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EDUCATION

1998 - 2002 - University of Sheffield

Degree: LLB Law

Classification: First Class Honours

2002 - 2003 – Nottingham Law School

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)

PRACTICE

Acting for both the prosecution and defence, Charlotte is a specialist criminal practitioner with experience in a wide range of criminal matters, including the following:

- Fraud and Money Laundering offences
- Violent offences
- Drugs offences
- Public Order offences
- Sexual offences
- Dishonesty offences
- Road Traffic offences
- Environmental offences
- Confiscation proceedings

Charlotte has particular experience of large and complex fraud cases including money laundering offences. She has been involved in a number of VHCCs dealing with voluminous case papers, requiring extensive and detailed case preparation. Charlotte is at home with the complex evidential analysis that these cases require.

Charlotte prosecutes on behalf of the CPS (Category 2), DWP and Local Authorities.

NOTABLE CASES

R v. Williams & Ors – VHCC - 2nd Junior representing the Director of a company in a multi-million pound bank fraud with attempts to launder the proceeds internationally resulting in a Trial of 4 months (Southwark, London).

R v. Desmond & Ors – VHCC - 2nd Junior in a large-scale, multi-handed red diesel fraud resulting in a Trial lasting 3 months (Leeds).

R v. Siegler & Ors – VHCC - 2nd Junior in a multi-million pound international advanced fee fraud resulting in a Trial lasting 4 months (Liverpool).

R v. Hornsby & Ors – VHCC - 2nd Junior acting for the Financial Director of a large distance learning company. Trial arose out of the collapse of the Government's Individual Learning Account scheme. The fraud attracted widespread national reporting including Watchdog, The News of the World and the Today programme. Trial lasted 5 months (Teesside).

R v. Shaw & Ors – 2nd Junior in a large, multi-handed cigarette VAT tax evasion case (Manchester).

R v. Singh & Ors – ongoing VHCC – 2nd Junior acting for the Chairman of a distance learning company. The case involves the collapse of the Government's Individual Learning Account scheme.

R v. Markowski – Trial of man charged with s.18 Grievous Bodily Harm accused of driving over a female in a car.

R v. Reader – Trial of man charged with Possession with Intent to Supply a large amount of Class A drugs.

R v. McEvilly – Man charged with s.18 wounding (stabbing).

South Ribble Borough Council v O'Kane Poultry Limited – Defending a Company against Food Health and Safety allegations.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Northern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Gray's Inn