



ST. PAULS CHAMBERS

DENISE BREEN-LAWTON



Personal Details:

Date of Birth: 5/12/71

Legal 500 Entry 2007 “A dedicated and thorough Junior”

Legal 500 Entry 2008 “Has massive potential”

History:

- First Class Honours Degree in Business Management
- Left successful career in Marketing Management to join the Bar
- Post-Graduate Diploma and Bar Vocational Course at Nottingham
- Called to the Bar in July 2000
- Pupillage at St Paul's Chambers with Simon Bickler
- Grade 3 Prosecutor

Skills:

- Extremely organised with the ability to manage and distil large amounts of information and documents
- Concise and clear advocacy in Court
- Good negotiation skills
- Thorough, with attention to detail
- Particular strengths - cross-examination, closing submissions and mitigation
- Good with difficult clients
- Financial/Business skills and experience
- Computer literate with internet research skills

Member of following Organisations:

- Criminal Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- Health and Safety Lawyers Association and part of Chambers' Regulatory Breach Team
- Young Fraud Lawyers in the North
- Yorkshire and Humber Fraud Forum

Experience in General Crime

R v. Sheppard and Whittle

Instructed by the Counter Terrorism Unit to prosecute on extremely complex case of racial hatred against Jews, Blacks, Asians and others. Several complicated and difficult legal arguments undertaken such as jurisdiction of the court, definition of 'publication' on the internet, definition of 'written' words and the admissibility of the truth or otherwise of Holocaust denial material and defence 'expert'

R v. Panesar

Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs. Defence of one of ten defendants. Complicated confiscation proceedings followed. Has recently appeared at the Court of Appeal on the 'Moulden' point of payments into the defendants mortgage account from unlawful funds.

Operation Hanoi

Junior in Prosecution of eight Defendants for conspiring to Burgle over a lengthy period of time, covering many geographical areas and offences.

R v. Long

Defended as Junior in Murder only a few months after completing Pupillage.

R v. Hopkins

Defended as Junior in conspiracy to commit armed Robbery of Post Offices and Banks.

Has appeared at the Court of Appeal on numerous occasions including defending an Attorney General's Reference on Sentence.

Experience in Fraud

R v. Zakeri

Defended in a Complex Inland Revenue and Customs Prosecution covering four businesses over a period of six years. Also complicated confiscation proceedings followed.

Operation Darnley

Prosecuted half million pound bank fraud which was highly complex due to computer evidence, volume of paper recovered and sophistication of methods used by bank employee and his associates. Successfully represented Chief Constable on civil confiscation that followed.

R v. Hussain

Defence of an accountant charged with conspiring with others to defraud Customs & Excise of over £6.5 million in VAT. We successfully argued that the Indictment be quashed due to complex case law in the area of Carousel and Missing Trader Frauds.

R v. Sterling

Benefit Fraud listed for 3 months at Leeds Crown Court. We successfully argued that the Indictment be stayed as an abuse of process.

R v. Bokassa

Benefit Fraud Conspiracy covering five different Cities in the UK and involving numerous separate offences.

R v Osborne

Ongoing complex money laundering case

Experience in the Business Crime Department at Irwin Mitchell before commencing pupillage which included a 5 month Fraud trial dealing with Fraudulent trading, Bankruptcy and IVA proceedings, Director's Disqualification and Contract and loan agreements.

Experience in Regulatory Breach

- Experience of Civil Confiscation proceedings
- Part of Chambers Regulatory Breach Team
- Experience of Inquests
- Was given work to do in this area in the Business Crime Department at Irwin Mitchell

Experience in Family Work

- High Court taking Children out of the Jurisdiction cases (one before Munby J)
- Public Law cases for Parents and Guardians (including baby shaking cases)
- Ancillary Relief matters
- Contact and Residence Disputes regarding Children

[It would be inappropriate to name cases and give details]

Experience in Police Federation Work

Defended a number of Police Officers charged with criminal conduct successfully.

Lecturing and Training Experience

- Trained Senior Doctors in giving expert evidence in child abuse cases
- Trained Senior Drug Squad Officers in giving expert evidence at Crown Court
- Ran an annual Advocacy Course for Trainee and Junior Solicitors for a number of years.
- Trained Senior Police Officers in the conduct of Disciplinary Tribunals