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Siân specialises in extradition and professional discipline while maintaining an established practice in all areas of criminal law.

Siân spent 12 months on secondment to the CPS Extradition Unit where she appeared regularly before Westminster Magistrates' Court representing a variety of Judicial Authorities in Extradition Hearings and acting as a reviewing lawyer for a substantial caseload of Part 1 cases.

Since returning from secondment, Sian has obtained Grade 2 on the CPS specialist Extradition panel, in addition to grade 2 in General Crime, and is regularly instructed to appear at both the Magistrates and High Court in extradition matters.

Siân represents registrants before a variety of regulators, principally within the healthcare field, in fitness to practice hearings and also has experience of representing prisoners before the Parole Board, including the Claimant in a successful Judicial Review of the Parole Board of England and Wales.

Notable cases:

- R (on the application of Samuel) v Parole Board for England and Wales [2020] EWHC 42 Admin. – Acting for the Claimant, successful Judicial Review of the Parole Board's Decision not to release to open conditions after failing to consider the correct legal test.
- D v Poland – Successfully acted for the Judicial Authority resisting a bail appeal to the High Court.
- Portugal v C – Successfully acted for the Judicial Authority in securing an order for extradition in relation to an accusation warrant alleging attempted murder.
- NMC v W and others – Secured a finding of no facts proven for a nurse in multi-registrant case alleging restraint of a terminal patient.
- NMC v H and others – Secured a finding of no facts proven for a nurse in a multi registrant case involving

allegations of dishonesty.

- NMC v K – Secured finding of no impairment to admitted charges following failure to act on suspected sepsis.
- R v K – Secured an acquittal for a client of good character charged with s.20 GBH.
- R v L (Court Martial) – Secured an acquittal for client charged with sexual assault.

Employment

Sian is a criminal and professional discipline specialist who is training to undertake work in employment law. Having joined Pump Court, a common law set, last year, Sian is keen to broaden her practice areas and has found employment to be a natural area of progression. Her experience in crime has honed her rapport with lay clients and sharp skills of cross-examination while her experience in regulatory tribunals (such as the NMC) has provided an appreciation of the issues which can arise in a work environment and tribunal advocacy. In undertaking her training, Sian has shadowed several hearings conducted by experienced employment practitioners and taken part in a simulated employment tribunal case for the purpose of providing a training webinar for other professionals.

Qualifications

- University of Nottingham, History and Politics BA (First Class)
- University of Sussex, GDL, (Distinction)
- BPP, BPTC (Outstanding)

Professional associations

- Extradition Lawyers' Association (ELA)
- Defence Extradition Lawyers' Association (DELF)
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- Criminal Bar Association (CBA)
- Women in Criminal Law (WiCL)

Professional activities

- Inner Temple Exhibition Award for GDL

- University of Sussex Draper Scholarship for GDL
- Winner of University of Sussex Criminal Advocacy competition (December 2015)
- Inner Temple Elfreda Edwards Scholarship for BPTC
- BPP 4x4 Advocacy Scholarship