



Genevieve Woods

Call: 2016

Genevieve Woods practices primarily in criminal and public law, with a particular focus on public inquiries, international sanctions and safeguarding cases.

Genevieve is security cleared to SC level.

Crime

Genevieve regularly appears in both the Magistrates' Courts and Crown Courts for both the defence and the prosecution.

She has worked on a number of complex financial matters and cases prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office. She represents individuals charged with a broad range of offences, including fraud and white collar crime, violent crimes, theft, and drug offences.

In addition, she prosecutes cases on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, National Probation Service and Transport for London.

Financial Crime and Sanctions

Genevieve appears in serious criminal cases for both the defence and the prosecution. She is able to provide advice and representation pre-charge, during trial and in relation to ancillary orders, such as confiscation or forfeiture proceedings.

She works on complex financial matters, including cases prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office and HMRC. She

represents individuals charged with a broad range of offences, including fraud, money laundering, bribery and blackmail.

Genevieve acts on behalf of individuals seeking to discharge Account Freezing Orders and resist applications for cash and account forfeiture. She has also appeared on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service in high value and complex applications for forfeiture.

Genevieve regularly advises on cases involving breaches of sanctions and export controls and on internal sanctions compliance policies. She has worked with international corporations, including financial institutions, insurance companies and maritime corporations.

Inquests & Inquiries

Genevieve has broad experience working as counsel in public inquiries.

She appeared on behalf of a number of educational institutions in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse as part of the case study relating to Residential Music Schools.

She is junior counsel in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, acting on behalf of police officers attached to the Special Demonstration Squad who have been granted core participant status.

She acted as junior counsel to Richard Horwell QC on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

Genevieve has also undertaken work on behalf of the London Fire Brigade in relation to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Notable Inquests & Inquiries cases

- **Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse**
(2018-Present) Instructed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham and other clients, led by Richard Horwell QC.
- **Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing**
(2017-Present) Acting on behalf of police officers granted core participant status in the Inquiry.
- **Grenfell Tower Inquiry**
(2019-Present)

Extradition

Genevieve has successfully acted on behalf of requested persons in challenging their extradition from the UK. She provides representation from initial arrest through to full hearings and appeals.

Regulatory & Licensing

Genevieve regularly appears in licensing matters on behalf of the police and premises holders. She has also acted in cases relating to planning permission.

She acts on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service in firearms licensing cases and is able to provide advice to applicants in appeals against a decision to refuse or revoke a firearms certificate.

She also appears on behalf of Transport for London in licensing appeals in the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court.

Genevieve accepts instructions on regulatory and health and safety cases.

Safeguarding

Genevieve has advised schools, charitable organisations and commercial organisations on safeguarding policies and DBS requirements.

She has acted on behalf of seven clients in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, including the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Genevieve also provides safeguarding and sexual consent training to sports organisations, including Premier League football teams. She has worked on sporting appeals and is able to provide advice on a wide range of safeguarding issues.

Other

Genevieve has provided advice and representation in inquest proceedings on behalf of both individuals and institutions. She has also appeared in judicial review proceedings.

She is able to provide advice in relation to international human rights law, humanitarian law and matters relating to the United Nations and other international organisations.

Notable Cases

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

(2019)

Instructed by Wells Cathedral School and the Yehudi Menuhin School.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (2018 – Present)

Instructed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham and other clients, led by Richard Horwell QC.

Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing

(2017 – Present)

Acting on behalf of police officers granted core participant status in the Inquiry.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

(2019 – Present)

MPS v A

(2018)

Successfully acted for the Commissioner in a high value cash forfeiture involving allegations of money laundering and the funding of terrorist activities.

MPS v S

(2018)

Successfully defended an appeal against a SHPO imposed on a defendant accused of the kidnapping and rape of a child under the age of 16.

Education

- Bar Transfer Test, BPP
- Masters of International Human Rights Law (Distinction), Oxon
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (Distinction), College of Law
- Combined Bachelor of Arts & Laws (Hons 1), Sydney University
- Winner of the One Essex Court/Times Law Award (2017)
- Winner of the Oxford Law Society Essay Competition (2014)
- Finalist, Lawyers' Weekly Law Student of the Year Award (2014)
- Honours Scholarship, Sydney University (2011)
- Sydney Lyceum Prize (2010)
- Dean's Scholarship, Sydney University (2008)

Other Information

Genevieve is a solicitor on the rolls of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia. Prior to joining the bar, she worked for the United Nations Association, Salvos Legal, the Faculty of Law at Sydney University and the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia.