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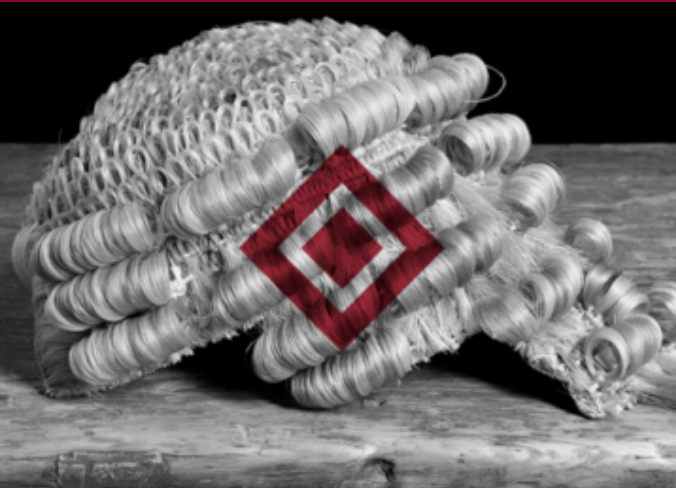
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SHONA LOVE

"I just wanted to say how grateful I was for Shona's representation of my client. He was so pleased with the outcome and I would love you to advise chambers that I wouldn't hesitate to instruct her again, and would definitely recommend her to future clients."

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Shona accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' expertise and is developing a broad mixed practice.

Before coming to the Bar, Shona spent several years as a lawyer at the BBC specialising in media and information law with expertise in privacy, data protection and freedom of information. Simultaneously, she sat as a Magistrate at HM Courts & Tribunals Service adjudicating public and private family law cases.

Prior to this, she gained experience in many other practice areas; human rights & refugee law at the United Nations, private international law at a global law firm in Shanghai and infrastructure & renewable energy at a leading law firm in New Delhi. Shona has also worked at the NHS where she managed clinical negligence & personal injury claims and appeared at inquests (including those engaging Article 2). Before this, she spent over two years in commercial and property law at a major UK law firm which included a secondment to work on Scots law transactions in Edinburgh.

Alongside the above, Shona volunteered at various charities. She supported victims of hate crimes, domestic and sexual abuse at Victim Support and clients on end-of-life care or recently bereaved at St Mungo's Palliative Care & Bereavement Service. She also represented appellants at social security tribunals on behalf of the Free Representation Unit, provided pro bono assistance at the Royal Courts of Justice Advice and acted as an Accredited Appropriate Adult in police stations across London (including a TACT suite).

Inquests & Inquiries

Shona has a particular interest in Inquests & Inquiries work. She is swiftly building on her previous experience by assisting HM Senior Coroner with a number of complex inquests at London Inner South Coroner's Court. She is also expanding her practice into the public inquiry space and is currently instructed on behalf of a core participant in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry.

Privacy, Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Shona has a strong background in privacy, data protection and freedom of information law and welcomes instructions across these areas of practice. In her previous role as in-house counsel at the BBC, she advised and assisted in high profile cases which included investigating and responding to complaints, requests, conducting internal reviews, preparing legal submissions in response to regulators, and in appeals before the information rights tribunal.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Shona accepts instructions to appear at fitness to practice hearings on behalf of regulators and registrants. She is currently instructed by the Royal College of Nursing and represents nurses before the Nursing & Midwifery Council at all stages of proceedings. Before coming to the Bar, Shona held several legal and governance roles at various NHS Trusts and prior to this, worked in quality assurance and pharmacovigilance at Walgreens Boots Alliance. She therefore has a strong understanding of the regulatory and disciplinary frameworks that operate across the healthcare sector.

Civil

Shona has many years of experience handling a wide range of civil law matters. She regularly appears in the county courts in and around London and on circuit representing both claimants and defendants. She is also frequently instructed to provide written advice.

Family

Shona accepts instructions across the full spectrum of family law: private & public children, divorce and dissolution of civil partnerships.

Shona has expertise in cases involving serious allegations of domestic and sexual abuse and has appeared for both applicants and respondents at all stages of private children and Family Law Act proceedings including complex cases involving international jurisdiction issues (removal of children to non-Hague countries). She equally has experience of matters which cross over into public children law and represents clients in matrimonial finance disputes.

Criminal

Shona both prosecutes and defends, appearing in the Magistrates', Youth and Crown Courts. She has defended at all stages of proceedings including making bail applications in cases involving serious violence; attempted GBH (s.18), intentional strangulation and knife related crimes. She has also represented clients charged with sexual offences, robbery, assisting an offender (death by reckless driving), theft, assault and driving whilst under the influence of drugs.

Shona's CPS work sees her prosecuting a range of offences similar to those listed above.

Healthcare

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Qualifications

- Barrister-at-Law, Ireland
- MSc (Psychology)
- LLM
- BPTC
- LLB (Hons)

Languages:

- Chinese (HSK2)
- French (CEFR A2)

Professional associations

- Advocate
- CPS Panel
- Human Rights Watch
- The Honorable Society of King's Inns
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
- GMBPsS, The British Psychological Society

Publications

Domestic Abuse tactics in the Family Court – how do we achieve cultural change in 2024?

Years of missed opportunities and intrusion of privacy: The Undercover Policing Inquiry Interim Report

Should those convicted of serious offences be compelled to face their victim's family?