

Tenant

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Crime

## Experience

Zani regularly defends in many areas of criminal law including serious violent offences, sexual offences, drug trafficking, kidnap, robbery, firearms offences, fraud and confiscation proceedings.

Recently, Zani has been led in a multi-handed rape trial, represented a member of a large armed robbery gang accused of 134 offences and was the advocate in a complex 3 week argument involving prosecution witnesses refusing to give evidence at trial due to fear.

Zani has lectured at the University of Westminster and at solicitor seminars. She is also a former volunteer at the Paddington Law Centre and currently sits on the Board of Directors at her local Community Centre.

Zani received an honours degree in Politics & International Relations from Reading University before going on to complete the CPE at City University. Prior to commencing her legal training, Zani was a housing officer dealing exclusively with homeless people. Whilst doing this she saw firsthand that many of their issues – such as mental health, substance abuse, unemployment and criminality – regrettably provided an often unavoidable gateway into the criminal justice system. This provided her with the impetus to pursue a legal career.

Zani's outside interests include tennis, entertaining, current affairs and southern African history and development.