

Sarah Fairbairn

YEAR OF CALL: 2017



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

Overview

Sarah is a barrister practising in all areas of criminal law, with a particular focus on criminal defence. She has developed a busy Crown Court practice, spanning a wide range of offences.

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

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

Criminal Bar Association

Inner Temple

Women in Criminal Law

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Criminal Defence

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, Youth Court and Magistrates' 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 has developed a busy Crown Court practice where she has been praised for her calm manner and persuasive advocacy. Sarah prides herself on representing a client from the first appearance in the Magistrates' Court right through to the conclusion of their case in the Crown Court. This continuity allows Sarah to build a rapport with her clients and gives them the reassurance that Sarah knows their case thoroughly.

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 has completed the Just for Kids Law Youth Justice Course and the Vulnerable Witness Training.

“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.

Family, Children & International Family

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.

Criminal Prosecutions - Private & Public

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

Asset Recovery, Civil Fraud & Confiscation

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

Business Crime

Sarah accepts instructions in relation to Business Crime and Financial Crime cases.

Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Sarah accepts instructions in professional discipline and regulation.

Inquests & Inquiries

Sarah accepts instructions in relation to Public Inquiries and Inquests.

Cases of Note

CRIME - DEFENCE

R v R – 2020 – St Albans Crown Court

Instructed to represent R, charged with aggravated burglary and wounding with intent.

R v P – 2020 – Huntingdon Crown Court

Defended a man of good character, charged with ABH and 2 batteries against his wife, successfully arguing self-defence.

R v B – 2019 – Kingston Crown Court

Successful defence of a man charged with assaulting a police officer and a racially aggravated public order offence against an Uber driver, both of which were captured on CCTV.