

Laura Peto

Laura secured tenancy in September 2025 after completing a specialist criminal pupillage under the supervision of [Andrew Walker](#). Before coming to the bar, Laura gained a variety of experience across different areas of law including criminal, family and civil. This involved undertaking work experience for prominent Newcastle-based firms and chambers, such as Richard Haswell Solicitors, New Park Court and Dere Street. Laura also worked for both Clyde & Co and Kennedys specialising in both personal injury and specialist liability by managing a caseload of multi-million pound claims. She also dealt with sensitive evidence involving abuse of the care process within foster homes and local authorities.



During her pupillage she assisted in complex matters of sexual violence, coercive and controlling behaviour, fraud, and drug-related offences. She has since put this into practice, where she both defends and prosecutes. She has been successful in Magistrates' and Crown Court matters, receiving praise from clients and judges alike for her case management as well as honest and impartial advice.

During her second six, Laura drafted and submitted Res Gestae applications, submissions of no case to answer and sentencing notes in the Crown Court. She undertook a wide variety of CPS sessions work, both in the GAP/NGAP courts as well as prosecuting back-to-back trials. She has also completed Youth Court work and intends to explore this further in her practice.

Laura is instructed by the Police, Probation Service and CPS, as well as local and regional solicitor firms. She has appeared at multiple courts across Circuit including Newcastle, Teesside, York, Carlisle, North/South Tyneside, Bedlington and Newton Aycliffe.

YEAR OF CALL

2024

AREAS OF PRACITCE

CRIME

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Qualifications

BPP University Law School Leeds: BTC and joint legal masters (LLM bar) – very competent

University of York Law School: Batchelor of Laws in Law – upper second class degree

Awards and Prizes

Joseph Petty Prize for Best Intending Law Student (2018)

BPP's Advocate of the Year Advocacy Competition (2020) – runner up

University of York Roses Moot (2021)- winner

BPP Scholarship Award for Career Commitment (2022)