

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

Overview CV

Ayesha has practised in the North of England since commencing her pupillage in 2014. She continues to enjoy a mixed practice of crime, personal injury/clinical negligence and regulatory law.

Ayesha prosecutes and defends a variety of offences, however, her speciality is in serious crime and excels in cases involving medical or expert evidence. She is also recognised as a specialist in animal welfare law.

Ayesha also accepts instructions in personal injury, clinical negligence and regulatory matters. Prior to coming to the bar, she worked in Pathology within the NHS and therefore has particular strengths when dealing with medico-legal cases.

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.