

Eleanor Stephenson

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Overview

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She is a dedicated advocate, who argues passionately on behalf of her clients and is able to

clearly and persuasively put across complex legal arguments both in her written and oral advocacy.

International Criminal work

Eleanor has recently represented clients in high-profile and complex cases before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in the Hague and acts for international clients in freedom of expression and human rights cases on issues associated with unlawful detention and political persecution.

She has previously worked on the prosecution team at the International Criminal Court on the Darfur situation, and for the defence at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in relation to the 2005 bombing that killed the former Prime Minister of Lebanon.

Advisory work: Individuals & NGOs

Eleanor advises individuals and non-governmental organisations on all aspects of international law and United Nations mechanisms and advocacy. Eleanor is adept at drafting complex arguments and working with the vast volumes of evidence that are typical of cross border cases.

In particular she provides advice on human rights abuses of minority groups in China and has particular knowledge on the subject of forced organ harvesting.

She also advises organisations on their business and human rights obligations and the ways in which to avoid complicity in international crimes. She is involved in law reform in the UK in this regard.

Here's what some of those who have worked with Eleanor have to say about her:

"Eleanor has shown a thoughtful and intelligent approach to all aspects of the case, her analysis and legal arguments have been crucial to certain aspects of the case for the team and together with her advocacy conducted, she has been a pleasure to work with... I would have no hesitation in instructing her as a result of the qualities I have seen."

Instructing Solicitor

"Eleanor is genuinely nice person, is extremely capable, knows how to deal with people, and has a lot to offer. She is extremely hard working I can see that she is committed to human rights/helping people and seeking justice."

International Lawyer

Additional Information

Eleanor's international and domestic criminal practice is complemented by her **previous career** as a **commercial litigation** and **arbitration solicitor** in **private practice** in **London**.

Languages

Eleanor is fluent in Spanish.

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association (CBA).

Delf Extradition Lawyers' Forum (DELF).

International Bar Association (IBA).

Extradition & International

International Criminal Law and Human Rights

Eleanor has significant experience of working on both the prosecution and defence in international cases at the International Criminal Court, Kosovo Specialist Chambers, Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the ECCC in Cambodia. Eleanor's cases often involve multiple charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity and several modes of liability. She has also acted on contempt cases at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers which has involved issues such as the operation of the defendant's right to freedom of opinion and expression, the protection of whistle blowers, police incitement, standards pertaining to prosecution investigations at the international level, witness intimidation and retaliation, and obstruction of official persons performing official duties. She is appointed to the list of assistants at the International Criminal Court and as co-counsel at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.

Eleanor's international advisory work includes engaging the UN in respect of state-sanctioned human rights abuses and she has particular knowledge of the situations in China and the Philippines.

Extradition

Eleanor has a keen interest in extradition law and accepts instructions in this area. She has assisted clients in challenging Interpol Red Notices and has acted in the capacity of an expert in relation to a Chinese extradition request from a European country.

Interpol & Sanctions

Eleanor provides advice on politically motivated prosecutions and extradition requests and the exploitation of Interpol by foreign governments for the purposes of transnational repression.

She acts in a range of Chambers' practice areas including **sanctions** instructions.

Judicial Review & Public Law

Eleanor is also regularly instructed by the Government Legal Department on a range of matters including judicial reviews, immigration matters and commercial disputes.

Inquests & Inquiries

Eleanor accepts instructions in relation to public inquiries and inquests.

Criminal Defence

Eleanor welcomes instructions on a wide variety of criminal matters before the courts of England and Wales. She recently acted on a 6-week trial at Bristol Crown Court on a multi-handed organised crime case regarding the supply a drug of class A.

Criminal Prosecutions - Private & Public

Eleanor welcome instructions in public and private prosecutions.

She was previously instructed in the prosecution of the defendant Abd-Al-Rahman at the International Criminal Court in the pre-trial stages of proceedings in the lead up to the confirmation of charges hearing.

Cases of Note

Specialist Prosecutor v. Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj

Previously defended Mr Gucati at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers case in the Hague in relation to 6 charges including witness intimidation and retaliation and the obstruction of criminal proceedings.

The Prosecutor v. Abd-Al-Rahman

Prosecuting defendant Abd-Al-Rahman at the International Criminal Court in the pre-trial stages of proceedings in the lead up to the confirmation of charges hearing.

Ayyash & others

Worked on the Sabra defence team.

The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen

Worked on the defence on the case of Dominic Ongwen at the International Criminal Court involving over 70 criminal charges and 8 modes of liability.

REX v Ergys Dashi & others

Acted for Mr Dashi in a multi-handed organised crime conspiracy in relation to the supply of drugs of class A at Bristol Crown Court.

JSC Mezhdunarodniy Promyshlenniy Bank and State Corporation 'Deposit Insurance Agency' v Sergei Viktorovich Pugachev & others

Acted for the minors and potential beneficiaries in a contentious trusts case against a Russian Oligarch in the High Court in London.

Acting for the Kazakh government in relation to the billion-dollar Ablyazov fraud arising out of the City Almaty in pursuing the fraudsters across multiple jurisdictions

Monitored extradition proceedings at Westminster Magistrates Court, made applications to revoke asylum granted by UK authorities, and applied for European arrests warrants.

LCIA Ensco v Petrobras and Samsung Heavy arbitration

Acted for the Respondent Brazil state run oil producer Petrobras in the LCIA Ensco v Petrobras and Samsung Heavy arbitration in London in relation to a US\$400 million contract

and bribery and corruption case.

Multi-Defendant fraud

Represented one of 17 defendants in a Thai fraud case while practising at Clyde & Co LLP in London.