



Esther Schutzer-Weissmann

“She is a truly exceptional defender of principle and with that, she attracts substantial respect from her peers and adjudicators.”

“...extremely bright, fierce and devastatingly brilliant.”

(Chambers & Partners)

construction or human rights and is instructed in appeals against confiscation and restraint orders. Esther is ranked in legal directories as a recommended Junior in crime and financial crime.

Consistently recommended by the legal directories, Esther is a highly regarded criminal advocate who is known for her sharp mind, high quality advocacy, and expertise in the conduct of complex cases. Recently appointed as Standing Counsel to the Insolvency Service, her practice spans all areas of serious crime with a particular focus on fraud. In addition, she has particular expertise in human rights law from working at the European Court of Human Rights. Esther is regularly instructed in judicial reviews involving points of statutory

Fraud

Recommended as a fraud specialist in the legal directories, Esther regularly handles high-profile, complex financial cases including those relating to allegations of investment fraud, misstatement of financial accounts and money laundering. Her practice has a notable international aspect. Esther is a highly regarded criminal advocate who is known for her sharp mind, high quality advocacy, and expertise in the conduct of complex cases. In recent years she has appeared in the most high profile cases including R v Adeboli (UBS rogue trader), R v Nadir (fraud arising from the collapse of Polly Peck PLC), R v Rogberg and others (misstatement to the LSE by Tesco PLC). She has experience of DPAs and corporate liability.

Criminal Litigation

Esther's criminal practice is exclusively in serious and complex cases. She has been instructed in numerous murder cases including: multi-handed cut-throat revenge killing (R v Degoze and others); the killing of a vulnerable 98 year-old (R v Franklin and Cordice); murder motivated by hatred of homosexuality and shame (R v Foley); and murder within the Indian community motivated by an addiction to online gambling (R v Maulin Patel). A trained and experienced specialist in sexual cases, including high profile historic allegations (R v Rolf Harris) her cases has included of the rape of a virgin, serial paedophilia and familial rape and persistent child abuse. She is instructed in a number of allegations arising out of public inquiries into care homes and grooming. She has a particular interest in cybercrime and has experience in hacking prosecutions, Operation Ore

cases, international jurisdictional considerations in cases involving data and the use and misuse of computers. She regularly presents evidence electronically. In particular she has obtained a specialism with regard to surveillance and covert policing, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, Public Interest Immunity and disclosure difficulties. Much of her work involves large organisations and the strategic issues which arise in investigations.

Human Rights

Esther has appeared in a number of leading cases on human rights including as a special advocate including Bank Mellat, Kamoka and Ignaoua. This represents an expanding area of her practice.

Appellate Courts

Esther frequently appears in the Court of Appeal, in relation to appeals against conviction and sentence. She has particular experience in interlocutory appeals and sentencing appeals. She successfully defended a challenge to the imposition of a financial reporting order and has conducted appeals on issues ranging from autrefois acquit to the disclosure of material obtained under mutual legal assistance by third parties, a decision that involved prior Court of Appeal authority being overturned.

Other Areas of Expertise

Esther is also experienced in extradition and mutual legal assistance, immigration, public and administrative law, restraint, confiscation and asset forfeiture and international criminal work.



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