted for both children and adults.

When it serves her clients' best interests, she engages proactively with the police to foster a constructive relationship to maximise co-operation and secure the most favourable outcome.

Sexual offences

Cally frequently represents clients facing the prospect of investigation / prosecution for sexual offences. She has substantial expertise advising individuals accused of rape and sexual assault as well as offences involving children and indecent images. Cally has worked on both contemporaneous and non-recent sexual offence allegations.

Her deep understanding of the sensitive and complex nature of these cases enables her to manage matters that are often highly emotional and challenging. Cally combines a meticulous and assertive application of the law with a compassionate and client-focused approach.

Ending a criminal investigation

Cally has had considerable success persuading both the police and the Crown Prosecution Service not to pursue criminal charges against her clients, whilst ensuring that the allegations remain outside the public domain.

She also advises clients on potential alternative resolutions to minimise the impact of an investigation or prosecution on their professional and personal lives.

Violent offences

Cally has extensive experience representing clients under investigation or charged with violent offences, ranging from assaults, strangulation, robbery, firearms offences, false imprisonment, and murder.

She is highly skilled in defending individuals whose involvement with the police arose from a moment of crisis or unexpected conflict. Cally is known to secure the withdrawal of charges or negotiation to a lesser offence.

Youth justice and mental health

Cally has extensive experience supporting young and vulnerable people accused of criminal offences. She frequently acts for people with cognitive vulnerabilities, mental health challenges, or special educational needs. She works closely with psychiatrists, psychologists, and intermediaries to ensure the complex needs of her clients in these matters are fully understood and accommodated.

She is committed to diverting individuals away from the criminal justice system wherever possible and understands the profound impact a conviction can have on a child's future.

Cally has a proven record of persuading the police to conclude matters either by taking no further action or through out-of-court disposals. She has also successfully secured the discontinuance of

proceedings on the basis that a client's mental health circumstances render prosecution contrary to the public interest. In cases involving mental health issues, Cally has obtained absolute discharges, hospital orders, and significantly reduced sentences.