



# Holly Fagan

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## Firearms

**R v G [2025] (defending)** - Possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence (3 defendants): Holly's client was acquitted halfway through the trial after a successful legal argument where the judge agreed her client had no case to answer.

Holly completed training on how to effectively cross-examine a firearms expert as part of the New Practitioners' Training Course in 2025.

## Recommendations

"It was a very difficult trial and you came through it very well. You never lost your poise, you impressed me with your coolness under fire, you made good points throughout and in your final speech. I thought your cross-examination of the complainant was very good and laid the ground well for the trial." **Crown Court Judge**

"I have never had someone fight my corner like you have." **Client**

"I noticed on your sentencing notes that you are still doing pupillage – not something I would have otherwise guessed from the confidence with which you dealt with the various cases you presented. Your very thorough sentencing notes were of great assistance, not least because you distilled the facts of the cases succinctly and your application of the relevant sentencing guidelines was considered and reasonable. This was particularly so in relation to the case of R v B, where you marshalled the facts of multiple offences over a number of different incidents capably and concisely in both your written and oral advocacy. Furthermore, your overall manner in Court was calm and assured." **Crown Court Judge**

"You were excellent. Your questions were well-structured and helpful. We are pleased to get this trial done in one day and that is largely down to you and your succinct and focused questioning." **Chair of the Magistrates'**, after prosecuting a two-handed full day trial with teenage defendants.

"Holly, you are nothing short of brilliant. Thank you!" **Criminal Defence solicitor**

## Academic qualifications

- BPTC, BPP London (Very Competent)
- GDL, BPP London (Distinction)
- BA History, University of Leeds (2.1)

## **Scholarships**

- The Reader's Scholarship (Middle Temple)
- Career Commitment Scholarship (BPP London)

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

CPS Grade 2 General Crime Panel

## **Professional bodies**

- Middle Temple
- Women in Criminal Law