



# PUMP COURT

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## SIAN BEAVEN

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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.

## Employment & Discrimination

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.

## Healthcare

Siân has significant experience acting in matters before professional regulatory bodies and tribunals and accepts instructions on behalf of both registrants and the regulator. She advises in relation to the admissibility of evidence, disclosure and case strategy in advance of hearings and regularly appears in substantive fitness to practice and interim order hearings. Siân has represented clients in respect of a range of allegations including: assault, dishonesty, lack of competence and in cases where there have also been criminal investigations into the conduct alleged. Siân has a proven track record of achieving successful outcomes for clients including, charges not proven (including in dishonesty cases) and findings of no impairment.

Siân's background in criminal practice makes her particularly well suited to cases involving conduct that might otherwise be considered a criminal offence or, for which criminal proceedings have occurred prior to the regulatory case.

## Selected Cases

### NMC v W

Substantive order review in which Siân represented the registrant who had been suspended in the interests of her own health. Through presenting medical evidence to show her client's recovery, Siân persuaded the panel to allow the order to lapse upon completion and the nurse return to unrestricted practice.

### NMC v K

Siân represented a nurse who accepted charges of having failed to act upon suspected sepsis and who had performed an unnecessary bladder wash out on a patient. Upon careful presentation of extensive training and reflective work, Siân achieved a finding of no impairment for her client.

### NMC v H and another

In a substantive fitness to practice hearing, Siân secured a finding of no facts proven for her client in respect of allegations of the dishonest completion of medication records.

### NMC v W and others

Siân represented a nurse (W) in a three-week fitness to practice hearing involving multiple registrants charged with restraining a terminally ill patient. The charge was found not proven.

## Extradition

Siân undertook a 12-month secondment with the CPS extradition unit during which she acted as a reviewing lawyer for a substantial caseload of Part 1 requests. Since returning to the bar, Siân has attained Grade 2 on the CPS Extradition advocate panel and has built a significant practice in this area, regularly appearing before Westminster Magistrates' Court in substantive extradition hearings, as well as before the High Court.

Siân undertakes all aspects of extradition work and accepts instructions on behalf of judicial authorities and requested persons alike. She has significant experience of extradition matters including cases involving expert evidence, country-wide thematic issues and complex points of law.

## Selected Cases

### Poland v P

Represented the Judicial Authority and secured order for extradition in multi-issue case involving the cross-examination of multiple medical experts.

### D v Poland

Successfully acted for the Judicial Authority resisting a bail appeal to the High Court.

### USA v G

Acted for the Judicial Authority in complex bail appeal proceedings including contested costs argument.

### Portugal v C

Successfully acted for the Judicial Authority in securing order for extradition in relation to accusation warrant alleging attempted murder.

## Criminal

Siân has significant experience in all aspects of criminal and crime adjacent work including court martial and parole. She has attained Grade 2 on CPS General Crime panel and experience defending offences across the entire spectrum of criminal law.

## Selected Cases

### R v K

Secured acquittal for client of good character charged with s.20 GBH.

### R v L (Court Martial)

Secured acquittal for client charged with sexual assault.

### R v P

Secured conviction in dangerous dogs' case which attracted national media attention.

### 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.

## 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 4×4 Advocacy Scholarship