



Welcome to the first edition of the Park Square Barristers Newsletter. Our newsletters will be sent out quarterly and they will highlight our recent news and cases of note, as well as our upcoming CPD seminars from our expert members.

Introduction from our joint Heads of Chambers; Andrew Lewis QC and Richard Wright QC.

*"As Park Square Barristers passes its 3rd Anniversary we can reflect with pride on what we have achieved over our short history post-merger. We have been recognised in the legal directories as the leading set on the **North Eastern Circuit with 'band one' barristers in many fields.***

Our business model has enabled us to invest in our premises at 6 Park Square, where our new facilities make working with us an enjoyable and seamless experience. We are supported by a great team of highly motivated clerks and a comprehensive training programme which keeps us at the forefront of service provision for our clients.

With a membership now exceeding 120 barristers, our success in attracting the very best advocates is matched by the number of recent Judicial appointments from PSQB. There have been 13 in the last three years with an unprecedented six appointments in the last three months alone.

We have been greatly buoyed by the first three years of success as PSQB. When we formed in 2015, we set out to provide a first-class and comprehensive service in all areas of the law. Our achievements so far are in no small part due to a loyal client base to whom we are extremely grateful".



Civil

Headed by Darren Finlay, our 46 practitioners in Civil Law are specialists in civil fraud, commercial & chancery, employment, personal injury, disease & negligence, court of protection & adult care.

Landmark occupational stress case raises questions on limitation
A recent highlight for our personal injury team was **Simon Anderson's** successful appearance in the Court of Appeal: **Carroll v Chief Constable GMP [2017]** - a complex occupational stress claim. His article, **No time to waste, discussing the case and 'elastic limitation'** was published in the January edition of the **New Law journal**.

When timeshares turn to nightmares

The civil field is varied and complex and can cover all aspects of the recovery of money. In an interesting article published in the February edition of the **Law Society Gazette**, PSQB civil law specialist **David Partington** presents some innovative means of recourse for clients trapped in lengthy timeshare commitments in his article **'When timeshares turn to nightmares'**.



Crime

Park Square Barristers has the largest collection of criminal barristers on the North Eastern Circuit, led by Robin Frieze with Kate Batty as deputy. We act in all levels of criminal cases, with many of the most prominent and complex murder, terrorism and historic child abuse cases in the media over this time involving our QCs.

Kama Melly QC provides expert insight on BBC Radio into John Worboys case

Our criminal barristers are widely acknowledged as experts in their field and are often asked by the media to provide insight on cases of public interest. In February, Kama Melly QC was invited to speak on BBC Radio about the case of John Worboys. The cab driver was jailed for drugging and sexually assaulting passengers, though was due to be freed on the license. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Chris Boxall secures acquittal in child abuse case

Chris Boxall successfully defended a man accused of engaging in sexual activity with a child under the age of 16.

It was alleged that the incident had occurred whilst on a family holiday in Fuerteventura. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Our Annual Criminal Seminar is due to take place on Saturday 13 October 2018



Family

Led by Charlotte Worsley with Jane Curnin as Deputy, the team comprises 46 barristers specialising in family law. Our work includes advocacy, advice & mediation in matters of law relating to children, finance and the Court of Protection.

Family team awarded Family Law Award

Our PSQB Family Team was awarded the Family Law Award for Regional Family Law Chambers in November 2017 and is now recognised as the leading set in this area of work for the North-Eastern Circuit.

We are proud to have been recognised in this way and see it as an endorsement for our sensitive understanding of our clients' needs and of our first-class, cost-effective service.

The team owes much of our success to Senior Clerk, Claudine Cooper, who celebrates twenty years of service with us ably supported by Paul Foster. We also welcome Shannon Woodley who has recently joined PSQB as a Family Fees clerk.

Anaum Riaz begins her tenancy at Park Square Barristers

Following a very successful completion of her pupillage, we are delighted to announce that Anaum Riaz now begins her tenancy at Park Square Barristers.



Regulatory & Public

The last 3 years have seen the Regulatory team at PSQB expand, strengthen and gain a formidable reputation in the fields of Health & Safety, Environmental law, Inquests & Consumer Protection.

First conviction for Gross Negligence Manslaughter involving an allergic reaction

Richard Wright QC and Craig Hassall, head of the team, secured a landmark conviction against restaurant owner Mohammed Zaman concerning a fatal reaction to peanuts. Zaman went on to seek an appeal on a point of general public importance before The Supreme Court. In December 2017 the Court of Appeal's decision to refuse to certify that brought proceedings to a close. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Park Square Barristers appointed as Assistant Coroners

Our team prides itself on cultivating new talent from its junior ranks as well as continuing to lead the field with its more senior practitioners. Park Square Barristers' upward trajectory continues with the appointment of Lorraine Harris and James Hargan as Assistant Coroners at the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull.

Recent News

Unprecedented six judicial appointments for PSQB:

In the last three months, PSQB are proud to have seen six of our members appointed to the judiciary:

Nicholas Barker - Circuit Bench
Simon Batiste - Circuit Bench
Tim Capstick - District Bench
Nicholas Hill - District Bench
Andrew Mitchell – District Bench
Claire Murden – Circuit Bench

2 New Door Tenants

We are delighted to announce that two new door tenants will be joining PSQB very shortly; Nicholas Stonor QC, Family Law and Court of Protection Silk and Julia Beer who specialises in Civil and Court of Protection.

Building Refurbishment

We have recently updated our Client Reception area, as well as the addition of a room dedicated to Video Conferencing.

Recruitment

As a result of this Judicial success we are looking to recruit and we would welcome applications from members of the Bar over 5 years call in all of our practice areas.

We have a surplus of good quality work, a great clerking team and offer exceptionally low rent.

Park Square Barristers is a modern, diverse and friendly set of Chambers with a proven track record of career development and success.

All applications will be treated in the strictest of confidence
to collins@psqb.co.uk

Upcoming Seminars

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*Our rolling seminar programme helps solicitors and barristers to achieve **their full year's continuing professional development (CPD) points**. We also run bespoke training and seminars at the request of our clients.*

Family seminars:

Tuesday 17 April - Huw Lippiatt and William Lindsay

Tuesday 12 June - Mark Saunders and Catherine Mason

Contact our senior Family Clerk: Claudine@psqb.co.uk

Criminal seminars:

Our Annual Criminal Seminar is due to take place on Saturday 13 October 2018. Contact our Senior Criminal Clerk Andrew@psqb.co.uk

Civil seminars:

Thursday 10th May – Inquests Seminar consisting of a Civil / Regulatory and Public overlap:

To arrange Civil in-house training, contact Francine@psqb.co.uk

Regulatory & Public seminars:

To arrange Regulatory in-house training, contact Madeleine@psqb.co.uk

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