DERE STREET BARRISTERS

Rachael Landin

Barrister

Overview

Crime

Rachael has a strong Crown Court practice, acting for both defence and prosecution across the spectrum of criminal law. Rachael's instructions include multi-handed conspiracies, serious sexual offences, serious assaults, and violent disorders. Rachael is recognised for her thorough approach to cases and careful witness handling.

Rachael's criminal practice has proved of considerable benefit in care proceedings involving police investigations; Rachael has experience

Family

Rachael is frequently instructed in Family Court matters on behalf of Local Authorities, parents, and children. Rachael's Local Authority practice is well-developed: Rachael advises on and conducts cases involving a range of issues, including serious sexual abuse, non-accidental injuries, and neglect from first hearing to conclusion. Rachael has similar case experience acting for parents, children, and grandparents. Rachael's experience of representing the various parties in care proceedings enables Rachael to take a well-informed and rounded approach.

Rachael has a strong private law practice, regularly representing parents in contact and residence proceedings. Rachael approaches cases pragmatically and sensitively, recognising the difficulties which parents experience in these proceedings.

Rachael receives instructions in ancillary relief proceedings at FDR and Final Hearings, providing advice on settlement, including maintenance cases, and advocacy.

Mental Health

Rachael represents clients at Mental Health Review Tribunals, in which she is proficient in taking instructions from vulnerable and young clients.

Regulatory

Rachael is provides pre-charge advice in criminal cases, including those with complex issues.

Rachael advises on trading standards matters.



Year Of Call:

2008

Grade of Prosecutor:

Practice Areas

Crime

Divorce and Domestic

Family Finance

Public and Private
Law Children

Regulatory





Notable Cases

Regina v CW:

Defended a young male in a multi-handed violent disorder trial. The case involved issues of Facebook identification, subsequent identification procedures, and bad character. Successfully opposed the admission of the Defendant's bad character and methodically cross-examined witnesses, highlighting the unreliability of the Facebook identification and credibility of those witnesses. The Defendant was acquitted following a two-week trial.

Regina v DD:

Represented the Defendant, who was alleged to have assaulted his nephews, aged 9 years and 10 years at the time of trial. Secured the acquittal of the Defendant following careful cross-examination of the children.

SS v Department of Public Prosecutions:

Appeared on behalf of the 14 year old Appellant charged with theft. The appeal was allowed and the Appellant acquitted following a successful Section 78 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 argument relating to the purported recognition of the Appellant by a Police Officer.

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: 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.

