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Janine has excellent communication skills and detailed knowledge built up over 30 years at the Bar which she applies when prosecuting and defending in cases of serious sexual assaults, rape, violence and all serious criminal matters. She is particularly adept at dealing with cases involving vulnerable adults, children and witnesses or defendants with special needs and is on the CPS rape list and is a Grade 4 prosecutor. She has lectured lawyers, doctors and other professionals on trial preparation and presentation and has also helped train intermediaries. She has prosecuted and defended in cases of serious abuse such as the prosecution of a care home manager and her staff for abusive behaviour towards learning disabled adults in their care. She conducts all cases of serious crime and has been instructed by the Government Legal Service in the Cayman Islands in a tribunal hearing involving misconduct in office of a High Court Judge. She was counsel for a number of the bereaved families in the 7/7 Bombing Inquest conducted by Lady Justice Hallett in 2011.

She also has an extensive family practice and is regularly instructed in care and adoption cases in the High Court which have an unusual complexity or sensitivity. Her practice often involves cases where there are concurrent proceedings in the family and criminal jurisdictions as she is able to deal with difficult issues involving confidentiality and disclosure. She has dealt with several care cases representing clients accused of murdering their co-parent and is able to advise both the family and criminal team of solicitors as a result of her knowledge of both sets of proceedings.

She is registered with the Bar Council as a Public Access Advocate and in appropriate cases she is able to accept instructions directly. She is also specifically qualified in prison law following a 12 month course and is a qualified Family Mediator with the FMA.

Education

University of Birmingham LLB

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Family Mediation Association

Criminal Bar Association

South Eastern Circuit

Middle Temple

Inner Temple