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Aileen is a hugely experienced solicitor who represents individuals facing the full range of criminal allegations, from the most serious on the statute book to charges which, whilst relatively minor, pose a disproportionately large threat to her clients' reputations and livelihoods.

In over 30 years of legal practice she has successfully represented individuals accused of assaults, drugs trafficking and murder, as well as fraud, corruption and money laundering. She is a highly approachable lawyer who takes pride in building an excellent rapport with her clients.

As well as criminal defence, Aileen offers legal advice to individuals who find themselves caught up in criminal investigations or proceedings, either as witnesses or victims. She also advises in complex confiscation proceedings and is particularly adept in cases where there are overlapping criminal and professional disciplinary proceedings.

Aileen is a founder member and current secretary of Women in Criminal Law and is also a member of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors Association, the Fraud Lawyers' Association and the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

She trained at Kingsley Napley and was the co-founder of Oury Clark, solicitors when she was ranked as a top tier individual in Chambers directory. She joined Hickman & Rose in 2011.

Areas of Expertise

Murder, Manslaughter, Violent & Sexual Crime

Aileen has successfully represented individuals accused of the most serious crimes, including murder, manslaughter and both violent and sexual assault. She is ferociously dedicated to holding

the authorities to their obligations under the law.

She has a particular interest and expertise in cases where the accused has a history of serious mental illness and has successfully run the difficult defence of automatism in a number of cases.

Acquisitive Crimes

Aileen has a long history of successfully representing clients facing allegations of theft, fraud, conspiracy to defraud, money laundering and corruption.

Professionally Damaging Allegations

Aileen works closely with colleagues in Hickman & Rose's Business Crime, Regulatory Law and Civil Law teams – as well as with outside experts – to provide specialist representation to HNW and high-profile individuals facing criminal allegations.

She specialises in representing professionals facing both serious and minor allegations which hold the potential to be reputationally ruinous. She has, for example, represented professional individuals facing criminal investigation for crimes connected with drink, drugs and motoring. She has had significant success not only in ensuring these issues are dealt with efficiently, but also at ensuring that any unmerited allegations remain firmly outside the public domain.

What Others Say

- “Recommended Lawyer” in General Crime – *Legal 500, 2021*
- “Recommended Lawyer” in Crime – *Chambers UK, 2021*