

Ann Tayo

Call: 1991 (E&W)

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Qualified to practice in England, Wales and Nigeria and guided by the proverb that “a man’s story seems good until you hear the other side”, together with the revelation that “the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone”, Ann earnestly believes that every case deserves a confident, attentive barrister in order to achieve justice. Her unique approach has afforded her the opportunity and fortitude to steer justice in the right path by seeking to ensure that justice is not merely seen to be done, but is in truth actually done.

Ann spent in excess of 12 years prosecuting cases on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service and Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs and has defended in the Court of Appeal, High Court, the Crown Court and Magistrates’ Courts.

Crime

Ann has been instructed as a Criminal Defence Barrister in Murder, Manslaughter, Death by Dangerous Driving, Fraud, Rape, Child Cruelty, serious Sexual Offences, Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, Grievous Bodily Harm, Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Supply, Possession, Cultivation and Importation of Controlled Drugs, Burglary, Criminal Damage, Theft, Domestic Violence Assaults and Road Traffic Offences etc. undertaking amongst other things: Trials, Appeals, Judicial Reviews, Applications to Stay Proceedings on the basis of Abuse of Process, Extradition Hearings, Confiscation Proceedings and Civil Actions Against the Police.

Family Law

Ann is proficient, adept, uniquely and suitably equipped at dealing with complex family matters that require an in-depth analysis and translation to support the rationale behind both the behaviour and the actual events that have taken place within family disputes. Eliciting the truth in cases of Domestic Violence, forensic examination and analysis of Scott Schedules. Ann is instructed in Child Arrangement Proceedings, drafting effective undertakings and prohibitive steps, Non Molestation and Occupation and Ex Parte Applications.

Reported Cases

SS and MCP [2020] EWHC 2971 Fam

Dealing with whether Article 10 of Brussels II retains jurisdiction without limit of time in a member state if a child habitually resident in that member state was wrongfully removed to (or retained in) a non member state where they subsequently became habitually resident.

R v. Holloway [2016] EWCA Crim 2175

Instructed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals in a case that goes to the heart of the issue of whether those with a severe history and current state of mental illness should be permitted to represent themselves.

R v. Ulcay [2008] 1 Cr.App.R. 360.

Junior Counsel in a case that resulted in the Court of Appeal determining the relevant principles applicable to barristers, solicitors, the Bar Council, and the Law Society when interpreting the cab rank principle.

Notable Cases

Homocide

- R v. Christopher Walters & Others (2013) (CCC)
- R v. Mustaf Jama (2008) (CCC) - Represented defendant at the Old Bailey regarding the murder of PC Sharon Beshenivsky.
- Regina -v- Quasim & Others (CCC) - Murder

Death by Dangerous Driving

- R v Brown & Brown (2004) x 2
- R v Miah (2005)

Drug Offences

- R v. Umar (Court of Appeal) (2011) - Possession of £1.2 million of Cocaine with intent to supply.
- R v Duckworth (2005) Conspiracy to evade the Prohibition on importation and Conspiracy to Supply class A drugs.
- R v Ndoji (2009) Being concerned in the production and supply of Class A controlled drugs.

Firearms and Explosives

- R v. Reinford (2020) - Possession of firearms with intent to endanger life
- R v Abidoth (2008) - Possession of a weapon for discharge of noxious liquid/gas.
- R v Jama (2008) (CCC) - Possession of Firearms with Intent to Endanger Life x 2, Possession of a Mac 10; and Possession of a 9mm Self Loading Pistol.
- R v Brown & Ors (2006) - Possession of Prohibited Firearms.
- R v Thevakaran (2004) - Possession of explosive substances (Mobile bomb factory).

Violent Offences

R v Billy (2010) Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent

Fraud and Dishonesty Offences

- R v Waya (2009) - £1,850,000 Mortgage Fraud
- R v Thambapillai (2009) Court of Appeal - Conspiracy to Defraud Financial Institutions.
- R v Waghorn (2010) Court of Appeal - Attempted Theft.
- R v Carville & Ors (2004) - Conspiracy to Steal and Handle stolen motor vehicles.
- R v Akhtar (2007) - Conspiracy to Commit Burglary & Conspiracy to Steal (£1.5m+)

Sexual Offences

- R v. Shah (2005) Central Criminal Court - Rape and Sexual Assault of a Child under 13 (2005)
- R v Jama (2008) - Assault of a Child under 13 by penetration

Actions against the Police

- Douglas v Commissioner of the Metropolis (2010) (Central County Court)

Publications

- 2001-2003 On line Editing and Reporting for "Lawtel" published by 'Sweet & Maxwell'
- 'With (in) Sight' (2005) - A selection of inspirational poetry and prose written by Ann Tayo
- 'The ShYne Academy' (2018) - An economically, ethically and environmentally sound solution to tackling youth crime.