



Sarah Morgan

Introduction

Sarah's specialises in Criminal, Regulatory and Family law

1. Criminal

Sarah is a Category 3 panel prosecutor and with a busy practice prosecuting and defending serious violent and sexual offences in the Crown Court.

Sarah is regularly instructed by solicitors to represent vulnerable and demanding clients, including those with little or no experience of the criminal justice system. She is sensitive to the needs of such clients and takes care to explain matters fully, involving the client in every step of the trial process.

R v GM (2015, Caernarfon Crown Court), secured a suspended sentence order for an 18 year old male convicted of rape of a 12 year old.

R v JT (2015, Chester Crown Court), defending a male charged with historic rape.

R v AE (2015, Mold Crown Court), arson with intent to endanger life prosecution.

R v DJ (2015, Chester Crown Court), secured an acquittal for a defendant charged with breaching the conditions of the Sex Offenders' Register.

Operation Measure (2015, Caernarfon Crown Court), defending female charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs.

2. Regulatory

Sarah is regularly instructed by Local Authorities to provide pre-charge advice and representation through to trial. She prosecutes in regulatory matters concerning trading standards, animal welfare, food hygiene standards, product safety and licencing appeals. She has also prosecuted a number of animal cruelty cases involving neglect and deliberate abuse which have involved extensive veterinary medical evidence.

Lancashire v M + F (2014, Preston Crown Court), secured convictions for the importation of counterfeit headphones worth £224,000. Reported in the Lancashire Evening Post: <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/traders-caught-with-250k-of-fake-headphones-1-6688715>

Sarah was recently appointed as Independent Counsel by Cheshire Police to assist in maintaining the proper protections of legal privilege during an investigation.

3. Family

Sarah has extensive experience of care proceedings involving children who have suffered from alleged inflicted injuries, sexual abuse, manipulated or factitious illness and long term neglect. She is routinely instructed to represent parents, Local Authorities, children and guardians.

In the private law arena, Sarah has a broad practice with a particular emphasis on allegations of physical and sexual abuse, risk of abduction, parental alienation and cultural and religious issues. Sarah regularly conducts fact-finding hearings involving allegations of serious abuse

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2009

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perpetrated against both adults and children.

Sarah has expertise in complex disclosure applications in the Crown Court where issues of Public Interest Immunity arise.

C v H (2015, High Court sitting at Rhyl) - represented a mother seeking an order to restrict the extent to which the father, a practising Jehovah's Witness, involved the child in the practice of his religion.

O v C (2015, High Court sitting at Caernarfon) - successful application on behalf of the mother for disclosure of third party medical records.

CWAC v T and R (2015, Chester Family Court) - successfully represented a mother in care proceedings where it was alleged that she was the perpetrator of serious non-accidental injuries, which included two fractures caused on separate occasions. After a lengthy finding of fact hearing, at which the medical evidence was challenged, the court accepted the mother's account. The child was returned to the mother's care immediately after the hearing.

WBC v W and W (2015, Warrington Family Court] - represented a father in a case involving an international placement pursuant to Brussels II bis.

R v D (2014, Huddersfield County Court) - parental alienation and intractable contact dispute. Successfully represented a father at a finding of fact hearing where the Court made an immediate change of residence in favour of the father.

Education

2007-2008 Bar Vocational Course - Manchester Metropolitan University

2004-2007 LL.B Hons - University of Manchester

Awards and scholarships

FLBA and the Bar Council Scholarships Trust grant awarded to attend the 6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights (2013)

3-4 South Square Scholarship awarded by Middle Temple to undertake the Bar Vocational Course (2008)

Memberships and Associations

Family Law Bar Association

Criminal Bar Association

Northern Circuit

Wales and Chester Circuit

Personal Interests

Sarah has a keen interest in politics and current affairs. She enjoys eating out, the theatre and weekends away.