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Sarah O'Kane

Sarah has a professional but friendly approach to her work and is able to adapt to the needs of her different clients; she strives to provide a first-rate service to those requiring representation.

Sarah approaches each of her cases with a fresh mind, has an eye for detail and is meticulous in her preparation.

Immediately prior to her life at the Bar, Sarah worked for a city-based firm of criminal defence and prison law solicitors where she was responsible for a full caseload of general crime matters, as well as dealing with high-profile fraud cases. Sarah therefore understands the pressures upon her professional clients and is always keen to work with them to assist with the smooth running of a case.

Asset Forfeiture & Confiscation

Sarah has been instructed in various matters involving cash forfeiture and confiscation. She has sought to negotiate agreed terms as to confiscation but has fully contested matters when required.

R v D – contested confiscation hearing over a number of days dealing with issues both as to benefit and available amount.

R v R – negotiated confiscation order on agreeable terms; dealt with and obtained extension for time to pay thereafter.

R v T – instructed to deal with confiscation proceedings relating to what was heralded possibly the biggest cannabis factory found in England with the potential to afford a multi-million pound profit.

Criminal Defence

Sarah has been instructed in criminal defence cases covering a wide range of offences, dealing with a variety of evidence and with both vulnerable Defendants and witnesses.

R v L – defended in high-profile trafficking and controlling prostitution case

R v L – defended in case involving a care worker accused of numerous sexual

assaults upon a child in care.

R v L – defended in a case of gross negligence manslaughter involving a nurse who transfused a wrong unit of blood

R v F – defended in a multi-handed conspiracy to burgle and steal which involved mass surveillance, ANPR and cell-site material.

R v M – defended in conspiracy to burgle and steal case involving high value cars

R v T – defended in multi-handed historic sex case spanning 15 years and involving young and vulnerable witnesses.

R v H – defended in multi-handed Class A drugs conspiracy trial.

Criminal Prosecution

Sarah prosecutes at Grade 3 level.

R v O and A – prosecuted in case involving international inheritance scam and money-laundering.

R v P – case of child abduction involving Defendant relying on hypo-mania as a reasonable excuse and which involved expert evidence

R v J – prosecuted case alleging sexual assault which involved extensive telephone data

Fraud & Financial Crime

Sarah is instructed in fraud matters from low-value cases to those involving millions of pounds.

R v B – Defended in conspiracy to defraud case involving a multi-million pound boiler fraud.

R v B – Defended in multi-handed complex VAT fraud involving a Defendant with international business interests.

Professional Memberships

Member of the CBA

Awards, Qualifications & Other

Sarah is Diplock scholar.

Grade 3 CPS Counsel