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Patricia practices in the areas of business and financial crime, regulatory work, inquests and inquiries, public law and professional discipline.

She is currently a member of the counsel team instructed by the Metropolitan Police responding to the Undercover Policing Inquiry chaired by Sir John Mitting. She is a member of the SFO Prosecution Panel, and the CPS Fraud, and Serious Crime Panels. She is also on the list of specialist regulatory advocates who prosecute on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive and the Environment Agency.

Patricia is an experienced lecturer and is Editor-in-Chief of 'Arlidge, Eady and Smith on Contempt' (5th edition 2017). Prior to coming to the Bar, Patricia enjoyed an academic career, holding posts at Oxford, Cambridge and Brunel Universities, specialising in European and International human rights law. Her doctoral thesis was awarded the Babsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize by Oxford University for most outstanding thesis in the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms. She has published a number of articles and chapters in edited books in this field with particular emphasis on gender-based violence and the development of positive duties on states to protect victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

Areas of Expertise

Business and Regulatory Crime

Patricia is an experienced disclosure counsel and has acted in a number of high-profile, long-running frauds instructed by the SFO, ORR and the police. She has also acted as LPP counsel for the SFO. She is particularly well-suited to complex and/or intricate, document heavy work. Patricia is accustomed to working effectively as part of a large team.

Notable Business and Regulatory Crime cases

R v J and Others (2019)

Led junior instructed by the CPS in multi-handed money laundering case.

R v W and Others (2016)

Disclosure counsel instructed by the Office of Rail and Road in relation to a prosecution brought under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from a death at work.

R v A and Others (2016)

SFO Disclosure counsel in a high-profile 6-handed £5m conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation in the provision of football training schemes.

R v M and Others (Operation Hornet) (Feb 2015 - July 2016)

Disclosure counsel instructed by Thames Valley Police in widely publicised 10-handed £250m fraudulent trading and corruption case involving employees of HBOS and members of the business community.

R v G and L (2015)

Represented one of two defendants (first on indictment) charged with numerous offences under the Consumer (Protection from Unfair Trading) Regulations 2008.

Inquests and Inquiries

Notable Inquests and Inquiries cases

Undercover Policing Inquiry (Jan 2017- Present)

Patricia is a member of the core counsel team instructed by the Metropolitan Police responding to the Undercover Policing Inquiry. She was part of the counsel team involved in the anonymity exercise seeking Restriction Orders over the identities of former members of the Special Demonstration Squad. She is presently tasked to the team preparing for the first tranche of evidential hearings, which deal with undercover work carried on between 1968 and 1982.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry (August 2019 - March 2020)

Patricia was instructed as a member of the counsel team to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Public Law/Human Rights

Patricia's practice has a significant human rights element, and she has regularly dealt with issues raised under Articles 3, 6 and 8 in the context of her public law, extradition and inquiry work.

Notable Public Law/Human Rights cases

Undercover Policing Inquiry (2017-present)

Instructed by the Metropolitan Police as part of the counsel team dealing with applications for anonymity for former members of the Special Demonstration Squad, and addressing issues raised under Article 2, 3 and 8 ECHR (see also 'Inquiries' above).

Latvia v R (2018)

Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving allegations of fraud, raising issues in relation to passage of time, fugitive status and Article 8 ECHR.

Poland v S (2018)

Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving multiple allegations of theft and perjury raising issues under Article 8 where the Requested Person was the carer of child with disabilities.

Lithuania v K (2018)

Acting for Judicial Authority in a case involving multiple offences of high value VAT fraud raising issues under Article 3 and prison conditions.

SS and BS v Att-Gen of Trinidad and Tobago and Others (2015)

Instructed in case involving the detention of minors in adult prisons, raising issues under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

R (I) v SSHD (2015)

Instructed by the GLD in case involving application for settlement as Tier 1 General Migrant, raising issues under Art 8 ECHR.

R (O) v SSHD (2015)

Instructed by the GLD in case involving application for Indefinite Leave to Remain raising issues under Art 8 ECHR.

R (H) v SSHD (2015)

Instructed by GLD in case involving refusal to grant EEA residence card on the grounds of subsisting relationship.

Professional Discipline

Notable Professional Discipline cases

2014

Seconded to Kingsley Napley's Regulatory Department preparing cases for the Health and Care Professions Council.

2021

Instructed by the Bar Standards Board in a matter before The Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service

Education

- LL.B (Hons) 2001 (First Class)
- MSc, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Oxford University 2002 (Distinction)
- D Phil, 'Women, Human Rights and Criminal Justice', Oxford University 2006 (Prize winning)

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- Health and Safety Lawyers' Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Appointments

- SFO Prosecution B Panel (2020)
- Specialist List of Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law (List C) (2019)
- CPS Specialist Panel: Fraud (Level 2) (2018)
- CPS Specialist Panel: Serious Crime (Level 2) (2018)
- SFO Prosecution C Panel (2017)
- Brunel Law School (2011-2012) Lecturer in Law
- Trinity Hall, Cambridge (2007-2010) John Collier Fellow in Law