

# *Sarah Fairbairn*

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YEAR OF CALL: 2017



*Sarah specialises in criminal defence and accepts instructions in related areas.*

## *Overview*

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Sarah is a barrister practising in all areas of criminal law, with a particular focus on criminal defence. She has a busy practice in the Magistrates' Court and Youth Court and is developing a strong Crown Court practice too.

Sarah also accepts instructions in family and regulatory work.

Here is what some of those who have worked with Sarah have to say about her:

“Miss Fairbairn seems naturally able from the outset to follow the correct approach with clients and to deliver excellent advice in the most suitable manner to achieve the best possible outcome for them. She has further proven to have a knack for spotting weak areas in the opposition’s case and to be a talented negotiator. Whenever I have the good fortune of instructing Miss Fairbairn, I can be assured of a great result, whatever the circumstances.”

“I was extremely taken by Miss Fairbairn’s excellent Court manner. It was abundantly clear to me that Miss Fairbairn had an excellent grasp of the evidence. Miss Fairbairn is very obviously highly articulate and exceptionally engaging.”

## *Additional information*

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### **Education**

BPP Law School - BPTC - Outstanding.

University of Leeds - Law with Australian Legal Studies (LLB) – 2:1.

### **Awards**

BPP Law School Leeds Advanced Criminal Litigation award.

BPP Law School Leeds Outstanding Contribution to Pro Bono award.

## *Professional Memberships*

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Criminal Bar Association

Inner Temple

Women in Criminal Law

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

## *Asset Recovery, Civil Fraud & Confiscation*

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Sarah accepts instructions in confiscation matters. She has defended in confiscation hearings in the Crown Court and enforcement proceedings in the Magistrates' Court.

## *Criminal Defence*

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Sarah is a specialist criminal practitioner who accepts instructions in all aspects of criminal law, primarily acting for the defence.

Sarah has been instructed in cases in the Crown Court and the Youth Court representing vulnerable defendants and has experience defending in a wide range of criminal offences, including cases of serious violence, possession of bladed articles and offensive weapons, offences related to the possession and supply of drugs and dishonesty offences.

Sarah is developing a busy Crown Court practice where she has been praised for her calm manner and persuasive advocacy.

Sarah is regularly instructed in the Magistrates' Court on a privately funded basis to represent individuals in driving matters and has successfully defended a number of individuals in such matters.

"Sarah was thoroughly prepared for the case and in court was very impressive. Her professionalism apart, Sarah was also very friendly and approachable."

Feedback from a lay client where, following legal arguments, the prosecution offered no evidence on the day of trial.

## *Criminal Prosecutions*

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Sarah is a Grade 1 CPS prosecutor and has been instructed in private prosecutions and on behalf of the Local Authority.

## *Family, Children & International Family*

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Sarah regularly represents Applicants and Respondents in applications for Non-Molestation Orders, Occupation Orders and Child Arrangement Orders. Sarah understands the benefits of continuity and prides herself in representing clients from the first hearing through to the conclusion of their case.

Sarah is frequently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in disclosure hearings, appearing in the High Court and the County Court.

## *Professional Discipline & Regulatory*

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Sarah accepts instructions in professional discipline and regulation.