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Patricia practices in the areas of inquests and inquiries as well as police law and financial and regulatory crime.

She is listed as a leading junior in Chambers and Partners for Inquests and Inquiries. In November 2023, she was appointed Assistant Coroner for South London.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Patricia enjoyed an academic career specialising in European and International human rights law. She has published a number of articles and chapters in edited books in this field. She is also Editor-in-Chief of 'Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt' (6th edition forthcoming).

Areas of Expertise

Inquests and Inquiries

Notable Inquests and Inquiries cases

Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry (June 2023-ongoing)

Junior counsel instructed by the Metropolitan Police in the public inquiry chaired by Sir Wyn Williams into the failings of the Horizon IT system at the Post Office which led to the prosecution and conviction of subpostmasters.

Inquest touching on the death of SH (2023)

Article 2 inquest into the suicide of a minor, instructed by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Undercover Policing Inquiry (2017- ongoing)

Junior counsel instructed by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service in the public inquiry into the conduct of undercover police officers, chaired by Sir John Mitting KC.

Inquest touching on the death of Yassar Yaqub (May 2021-Nov 2022)

Junior Counsel to the Inquest into shooting on the M62 motorway in West Yorkshire.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry (2019-2020)

Instructed by the Inquiry as disclosure counsel (Module 5, London Fire Brigade response to the fire).

Police Law

Patricia accepts instructions in all areas of police law. She is particularly experienced in representing police forces at inquests and inquires. She also acts in related civil proceedings and actions under the Human Rights Act. She has advised on the use of CHIS, RIPA 2000 as well as matters involving sensitive operational policing.

Crime and Regulatory

Patricia has prosecuted and defended in both the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court across a broad spectrum of offences as well as in extradition proceedings.

In recent years, her criminal work has focused more on fraud and business crime. She is experienced disclosure counsel and has acted in a number of high-profile, long-running frauds instructed by the SFO, ORR and the police. She has also acted as LPP counsel for the SFO. More recently, she has undertaken work for the Insolvency Service.

Patricia is particularly well-suited to complex and/or intricate, document-heavy work. She is also accustomed to working as part of a large team. She has been instructed in cases involving professional discipline.

Notable Crime and Regulatory cases

R v J (2023)

Instructed by the Health and Safety Executive in a matter under s33 of the Health and Safety at Work Act as a result of the failure to effectively manage the risks of wood dust to employees.

R v H (2022)

Instructed by the Insolvency Service in a matter under s68 of the Companies Act 2006.

R v A (2022)

Instructed by the Insolvency Service in a matter under s360 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

BSB v D (2021)

Instructed by the Bar Standards Board in a matter before The Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service

R v J and Others (2019)

Led junior instructed by the CPS in multi-handed money laundering case.

R v LM (2019)

Advising on post-conviction reporting restrictions.

R v JB (2014-2018)

Led junior acting pro bono in prospective application to the CCRC in complex high-profile historic domestic murder.

Latvia v R (2018)

Acting for Judicial Authority in extradition case involving allegations of fraud, raising issues in relation to passage of time, fugitive status and Article 8 ECHR.

Latvia v M (2018)

Acting for Judicial Authority in extradition case involving allegations concerning the smuggling of firearms into the UK, raising issues in relation to forum, dual criminality and passage of time.

R v W and Others (2016)

Disclosure counsel instructed by the Office of Rail and Road in relation to a prosecution brought under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from a death at work.

R v A and Others (2016)

SFO Disclosure counsel in a high-profile 6-handed £5m conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation in the provision of football training schemes.

R v M and Others (Operation Hornet) (Feb 2015 - July 2016)

Disclosure counsel instructed by Thames Valley Police in widely publicised 10-handed £250m fraudulent trading and corruption case involving employees of HBOS and members of the business community.

R v G and L (2015)

Represented one of two defendants (first on indictment) charged with numerous offences under the Consumer (Protection from Unfair Trading) Regulations 2008.

R v O (2015) (Court of Appeal, Criminal Division)

Successful appeal against sentence in case involving threats to kill

R v LMB (2015) (Woolwich Crown Court)

Successful appeal against conviction in a case involving domestic assault.

R v APL and others (2015) (Winchester Crown Court)

Represented a company and its directors in confiscation proceedings arising from offences committed under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

R v CA (Inner London Crown Court) 2015

Prosecuting offences under s 1 of the Fraud Act 2006 in relation to several counts of benefit fraud.

R v BL and AL (Yeovil Magistrates' Court) 2015

Prosecuting in a case concerning offences under s 360 (1) (b) and 350 (6) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failing to disclose bankruptcy for the purpose of obtaining credit or engaging in business).

R v M (2014)

Successfully prosecuted defendant accused of three counts of Fraud by False Representation where the Complainant had significant learning difficulties.

R v H (2014)

Successfully defended mother accused of failing to notify a change in circumstances in relation to Carers' Allowance.

Education

- LL.B (Hons) (First Class) (2001)
- MSc, Oxford University (Distinction) (2002)
- D.Phil, Oxford University (Prize winning) (2006)

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Justice
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Fraud Lawyers Association

Appointments

- Assistant Coroner, South London area (2023)
- SFO Prosecution B Panel (2020)
- Specialist List of Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law (List C) 2019
- CPS Specialist Panel: Fraud (Level 2) 2018
- CPS Specialist Panel: Serious Crime (Level 2) 2018
- SFO Prosecution C Panel (2017)
- Brunel Law School (2011-2012) Lecturer in Law
- Trinity Hall, Cambridge (2007-2010) John Collier Fellow in Law

Awards and Publications

Awards

- Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize (Oxford University 2006): For most outstanding thesis in the area of International Relations with particular reference to human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- Lord Denning Award Lincoln's Inn (2006)
- Hardwicke Award Lincoln's Inn (2005)
- Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award (2002-2005)

Publications

Books

– Editor-in-Chief *Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt* (Sweet and Maxwell Common Law Library Series; 5th edition published May 2017).

Chapters in edited books

– ‘Redrafting abortion rights under the ECHR: A, B and C v. Ireland’ in E Brems (ed) *Diversity and European Human Rights: Rewriting Judgments of the ECHR* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2013).

– ‘Defining Rape under the European Convention on Human Rights: Torture, Consent and Equality’ in C McGlynn and V Munro (eds) *Rethinking Rape Law: National, International and European Perspectives* (Routledge 2010).

Articles

– ‘*Sir Cliff v BBC – A New Era for Police Investigations?*’ 19/07/2018 *UK Human Rights Blog* and 23/07/2018 *Law Society Gazette*.

– ‘*Should sex offence suspects be granted anonymity?*’ *New Law Journal* (8th September 2017) 13-14 (case comment on the decision in *Khuja v The Times* [2017] UKSC 49).

– ‘Human Rights, Positive Obligations and Domestic Violence: *Kalucza v Hungary* in the European Court of Human Rights’ (2012) 1 (2) *International Human Rights Law Review* 339-348.

– ‘Developing Human Rights Principles in Cases of Gender-based Violence: *Opus v Turkey* in the European Court of Human Rights’ (2009) 9 *Human Rights Law Review* 657-667.

– ‘The Executive, the Parole Board and Article 5 ECHR: Progress within an “Unhappy State of Affairs”?’ (2008) 67 *Cambridge Law Journal* 230-233.

– ‘Applying Convention Jurisprudence to the Needs of Women Prisoners’ (2007) *Public Law* 198 – 208.

– ‘Positive Obligations, Criminal Procedure and Rape Cases’ [2007] 2 *European Human Rights Law Review* 158 – 171

Notable Cases

- Undercover Policing Inquiry (Jan 2017- 2023) Junior counsel instructed by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service in the public inquiry into the conduct of undercover police officers, chaired by Sir John Mitting KC.
- Grenfell Tower Inquiry (August 2019 – March 2020) Patricia was instructed as a member of the counsel team to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.
- *R v A and Others* (2016) SFO Disclosure counsel in a high-profile 6-handed £5m conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation in the provision of football training schemes.
- *R v M and Others* (Operation Hornet) (Feb 2015 – July 2016) Disclosure counsel instructed by Thames Valley Police in widely publicised 10-handed £250m fraudulent trading and corruption case involving employees of HBOS and members of the business community.

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