

Caroline Harvey

Year of call and Inn

2002 Middle Temple

Professional Details

Barrister in self-employed independent practice specialising in crime and in personal injury law.

Prosecution and defence work at both Magistrates and Crown court level. Grade 2 prosecutor with particular experience in cases of domestic violence and appearing in the youth court. Specific interest in representing young defendants and experience in defending stand-alone orders such as closure orders and sexual offences prevention orders. Instructed across a broad spectrum of offences including regulatory crime and inquests as well as involvement in private prosecutions.

Personal-injury work: accidents at work, slipping/tripping, road traffic collisions, infant approval.

Common law practice includes contractual disputes such as credit hire agreements, experience in fee recovery on behalf of independent schools and an interest in landlord and tenant disputes.

Working predominantly in the West Country and Wales but travelling all over England and Wales.

Notable Cases

R v O: 16-year old client, part of the 'cycle path gang', charged with multiple robberies including some in which weapons were used;

R v Tate: junior in multi-complainant trial of a General Practitioner accused of sexual offences ranging over a period of 20 years;

Operation Ore/Ricochet: CPS caseworker responsible in Avon & Somerset;

R v Steynor: prosecution of manager of an education centre for historic indecent assault;

Traffic Commissioner v James and others: hearing for review of passenger carrying vehicle licences of a number of drivers in breach of driver's hours regulations.

Work Experience

2007 to date: Unity Street Chambers, Bristol

2005 to 2007: Pupillage at 4 Breems Buildings (formerly Valios Boardman Chambers), Chancery Lane, London

2002 to 2005: Crown Prosecution Service, Bristol

1999 to 2001: Office for the Supervision of Solicitors, Leamington Spa

Formal Education

2001 to 2002: Bar Vocational Course, Bristol

1996 to 1999: LLB Hons, Coventry University

1989 to 1996: Plymouth High School for Girls, Plymouth

Professional Memberships

Criminal Bar Association, Western Circuit

Extra-curricular Activities

Judge on the UWE BVC/BPTC Advocacy Masterclass (Civil and Criminal).

Interests/Hobbies

Keeping up with my very active 13-month old daughter, gardening, baking, foreign travel, beer and cider festivals.

