



Twanieka Alcindor

YEAR OF CALL: 2015; ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, JAMAICA (2020)



Twanieka is an experienced junior barrister who defends exclusively in criminal law and appears in the Youth, Magistrates', Crown Courts and Court of Appeal. Twanieka accepts instructions on both a private and public basis.

She is known for her outstanding work-ethic and willingness to fight fearlessly for her clients, even where the odds appear stacked against them. Her down-to-earth nature enables her to build a rapport with clients from all backgrounds, and she is noted by Judges and clients alike for her ability to present complex evidence and legal terminology in a jury-friendly manner.

Twanieka is a barrister with experience in defending in criminal law at all levels, and a practice founded largely upon community-ties and support.

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CRIMINAL DEFENCE

Twanika's criminal law practice has particular emphasis in youth and vulnerable clients, drugs (including county lines), and knife-crime and weapon offences. Twanika has represented clients in a variety of matters in the Police Station, Youth/ Magistrates Court and Crown Court and has built a reputation of being professional, relatable and empathetic, particularly with vulnerable and youth clients.

NOTABLE CASES

Rex v TS [2024] – Murder (multi-handed) (Operation Wheelstep), led junior (acquitted)

Rex v JW [2023] – Convey list A and B articles into prison

Rex v MS [2023] – GBH with intent

Rex v LE [2023] – Possession with intent to supply drugs

R v JN [2022] - GBH with intent (acquitted)

R v DM [2022] - Possession of an offensive weapon in private (case dismissed)

R v IS [2022] - Dangerous Driving - high speed police chase (acquitted)

R v GO [2022] - Possession of a bladed article in public (acquitted)

R v M [2022] - Conspiracy to defraud (multi-handed) multi-million-pound ticketing fraud, led junior

DP v R [2022] - Appeal against Sentence (Appeal allowed)

R v LC [2021] - Assault against an emergency worker (acquitted)

R v NC [2021]- Breach of restraining order (acquitted)

R v CO [2021] - Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (county lines)

R v TM [2021] - Burglary

Y (disclosure to MPS) [2021] EWFC B33

R v WA [2021] - Kidnap, false imprisonment, assault, and blackmail

R v ZP [2021] - Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (acquitted)

R v NC [2021] - Breach of restraining order

R v EA [2020] - Multi-handed knife-crime Murder

R v AJ [2020] - Multi-handed Gang Related Murder involving firearms, led junior

R v ER [2019] - Multi-handed Murder, GBH, Arson with intent to endanger life, led junior

R v RT [2019] - Possession of indecent child images

R v TK [2019] - Racially Aggravated GBH

R v KS [2019] - Possession of offensive weapons with intent to endanger life

R v OA [2018] - Multi-handed GBH trial involving a stabbing and firearms

R v TC [2017] - Possession of offensive weapons

R v TJ [2016] - Conspiracy to supply class A drugs, county lines.

ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

In addition to her general criminal law practice, Twanika frequently represents clients in road traffic and driving offences.

NOTABLE CASES

R v YB [2020] - Carried in a motor vehicle TWOC (acquitted)

R v AM [2019] – Permitting another to use a motor vehicle without insurance (acquitted).

R v KS [2019] – Failing to provide specimen, and driving whilst unfit through drugs (acquitted).

R v JH [2019] - Failure to stop, report an accident, and driving without due care and attention (acquitted).

PUBLIC INQUIRIES

Twanika accepts instructions in inquiries, and was previously Junior Counsel to The Undercover Police Inquiry (2022- 2023) HMRC – Disclosure Counsel 2023.

BACKGROUND

Twanika is qualified to practice as an Attorney-at-law in the Commonwealth Caribbean Island of Jamaica (2017), having been admitted to the Roll of Attorneys-at-Law in 2020, where she has a general legal practice including Crime, Property and Family law matters.

In 2020, Twanika was awarded the 'Rising Star - Legal Services Innovator of the Year' by the Women in Law Awards in recognition of her work promoting diversity within the legal profession, and ongoing training and mentorship of women and those from non-traditional legal backgrounds in their legal careers.

In 2014, Twanieka founded a pro bono organisation in Lambeth, 'Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen', and qualified as an Attorney-at-Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean island of Jamaica in 2017.

Prior to qualification, Twanieka gained 14 years' experience working as a paralegal, police station accredited representative and legal consultant at Tuckers Solicitors (Legal 500), LLM Solicitors, and Judge and Priestley Solicitors (Legal 500).

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

She has also previously featured as a Guest Lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire on the undergraduate law programme.

AWARDS

Lambeth Civic Award – Councillors' Choice- (Local Innovative Service) – Winner (2024)
Weekly Gleaner UK Honour Awards (Business and Commerce) – Finalist (2023)
Weekly Gleaner UK Honour Awards (Charity and Volunteering) – Finalist (2022)
Rising Star - Legal Services Innovator, Women in Law Awards (2020)
Cecile Yahuda Prize, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2018)
Geoffrey Veal Prize, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2018)
Significant Contribution to Pro-bono Award, BPP Holborn, (2013)
Judges Award for Rxcellence, University of Hertfordshire (2012)
Major Exhibition Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2012)
Duke of Edinburgh Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2012)

EDUCATION

Attorney-at-Law, Jamaica (2020)
Certificate of Legal Education, Norman Manley Law School, Jamaica (2017)
BPTC - (Very Competent), BPP Holborn (2015)
LLM E-Commerce- (Distinction), University of Hertfordshire (2012)
LLB (Hons), University of Hertfordshire (2010)

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