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Year of Call: 1998

Clare read Law at Hull University and was called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 1997. She practises in all areas of criminal law and social housing litigation. Clare is a CPS Grade 3 prosecutor.

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Bar Council Retention Panel

EXPERTISE

Crime

Clare's practice encompasses all areas of criminal law and she acts for both the Prosecution and the Defence.

She regularly receives instructions in respect of allegations of serious violence, sexual offences, dishonesty and drugs offences including confiscation proceedings. She also has significant experience in road traffic cases including tachograph offences.

Cases

R v Cumberland and others (Preston Crown Court, 2013): Conspiracy to commit burglaries of commercial premises and mosques throughout East Lancashire.

R v Blythe and others (Northampton Crown Court, 2012): 'Operation Canta' Conspiracy to supply cocaine and cannabis throughout the Midlands and the North West of England. Defendant acquitted after a 6 week trial.

R v McKay (Preston Crown Court, 2010): Junior counsel for the Defence in a case of the murder of a homeless man.

Company and Commercial

Clare undertakes a substantial amount of social housing litigation work for housing associations and other such organisations. She regularly appears in the County Court on applications for Anti Social Behaviour Injunctions, committal proceedings for breaches of such injunctions and gas servicing injunctions.