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Criminal Law

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Professional memberships

Criminal Bar Association

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South Eastern Circuit

## Profile

### Recommendations

"A highly effective and no-nonsense advocate."

Legal 500 2017

### Appointments

Grade 4 CPS panel Advocate (London and South East)

Grade 4 CPS Serious Crime Panel

CPS rape specialist

Regulatory List □ Care Quality Commission (List B)

Legal Assessor at the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

Approved Advocacy and the Vulnerable Facilitator

Approved Pupil Supervisor

## Education

LLB (King's College London)  
Maîtrise en droit français (Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne)

## Practice

Nina Ellin is an experienced specialist criminal practitioner who undertakes both prosecution and defence work across all areas of the criminal spectrum, including serious sexual misconduct, drugs, serious violence, organised crime, fraud and dishonesty.

She has particular experience in cases involving vulnerable witnesses, both in relation to physical and sexual abuse as well as domestic violence. She has used intermediaries on a number of occasions.

Cases have involved child familial abuse (recent and historic), stranger attacks, abuse of trust involving professionals/persons in a position of authority and gang related sexual abuse. Witnesses have included very young children, teenagers and young people, mentally disordered and vulnerable adults.

Nina Ellin has also prosecuted for various local authorities in relation to unfair trade practices, fraud and Housing Act offences.

She has been appointed as a Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and has experience in the field of professional disciplinary work.

## Cases Undertaken

### R v L [2019]

Successfully prosecuted a man who conducted a campaign of rape and sexual abuse against a female aged between 10 and 20. He was jailed for 21 years with a 5 year extended licence.

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### R v Sandulache [2019]

Successfully prosecuted a lorry driver for causing death by dangerous driving, who was involved in a fatal collision whilst watching a TV programme on his phone.

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### R v Belovas [2019]

Defended a member of a gang involved in a BMW car part conspiracy.

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R v Ali [2019]: Successfully prosecuted a retired GP in relation to a sexual assault of a family friend and former patient.

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R v Tamakloe and Others [2018]: Lead prosecuting counsel in the final series of trials (17 defendants in total) relating to a conspiracy to rob and firearms allegations arising from a violent planned robbery of a traveller site by gangs from the south east. The men involved were masked and carrying an array of weapons including firearms as they entered the site and tied up and threatened the occupants including children. The case was factually complex and there were thousands of pages of evidence. It involved phone and cell site evidence, items found at the scene and other locations, ANPR, forensic and other evidence.

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R v Obasa and Others [2018]: Prosecution counsel in a case involving the sexual assault of a young female at a party, who was extremely drunk and unconscious at times. She was sexually assaulted and filmed in a state of undress and being abused. She was also urinated on by a males, including Obasa. The defendant Obasa admitted the offence of sexual assault during cross-examination and pleaded guilty to that count during the trial. The footage obtained was shared around with others on social media.

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R v Cato and Gordon [2018]: Prosecuted a case concerning a targeted burglary of a flat and theft of a number of valuable items from the flat of a reality star, including car keys and then a Mercedes car, parked in the parking space underneath the flats. There was gratuitous ransacking and damage caused to items of property and the fabric of the flat itself.

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R v H [2018]: Successfully defended a former Detective Inspector following allegations of sexual assault on a female he met through PlentyofFish.com. The couple ended up back at his flat, where there were references made to Christian Grey from Fifty Shades of Grey. The complainant made allegations of rough kissing, spitting in her mouth, grabbing her face and twisting her nose, as well as other serious sexual assaults described as rough and painful.

There were significant factual differences between the allegations made and the defendant's account and the trial also raised issues of BDSM and consent. There were also significant failings in the police investigation and in relation to disclosure.

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R v B [2018]: Successfully defended a retired senior fire fighter charged with historic allegations of rape and serious sexual assault. The allegations dated back 30-40 years.

R v M [2017]: Successfully defended an Albanian illegal immigrant charged with sexual offences, where part of his defence was that he was not in the UK at the material time. It was necessary to call a Greek legal expert to demonstrate that Greek documents which he had in his possession had been obtained in Greece by him, at a time when it was said he was in the UK, and to support his alibi.

R v Y [2016]: Successfully defended a 72 year old man charged with sexual offences against his niece during the 1970s.

R v Leppard & Others [2016]: Successfully prosecuted a young male for the rape of a female who was unconscious through drink, which was videoed by her friend on a mobile phone.

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R v Stilwell & Stribling [2016]: Prosecuted two men charged with facilitating the illegal entry into the UK of 18 people on a RHIB dingy.

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R v WM [2016]: Successfully defended a 75 year old man charged with offences of indecent assault on a male and buggery dating back to the late 1970s.

R v B [2016]: Successfully defended a man charged with cruelty (neglect) relating to an occasion when he was visiting his girlfriend's home and her young child went missing.

R v Jackson [2016]: Successfully prosecuted a builder charged with fraud and unfair trade practice offences related to the overcharging of elderly home-owners for poor quality or non-existent repairs to their homes. Sentence was appealed, see: [2017] EWCA Crim 78.

R v B [2015]: Successfully defended a 69 year old man facing serious sexual allegations made by his step-daughter dating back to the 1970s. Although now an adult, the complainant required the assistance of an intermediary during her evidence.

R v T [2015]: Successfully prosecuted (as junior counsel to Philippa McAtasney QC) a father charged with serious sexual offences, including rape against his wife, and natural daughters, who both had significant mental health difficulties by the time of the hearing and required the use of an intermediary – one of them becoming selectively mute during the trial.

R v Ward & Others [2014]: Successfully prosecuted (as junior counsel to John O'Higgins) a 14 handed conspiracy to defraud and money laundering, involving a scam on multiple elderly victims resulting in over £250,000 worth of money being defrauded.

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R v Adesanya [2014]: Successful prosecution of a fashion stylist accused of fraud and theft from multiple victims of high value jewellery loaned to him under the false pretext of it being used for fashion shoots for specific magazines.

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R v Molloy [2014]: Successful defence of a lorry driver accused of importing 360 kg of cannabis into the UK.

R v Hassan [2014]: Successful prosecution of a young male for attempted rape of a drunken female in the grounds of a block of flats in south London, where the issue was consent.

R v JF [2014]: Successfully responded on behalf of the CPS to the appeal against sentence which followed the defendant's conviction for the sexual assault of a profoundly deaf victim (see below): Reported - R v JF [2014] EWCA Crim 1034.

R v JF [2013]: Junior prosecution counsel (to Eleanor Laws QC) in a case concerning sexual allegations involving a victim with profound deafness, learning difficulties and severe communication problems. Two intermediaries working together were required in order to enable the victim to give evidence and parameters for cross-examination were set during an extensive ground rules hearing.

R v S [2013]: Defended a young adult male who was found unfit to plead and stand trial in relation to allegations of rape and sexual misconduct made by two boys.

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R v B [2013]: Prosecuted allegations of historic rape and sexual misconduct on a female from the age of under 13 years into adulthood (prosecuting counsel – trial). Defendant convicted and received 17 years.

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R v S [2013]: Successfully defended a mother charged with child cruelty (neglect) when her four month old son received severe head injuries at the hands of his father (leading defence counsel - trial).

R v P [2013]: Defended allegations of assault by penetration and sexual assault of a girl under 10 by her mother's boyfriend (defendant acquitted).

R v Heffer [2013]: Successful appeal to the Court of Appeal against sentence for ABH - reported at [2013] EWCA Crim 253.

R v M [2012]: Defended a rape allegation concerning a brother and sister (aged under 16), where the defence was consent. The defendant was acquitted after trial.

R v H [2012]: Successfully prosecuted the natural grandfather of a 9 year old autistic girl in relation to sexual allegations. The use of an intermediary was required at trial.

R v E [2012]: Successful prosecution in relation to allegations of kidnap and sexual assault by a stranger on a 13 year old girl (prosecution).

R v Sivakumar [2011]: Fraud in breach of trust by an employee using customer credit cards (defence). Successfully appealed sentence to the Court of Appeal, reported at [2011] EWCA Crim 1594.

R v Parker and Steele [2010]: Causing death by dangerous driving (trial - prosecution).

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## Teaching

Nina Ellin has been approved as a Facilitator for the Advocacy and the Vulnerable training programme and facilitates at training days at the Inner Temple. She also acted as group leader at an advocacy training weekend at Highgate House in May 2019 run by Inner Temple.

Nina has lectured to the CPS RASSO unit in Kent as well as to local solicitors and colleagues on

matters relating to vulnerable victims, the use of intermediaries and ground rules.

She has spoken at the "Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing: Safeguarding Children from Sexual Exploitation" symposium hosted by the [Public Policy Exchange](#) in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and at the Public Policy Exchange Event on Serious and Organised Crime in 2016.

She has also lectured at the Child Safeguarding Conference hosted by the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine in relation to evidence and forensic issues.

Nina Ellin taught on the Bar Vocational Course between 2007 and 2009. She has a Certificate in Academic Practice (City University, London) in 2009.

Languages

Fluent French  
Good German