



Krystelle Wass

Year of call: 2007

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About

Krystelle enjoys a mixed practice in all aspects of crime and immigration. She prides herself on being approachable and providing a sensitive touch to difficult matters often involving vulnerable individuals. Her work in the field of criminal law covers a wide spectrum of matters including fraud, knife crime, drug and serious assault matters. Krystelle has been led in a high-profile murder trial involving youth defendants, but is experienced in these matters in her own right. She is regularly instructed in respect of confiscation and POCA matters, both in the drafting and preparation of documents and representation at contested hearings. Krystelle also undertakes Parole Board and prison disciplinary hearings. Krystelle regularly appears before the First Tier and Upper Tier Immigration Tribunals in respect of all immigration matters such as asylum, EEA, PBS, deportation and Human Rights cases. She is experienced in dealing with individuals who have experienced torture or who are the victims of human trafficking. She prides herself on her thorough preparation of a case and is happy to deal with appeals arising from any country of origin. Krystelle has particular experience in dealing with Sri Lankan asylum claims and Albanian blood feud matters. In the High Court, Krystelle has experience of judicial review matters and had previously successfully obtained the removal of individuals from the Detained Fast Track, including injunctions to prevent immigration decisions being issued. Krystelle lectures to other professionals on current topics in immigration and crime. As a member of the pupillage committee she strives to achieve excellence in advocacy and sits as an assessor for Chambers pupils.

Where have all the appeal rights gone? Overview of new changes to immigration rules

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Cases of note

R v S and others (Central Criminal Court)

Defence junior in a multi-handed high profile murder trial involving youth defendants and anonymous witnesses.

R v C & P (Plymouth Crown Court)

Prosecution counsel for the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission. Successful prosecution of two CMEC employees involving fraudulent misrepresentations made to reduce financial liability. Drafted initial charging decisions and indictment prior to conducting all hearings.

R v E (Woolwich Crown Court)

Prosecution counsel acting on behalf of the NHS. Successful prosecution of a foreign doctor who had failed to declare previous convictions when obtaining a visa and work in the UK.

R v A & A (Blackfriars Crown Court)

Successfully defended two-handed case where defendants were charged with possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

In the matter of M v SSHD

Successful in securing the removal of the applicant from the Detained Fast Track.

K v SSHD

Successful in obtaining asylum on the basis of involvement in an Albanian blood feud.

T v SSHD

Successful in obtaining asylum on the basis of risk of arrest if returned to Sri Lanka.