

Ayesha Smart

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Clerks' Details

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Appointments

Recorder on the North East Circuit in Crime

Screening Committee Chair of the British Psychoanalytical Council

CPS General Crime Panel – Grade 3
CPS Serious Crime Panel – Grade 3
CPS RASSO Panel

Memberships

North Eastern Circuit
Gray's Inn
Criminal Bar Association
UK Centre for Animal Law

Education

LLM in Medical Law and Ethics -
University of Edinburgh
LLB (hons) - BPP University
BSc (hons) in Medical Science -
University of Leeds

Criminal CV

Ayesha both prosecutes and defends in all areas of criminal law. She is instructed in the full range of criminal cases from homicide, drug trafficking, serious violence, sexual offences and fraud, often requiring a level of expertise and skill normally associated with somebody of much more senior call.

Ayesha has specific expertise in drug conspiracies, modern slavery and serious crime where there are medical issues. She is adept at dealing with expert evidence both in relation to presentation before juries and cross-examination.

Ayesha has a particular passion for Animal Law and recognised as an expert in the field. She is a renowned RSPCA prosecutor and conducts private prosecutions on behalf of animal welfare organisations. She also regularly advises and represents those who are charged with offences contrary to the Dangerous Dog Act 1991, Animal Welfare Act 2006 and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Publications

Barrister Magazine – “Have we really reformed animal welfare post-Brexit?” [2023]
Animal Equality UK – “The Enforcement Solution” Report [2023]
BBC Panorama – “The true cost of milk” [2022]

Recommendations

‘A well-respected junior. She is meticulous and a cogent advocate, with an analytical approach.’ The Legal 500 – **Leading Junior, Crime 2024**

Ayesha is confident and has a steadfast approach to court advocacy, with fierce determination and tenacity exhibited in equal measure. She remains unflappable in even the most difficult cases. - **The Legal 500, Leading Junior, Crime 2023**

Beyond the Bar

Ayesha is an avid skier and snowboarder. She has two Northern Inuits that she enjoys walking across the Dales.

Ayesha also has a keen interest in music and plays the piano, trumpet, saxophone and bass guitar.