

Verity Quaite

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Verity accepts instructions in all areas of crime, both prosecuting and defending.

Verity has represented defendants in the Youth, Magistrates' and Crown Courts, as well as appearing for prisoners in Parole Board Hearings. She is a Level 2 CPS Panel Advocate and regularly represents HMRC and the Home Office in forfeiture and condemnation proceedings. She has an interest in financial crime and regularly appears in POCA proceedings.

Verity has experience working in-house on secondment to the Ethics & Compliance department of a multi-national corporation, managing and conducting internal investigations into over 40 allegations, including bribery and corruption. Her keen eye for detail, forensic approach, organisation, and diligence mean that she is able to handle paper-heavy briefs with confidence. She has considerable experience, gained whilst a paralegal at Fulcrum Chambers and Slaughter and May of large-scale investigations. She has assisted in the preparation of defences under the Bribery Act for companies facing prosecution by the SFO and has been involved in due diligence and disclosure exercises.

Appointed – Crime Prosecution Service Level 2

Education

Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)

MA Music, Culture and Politics

BA Music (First Class Honours)

Shelford Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Hardwick Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn

Professional Memberships

Northern Circuit

Crown Prosecution Service Category 2

Notable Cases

AC (Parole Board): represented a prisoner serving an IPP sentence and made a successful application for release

R v K: represented a third strike Class A drug dealer at PTPH and sentence and obtained favourable sentence for defendant

B v DPP: successfully appealed against the sentence of an elderly individual with extensive offending record

R v N: legal argument resulted in withdrawal of breach proceedings by National Probation Service

R v D: successful exceptional hardship argument made for a teacher who would have otherwise lost their driving licence

R v Youth: successfully defended youth charged with harassment and public order offences

R v Youth: successfully defended in multi-handed youth trial. Defendant was acquitted of joint enterprise arson