



Red Lion Chambers

Hannah Eales
Call: 2004

Introduction

Hannah Eales is instructed by both prosecuting authorities and defence solicitors in many areas of criminal law, regulatory law and quasi-criminal law. She has a calming and efficient manner with lay clients and a persuasive manner in court. She is a versatile, approachable, intellectual and technical advocate.

Regulatory Work

Hannah has prosecuted a number of cases on behalf of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, from the Magistrates' Court through to the Court of Appeal. Last year she appeared for the respondent in the Court of Appeal case of *Mirza* in relation to the appropriateness of the imposition of a custodial sentence in respect of numerous breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The appeal was dismissed. She is currently acting for the same Service in relation to a further prosecution under the Order.

Hannah has been instructed in a multi-handed trial where the defendants were charged under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. She also regularly deals with licensing matters from the sub-committee hearings through to appeal. Both of these types of cases often involve a significant amount of paperwork, case conferences and a pragmatic approach.

Hannah regularly presents cases for the Nursing and Midwifery Council in fitness to practice hearings. These range from interim order hearings through to lengthy substantive multi-handed cases. She recently acted for the NMC in *NMC v Turner and White* in relation to the failings of two senior nurses at the Mid-Staffordshire Trust following the Francis Inquiry, both were struck off. She also recently dealt with an interim order hearing in relation to a registrant involved in the Winterbourne View case, following undercover filming by the Panorama programme. Further she regularly presents cases on behalf of the Health and Care Professions Council dealing with complex substantive hearings.

In 2010 Hannah spent substantial time working at the Financial Services Authority assisting with complex disclosure and advising on the progression of an investigation into insider dealing. She trained a team on how to deal with LPP issues and had numerous case conferences as well as completing a lengthy paper on the prospect of conviction in relation to one particular defendant.

Hannah has significant experience of the powers of and legal requirements in the Magistrates' Court having worked for a number of years as a Magistrates' Court Legal Advisor. Her work as a Legal Advisor required her to advise on all matters before the court, such as licensing, road traffic, health and safety cases and family matters.

Prosecution Work

Hannah is a CPS grade 2 prosecutor. She regularly prosecutes in the Crown Court for the CPS, DWP, DEFRA and the former UKBA. She has experience in both the Crown and Magistrates' Courts as well as the Court of Appeal. Her areas of expertise cover a wide range of legislation such as the Sexual Offences Act 2003, Offences against the Persons Act 1861, the "Drugs Acts" and the Fraud Act 2006. Her work with the UKBA often requires lengthy and complex preparation liaising with a number of government personnel throughout.

Other Work

Hannah has experience in numerous other areas of work. She recently acted for an insurance company in a Coroners inquest. She has also acted for service personnel in a Court Martial. Further, she has extensive experience of, and is able to advise clients in respect of parole hearings and prison adjudications. She also has experience in dealing with extradition matters from first appearance through to conclusion. She is fully familiar with restraint, confiscation proceedings and cash forfeiture under POCA 2002.

Recent Instructions

R v Mirza, Court of Appeal

Acting for the respondent in a case which had been brought under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. It was held that a custodial sentence imposed in respect of multiple breaches was not wrong in principle given the circumstances of the case.

NMC v Turner and White, London

Acting on behalf on the NMC in a substantive hearing against two senior nurses at the Mid-Staffordshire Trust following the findings of the Francis Inquiry

R v Cummings, Ipswich Crown Court

Prosecution Counsel in a trial for a section 18 wounding where the defendant was convicted of stabbing a male in the street in front of his ex partner.

R v Davis & Pritchard, Canterbury Crown Court

Prosecution Counsel on behalf of UK Border Agency in a trial where the defendants were charged with the importation of over 4 kilos of cocaine.

R v Okoye, Isleworth Crown Court

Prosecution Counsel in a case where the defendant (who was in the army) was charged with the importation of 457 grams of cocaine at 100% purity, he was convicted and sentenced to 6 years imprisonment. The case was featured in the national press.

R v Abrahams, Kingston Crown Court

Prosecution Counsel in a case where the defendant was charged with breaching a Risk of Sexual Harm Order. The defendant was convicted.

R v Khalfrey, Southwark Crown Court

Defence Counsel for a bus driver charged with dangerous driving following a collision with a cyclist where the cyclist was dragged under the bus. The jury returned a conviction of careless driving only.

R v T, Southwark Crown Court

Defence Counsel representing a homeless defendant charged with GBH with intent. The case involved expert evidence in relation to the defendant's mental health.

R v Chaudhary, Huntingdon Crown Court

Defence Counsel in a three handed trial for affray. All three defendants were acquitted.

Training

Hannah trains Chambers' professional clients on varied areas of law such as road traffic, admissible evidence as well as in Magistrates' Court advocacy.

Career

2003 LLB, University of Birmingham

2004 Called to the Bar, Middle Temple

2004-2006 Legal Advisor to the Magistrates, Sutton Coldfield and Coventry Magistrates' Courts

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Amicus

Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Southeastern Circuit

Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

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