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# Newsletter

Summer Edition



## Welcome to the 6th edition of the Park Square Barristers Newsletter.

The first half of 2019 has been a very busy few months and this newsletter will give you an overview and the headlines of what has been going on at PSQB.

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## Civil

### **Addleshaw Goddards Lee O'Sullivan joins the Civil Team**

We are delighted that prominent Dispute Resolution Lawyer Lee O'Sullivan will be joining the **Civil Team** from the beginning of August.

Lee was called to the Bar in 2003 and has over 15 year's experience practising in commercial litigation and financial disputes.

For the last ten years Lee has been at Addleshaw Goddards as a Solicitor Advocate.

2018's edition of Legal 500 noted that Lee is "*extremely competent, particularly in complex banking matters*".

Lee is very well known to the legal community and he has an excellent reputation – he has been involved in a number of reported cases including *Portland Stone Firms Limited v (1) Barclays Bank (2) KPMG* (2018) EWHC 2341 (QB) – where Lee successfully acted for the Bank and struck out a £10million claim in which it was alleged that the Bank conspired with KPMG to force the claimant into administration.

To view Lee's profile [click here](#).

### **First ever Public Liability Insurance Fraud prosecution in UK by PSQB**

PSQB saw the culmination of a long-running case in which a blatant fraudster sought to defraud a supermarket's public liability insurer that the insurer rightly viewed as a criminal act. [Matthew Smith](#) successfully defended the original civil trial. Matthew and [Camilla Buck](#), (both of PSQB's nationally-renowned [private prosecution team](#)) then assisted Clyde and Co and the insurer to successfully bring a private prosecution against her.

To read more please [click here](#).

### **Kate Wilson discusses the issue of exceptional circumstance and the fixed recoverable costs regime**

Kate discusses the high bar escape fixed recoverable costs: "Exceptional circumstances" and CPR 45.29J. Mr Justice Stewart recently considered the issue of "exceptional circumstances" and the fixed recoverable costs regime.

To read the article, please [click here](#).

### **Third Six Chancery applications welcome**

Park Square Barristers are looking to recruit a 3rd Six Chancery Pupil.

Our [Chancery Team](#) offers legal expertise in a wide range of areas, and in particular Probate, Inheritance, Property law, Finance, Company and Commercial/Business law.

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## Regulatory

### **Simon Connolly joins the Regulatory team**

We are delighted to announce that Simon Connolly will be joining chambers on the 29th of July 2019.

Simon has practised in the field of healthcare regulatory law for over a decade and joins chambers to concentrate on his advocacy in this specialist area.

Simon is an accomplished inquest advocate with significant experience of representing "interested persons" in inquests engaging Article 2 and heard by a Coroner sitting with a jury.

His experience also includes representing healthcare professionals involved in criminal investigations and proceedings including those which arise following a healthcare related death.

Simon has also defended healthcare professionals in fitness to practise and employment disciplinary investigations and proceedings for many years

This exciting addition to the Regulatory team is indicative of our continuing success. We look forward to welcoming Simon and working together to expand the team's healthcare regulatory practise.

To view Simon's profile [click here](#).

### **Largest list of Specialist Regulatory Panel members outside London**

Following the publication of the Specialist Regulatory Panel it is now a matter of record that PSQB is home to the largest number of Specialist Regulatory Panel members outside of London. This outstanding achievement is indicative of the Regulatory & Public Law teams' unrivalled expertise on the North Eastern Circuit.

### **Inquest Seminar season continues**

Our series of Inquest seminars has proven to be a great success with the first in the series an Introduction to Inquests at Leeds City Art Gallery attracting 70 delegates from far & wide. Our next in the series is Article 2 What difference does it make? on 18th July 2019.

If you have any suggestions for future topics please contact Madeleine Gray [madeleine@psqb.co.uk](mailto:madeleine@psqb.co.uk)

### **Private Prosecution team launched**

Following a substantial increase in private prosecution instructions and our successful involvement in recent high profile cases we have decided to establish a [Private Prosecution team](#).

Our expertise enables us to provide support and expertise from cradle to grave. From initial advice on likely success of prosecution right through to conviction in the Crown Court and application for costs from central funds.

Where the CPS decide not to proceed with a prosecution we are able to assist with the drafting of the information of the charge and laying it before the Magistrates Court ensuring transfer to the Crown Court where appropriate.

### **Noteworthy cases:**

#### **Howard Shaw prosecutes slaughterhouse operator resulting in the highest ever fine in a Food Standards Agency Case**

[Howard Shaw](#) has successfully prosecuted Dunbia (Preston) Limited, the operator of a slaughterhouse at Preston, resulting in the highest

ever fine being imposed by a court in a case brought by the Food Standards Agency. The prosecution was brought under the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2010 arising from the Company's failure to remove specified risk material from bovine and ovine carcasses. The Regulations are in force to address the risks presented by certain brain diseases known as TSEs – the best known one being BSE (mad cow disease); and require the correct removal and disposal of certain body parts to prevent them entering the food chain. A fine of £250,000 was imposed together with significant costs.

### **Anna Wilkinson prosecutes gas worker on behalf of HSE**

Marc Murrie was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment at Sheffield Crown Court for carrying out gas work when not registered to do so.

The Defendant had carried out gas work at four properties in the South Yorkshire area between 2013 and 2016. Concerns were raised following problems with his work and it was discovered that he was using an expired gas safe register number on documents and falsely asserting to clients that he was registered.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found Mr Murrie carried out the gas work, including fitting fires and boilers, at the properties when he was unregistered. The work he conducted at several properties was deemed "at risk" putting homeowners and residents potentially at risk of leaking carbon monoxide or potential explosion.

The Defendant was given a prohibition notice in 2015 by HSE and continued to carry out work on a property in 2016 in breach of that notice.

The Defendant pleaded guilty to 11 breaches under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

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## Family

### **PSQB Family Team Hosts client summer party**

Around 100 people attended the roof top terrace at Angelica's for drinks and canapes as PSQB thanked all their clients for their continued support.

The PSQB Family Team continues to go from strength to strength – we continue to attract established practitioners from other sets as well as developing young talent in our ranks.

### **Lynsey Lyon joins PSQB as new Family Fees Clerk**

We are delighted to welcome Lynsey Lyon as our Family Fees Clerk.

Lynsey joins PSQB from Jones Myers Solicitors Family Department. Prior to that she has worked for Henry Hyams, Crombie Wilkinson and Simpson Miller.

### **PSQB Family Team hold "Vicarious Trauma" Seminar**

On 22 May 2019 PSQB Family Team hosted a seminar in Chambers held by our Psychotherapist and Wellbeing Consultant, Wendy Nicholas.

Wendy discussed 'Vicarious Trauma', which is indirect exposure to a traumatic event through a first-hand account or narrative and visual images of that event.



### **Kama Melly QC accredited to sit as a Family Recorder**

We are delighted to announce that **Kama Melly QC** has been appointed to sit as a Recorder in the Family Court.

Kama was appointed a Criminal Recorder back in March 2018. Her dual responsibility as a Recorder now reflects her practice at the Bar.



## **Crime**

### **Katherine Robinson returns to the Bar after working for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for last few years**

We are delighted to welcome back **Katherine Robinson** to Park Square Barristers.

Katherine was called to the Bar in 2002 and for the last few years she has been working overseas for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Katherine returns to our **Criminal** and **Regulatory** Team as a full time practitioner.

### **Richard Wright QC and Simon Clegg successfully prosecute a man for a murder which took place 25 years ago**



A man has been jailed for Life for the brutal murder of a Bradford pensioner over 25 years ago.

New forensic and DNA testing had led to the arrest of Kay by the West Yorkshire Police "Cold case team" last year.

The Trial Judge, The Honourable Mrs Justice O'Farrell sentenced Raymond Kay to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 17 years.

For media coverage please [click here](#).

**Craig Hassall and Giles Grant successfully prosecute a man for defrauding 41 victims (some of whom were elderly and vulnerable) in excess of £750,000**

The defendant defrauded in excess of £750,000 from 41 victims including elderly and vulnerable pension clients and other independent financial advisers over a period of years.

After a 9 week trial the Defendant was convicted of all eight counts including fraud by false representation, making articles for use in fraud, providing financial advice when not authorised and contempt of court.

For media coverage please [click here](#).

**Criminal Team host Eid celebration**

To celebrate Eid, members of PSQB's Criminal Team and staff hosted an evening meal at Food City in Bradford on 11th June 2019.

Thank you to all our clients who attended.

**Save the date – annual Criminal defence solicitors seminar**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, we will be holding our Annual Criminal seminar at Leeds BPP Law .

The seminar will take place from 9am to 4pm and is worth 6 CPD points.

For more details please [click here](#).

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## Andy Reeves joins PSQB as Business Development Clerk

We are delighted to welcome Andy Reeves to the PSQB Clerks Room

Andy is well known to the Northern and North Eastern Circuit having been a barristers Clerk for over 20 years.

Andy's role at PSQB will be Business Development Clerk.

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## PSQB takes part in Leeds 10k Legal Walk to support The Access to Justice Foundation

Members and staff from PSQB joined over 500 people from the Leeds Legal community at the Leeds 10k Legal Walk on 24th June 2019 raising money for the Access to Justice Foundation.

The walk ended with music from PSQB's *Ayshea Megyery* and her band "Scott and the Antarcitics"

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## Pupils

James Holding and Joseph Hudson and are all accepting instructions having commenced their second six pupillages.

Chelsea Brooke-Ward starts her PSQB third six pupillage.

Tom Jackson has commenced his first six under the supervision of Glenn Parsons.



# Happy Retirement to Tricia Doherty

Tricia Doherty started her legal career at the Crown Prosecution Service, qualifying as a Solicitor in 1994 and obtaining her higher rights in 1999.

She was the first Solicitor Advocate to transfer to the Bar to be exempt from pupillage.

She was called to the Bar in 2000 and joined Sovereign Chambers where she established a busy mixed criminal practice all over the North Eastern Circuit

Everyone at Park Square Barristers will miss Tricia Doherty, she has been a friendly and popular member of Chambers – and we all wish her well in retirement.

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