

Rachael Landin

Barrister

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Rachael advises on trading standards matters, including product safety and due diligence defences. Rachael recently advised a local council on the proposed prosecution of a global company under the General Product Safety Regulations 2005, resulting in a successful prosecution. Rachael is regularly instructed in Animal Welfare matters, both acting for the prosecution and defence.

Rachael develops strong relationships with her professional and lay clients, providing advice and assistance above and beyond the court hearing. She has competently and effectively challenged expert evidence, gaining results beneficial to her clients. In addition, Rachael has successfully appealed disqualifications under Section 34 Animal Welfare Act 2006.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Animal Welfare
- Trading Standards
- Inquests
- Police disciplinary
- Criminal
- Family

PERSONAL SKILLS

Rachael is a strong jury advocate, something which has been developed across her practice. She adapts to her audience, ensuring that her advocacy is effective and easily accessible for those whom she addresses.

Rachael's written and preparatory work is widely appreciated by those instructing her, for its clear analysis and helpful guidance. She has received praise from the judiciary for her persuasive and well-argued skeleton arguments.



Year Of Call:

2008

Grade of Prosecutor:

Practice Areas

[Crime](#)

[Divorce and
Domestic](#)

[Family](#)

[Family Finance](#)

[Public and Private
Law Children](#)

[Regulatory](#)

WORKS EXPERIENCE

HBC v QPC Global Ltd – Rachael advised on the prosecution of a global company under Regulations 5(1) and 5(4) General Product Safety Regulations 2005. This included advising on the evidence, appropriate charges to be brought, and acceptable pleas. This resulted in a guilty plea from the defendant company.

RSPCA v C – Rachael represented two defendants charged under Sections 4 and 9 Animal Welfare Act 2006. Following consideration of expert evidence, pleas on a limited basis were offered and accepted by the prosecuting authority.

RSPCA v V – Rachael defended a horse owner and keeper of goats for offences under Sections 4 and 9 Animal Welfare Act 2006. Expert evidence was obtained to support the defence case, which enabled limited pleas to be offered.

Following sentence, Rachael successfully appealed the lengthy disqualification imposed under Section 34 Animal Welfare Act 2006.

RSPCA v M – Rachael was instructed to appeal the sentence of a farmer who had pleaded guilty to two offences under Section 4 Animal Welfare Act 2006. She successfully appealed both the prison sentence imposed (resulting in a Conditional Discharge) and the imposition of disqualification under Section 34 Animal Welfare Act 2006 (resulting in no disqualification being imposed by virtue of the Appellant's age and occupation).

Appointments/ Membership

CPS Level 3 prosecutor.

Advocacy Trainer (North Eastern Circuit).

Former Circuit Junior (North Eastern Circuit).

PD lectures provided in both criminal and family practice areas.

Lincoln's Inn.

Criminal Bar Association.

Family Law Bar Association.

Professional Qualifications

BA (Hons) English Language and Literature, 2:1, University of Leicester.

LLB (Hons), 2:1, University of Law (York and London).

Bar Vocational Course, Very Competent.

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Family

Re: D (a child): Represented the father in proceedings brought in relation to a newborn baby. Contested the applications for Care and Placement Orders at final hearing. Following 5 days of contested evidence, the Local Authority withdrew its application for a Placement Order and changed its plan to rehabilitation to the parents' care.

Re: OB (children): Rachael represented the Local Authority in a fact finding hearing in respect of serious sexual abuse of one of the children, perpetrated by the father. The case involved a number of complex issues, including applications for the child to give evidence, learning disabilities, and a concurrent police investigation. Following contested evidence, the trial judge made the findings as sought by the Local Authority.

Re: A (a child): Acted for grandparents, from whom the child had been removed following suspected non-accidental injuries. The Local Authority sought to place the child and unborn baby for adoption. Secured the return of the child and a recommendation that the Local Authority prepare a report for the placement of the unborn baby with maternal grandparents. The case resulted in the granting of a Special Guardianship Order in favour of the maternal grandparents for both children.