

# Berenice Mulvanny

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## Drugs Offences

Berenice Mulvanny is a specialist criminal law barrister instructed on the most serious offences on the Western Circuit, including drugs conspiracies. She both prosecutes and defends and is a highly sought-after junior, having been led on a number of serious cases.

### Example cases include:

**R v N and others 2023:** Portsmouth Crown Court. Multi handed conspiracy to supply class A- an EncroChat operation.

**R v S 2022:** Southampton Crown Court. Multi handed conspiracy to supply class A.

**R v M and others 2022:** Southampton Crown Court. Defending a youth charged with importation of cannabis along with 22 co-defendants. Acquitted after trial.

**R v L 2020:** Southampton Crown Court. Possession with intent to supply. Modern Slavery Act defence with a National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referral.

**R v T 2018:** Winchester Crown Court. Operation Crosslands. Supplying a controlled drug of class A to another

**R v B 2017:** Southampton Crown Court. Possession of a synthetic cannabinoid spice (legal high) with intent to supply after the new legislation came into force

**Operation Pretty 2016 - 2017:** Southampton Crown Court. Defending multiple defendants charged with possession with intent to supply class A

**R v R 2016:** Portsmouth Crown Court. Conspiracy to supply cocaine. The "Sugar network"

## Recommendations

Berenice Mulvanny is a well-respected criminal barrister with experience in cases involving sexual offences and child abuse. She is a Grade 4 RASSO prosecutor for the CPS.

Strengths: "She is very talented and she has great client care skills and she is very respected by local judges."

**Chambers UK 2025/Crime/Western Bar**

Strengths: "Berenice is a very articulate and persuasive advocate."

"Her advocacy is excellent and she is particularly good with vulnerable witnesses, especially children."

"Her communication is superb, as is her timeliness."

**Chambers UK 2024/Crime/Western Bar**

Strengths: "Berenice has an amazing work ethic and is very knowledgeable of the law."

**Chambers UK 2023/Crime/Western Bar**

'Berenice is a thoughtful advocate. She is well-prepared.'

**Legal 500 2025/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Juniors/ Western Circuit**

'The combination of skill, hard work and compassion which Berenice brings has earned her an excellent reputation amongst instructing solicitors, colleagues and judges alike.'

**Legal 500 2024/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Juniors/ Western Circuit**

'Berenice is a very impressive barrister - she is extremely combative whilst also being very pleasant to deal with. She is extremely well prepared and a very engaging advocate - clear, incisive, organised. Judges are impressed by her.'

**Legal 500 2023/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit**

"I just wanted to say that Berenice Mulvanny has been without a shadow of a doubt the greatest recommendation from any chambers that I have taken a punt on in my more than 35 years of doing this job. I know both the case and I would have driven her mad at times, but she has been sensational from start to finish. I sat through the majority of the trial and her advocacy and client care were simply first class.....I just cannot speak highly enough of her, will absolutely look to instruct her moving forward (for anything out in the sticks of course), and have no doubt that she is destined for greatness."

**Steve Foster, Foster and Coleman**

"If at all possible, can Berenice Mulvanny from 3PB be allocated to this brief. I suspect that a joinder application will have to be made, she has the relevant grade 4 qualification. From a previous court case I was very impressed with her. Her overall manner and comprehensive grasp of sexual offences along with covert tactics were excellent."

**Regional Organised Crime Unit**

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**Instructing solicitor**

"I was really impressed with the client care that Berenice provided to my youth client throughout his Crown Court trial and her obvious understanding of the adaptations that should be made when dealing with youth clients. She skilfully negotiated a less than straightforward trial whilst establishing rapport with my client and ensuring he fully understood developments in his case. Her preparation of the case and advocacy were first class and she was a pleasure to work with."

**Instructing Solicitor**

"I am very pleased with the outcome and what has been achieved on my behalf. This was the best experience of solicitor and barrister care out of the 25 years I have been going through the Courts. I would like to thank everyone involved and I have recommended Eric Robinson Solicitors to someone else, who has already written to you over the weekend in order to represent him. Thank you so much."

**Criminal Defence client**

"I would like to thank you for your amazing work with a somewhat challenging client. The correct verdict is entirely down to your hard work and superb presentation of his case. I cannot thank you enough. I would be saying the same even if he had not had this outcome as I have been highly impressed with the work seen and it is evident that you have done your utmost on his behalf."

#### **On behalf of a Criminal Defence client**

"From a previous court case I was very impressed with Berenice. Her overall manner and comprehensive grasp of sexual offences along with covert tactics were excellent. So much so, I have asked for her to be allocated to another case."

#### **Criminal Prosecution client**

"Words cannot express how grateful we are to have you provide X's defence. From our first meeting you provided confidence and reassurance, obviously recognising the pressure X and the family were under. You have not only enabled X to pursue the life he planned but lifted a massive weight from the whole family. Many thanks."

#### **Criminal Defence client**

## **Academic qualifications**

- BVC, College of Law
- LLB(Hons), University of Kent, Canterbury

## **Scholarships**

- Middle Temple Harmsworth Scholarship

## **Professional bodies**

- Criminal Bar Association
- Grade 4 Prosecutor
- Middle Temple
- Western Circuit
- Rape and Serious Sexual Assault accredited prosecutor
- Counter Terrorism specialist prosecutor
- Serious Crime specialist prosecutor
- Deputy District Judge (Magistrates' Courts)