

Amrisha Parathalingam

Year of Call: 2004

Telephone Clerk: +44 (0)121 246 0200

Clerks Email: crime@st-philips.com



Introduction

Amrisha is a specialist criminal and regulatory practitioner and is a Grade 3 CPS prosecutor. Her recent criminal practice includes cases of increasing complexity and gravity ranging from homicide to fraud, sexual offences and offences of serious violence.

Amrisha's meticulous preparation and approachable style make her a popular choice amongst instructing solicitors.

Education

- LLB(Hons), LLM University of Manchester
- Called to the Bar of Sri Lanka: 2005

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Advocacy Trainer for Lincoln's Inn
- Sri Lanka Bar Association

Languages

- Sinhalese

Crime

Amrisha prosecutes and defends in equal measure.

She has gained considerable experience in prosecuting and defending a range of criminal cases including violence, dishonesty, sexual offences and drugs matters.

During her time in chambers Amrisha has been a Led Junior prosecuting:

- A multimillion pound conspiracy to supply heroin around the West Midlands;
- A murder where a husband severed his wife's head; and
- A multimillion pound fraud relating to children's animated programmes.

She was also recently led to defend a man accused of stabbing his partner over sixty times whilst under the influence of cocaine.

Licensing

Amrisha has represented Local Authorities, individuals and businesses in respect of alcohol and entertainment licensing matters. She is also well versed in defending alleged Food Safety Regulation breaches.

Over the years, she has gained considerable expertise in prosecuting and defending taxi licensing offences and also representing drivers seeking to persuade the Local Authorities to allow them to retain their licence following a conviction.

She regularly appears before the Traffic Commissioner instructed by HGV drivers and Operators alleged to have breached their licences.

Animal Welfare

Amrisha has appeared in both the Magistrates and Crown Courts on behalf of dog owners alleged to be in breach of the Dangerous Dogs Act. She has successfully resisted applications by the prosecution for destruction orders and has developed a thorough understanding of the procedures and practicalities associated with recovering costs from an unsuccessful Prosecution.

Fraud, Business and Financial Crime

Having completed a Masters in International Financial Services Law, Amrisha is well versed with corporate offences. She has gained considerable experience defending company directors who face lengthy Disqualification orders for the alleged mismanagement of companies.

She is also regularly instructed to prosecute for the Department of Business Innovation and Skills.

More recently Amrisha was instructed as a led Junior in a Prosecution brought by the Complex Case-Work Unit regarding a £20million Ponzi scheme.

She is well known for her meticulous approach to preparing each case and her ability to put clients at ease and explain matters thoroughly.

Additionally, she is well versed in prosecuting and defending those alleged to have breached Trade Mark laws. She recently represented an individual charged with having a million pound counterfeit operation in the west Midlands. She is well versed in dealing with subsequent POCA matters.

Direct Access

Amrisha is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. In addition she welcomes instruction from in house law departments, clients licensed by the Bar Council to directly instruct Barristers under the Licensed Access scheme and qualified foreign lawyers.

Motoring and Road Traffic

Amrisha accepts instruction in all driving offences. Since she started practising she has successfully represented a number of individuals at trial and in mitigation for offences of careless driving, dangerous driving, driving under the influence of alcohol etc.

She also has considerable experience in effectively dealing with arguments of exceptional hardship and special measures.

Regulatory

Amrisha is regularly instructed by City Councils, the DWP and UKBA to prosecute food hygiene prosecutions, alcohol licencing, taxi licencing, benefit fraud and confiscation of goods at airports.

She is experienced in defending allegations of a variety of benefit frauds. She is meticulous in her approach to each case and prioritizes putting clients at ease and explaining matters thoroughly.