Katherine Burton



YEAR OF CALL 2007

Katherine predominantly defends and prosecutes criminal cases in the Crown courts. She was recently instructed by the Legal Services Department of the Metropolitan Police, advising in relation to the current Undercover Police Inquiry. She also represents prisoners before the Parole Board and has a particular interest in Prison Law.

Katherine currently works as Disclosure Counsel for the Serious Fraud Office in the investigation into an alleged multi-million pound fraud perpetrated upon hundreds of clients of London based law firm Axiom Ince Ltd (now shut down by SRA).

Career Overview

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Katherine qualified as a barrister in 2007, having previously practised as a solicitor in Crime and Extradition Law from 2000. She currently represents individuals who face serious criminal charges, in a wide range of cases including offences against the person, offences of dishonesty, serious fraud and sexual offences.

She trained as a solicitor in Defamation and Privacy laws and developed a complimentary practice in the Privy Council, dealing with civil and criminal appeals from former commonwealth countries.

As a solicitor, Katherine also gained considerable experience in Disciplinary and Regulatory Law, acting for chiropractors in proceedings before the General Chiropractic Council and advising ACCA members in disciplinary and licensing matters. Katherine also acted for members of the public in investigations by the IPCC and civil actions against the Police for damages for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

Area of Practice

Katherine has assisted in high-profile cases, including the appeal of Myra Hindley to the House of Lords (as it then

was); the successful appeals of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables to the European Court of Human Rights, against the legality of the Home Secretary's role in setting sentencing tariffs and the successful appeal by Winston Silcott against his wrongful conviction for the murder of PC Blakelock during the 1985 Broadwater Farm riots.

Solicitors who instruct Katherine say...

Solicitor at Mary Monson Solicitors

"Kate has acted diligently whenever I have worked with her. She has been conscientious and quick to respond whenever I have contacted her with any queries. She has also clearly shown a willingness and ability to get to grips with papers in a case well in advance of a hearing, which therefore enables her to appropriately address any issues in good time rather than at the last minute. She is also able to provide clear advice and direction. This assists greatly as an instructing solicitor in terms preparing the case appropriately. She has also impressed clients, who have provided me with feedback following hearings, and they expressed how pleased they were with the way in which she 'fought their corner'. Kate clearly has all of the attributes that an instructing solicitor looks for when instructing counsel."

Solicitor at Faraday

"Ms Burton was very friendly and easy to talk too...she was very robust in her approach and picked up and understood the issues. This was then reflected in how she conducted the trial itself and led to excellent feedback being received by the client. The client specifically telephoned me wishing me to thank Ms Burton for her efforts and the result of her duly being acquitted. The client even sent me a letter of thanks which has been forwarded on to Ms Burton...this of course has left a lasting impression on the clients as well as Faradays Solicitors...I have no hesitation in recommending her for future cases."