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Kathryn Arnot Drummond



Called to the Bar - 2008

Biography

Kathryn's membership of Cloth Fair Chambers is a recognition of her expertise as a junior in financial crime (individuals and corporate) including fraud, corruption and tax evasion offences and other serious and complex crime work. A mature court advocate, experienced in jury trial and appellate work, Kathryn has acted as both leading and junior counsel in a number of fraud and significant general criminal cases. She provides strategic advice to individuals as well as multi-national corporations in relation to both criminal and regulatory investigations. Kathryn's familiarity with the financial services industry and parallel foreign proceedings makes her ideally suited to the demands of complex, serious and high-profile investigations and casework.

Recent & Current Cases

Advisory Work

- Instruction by a global investment bank as part of a small advisory team in relation to a multi-jurisdictional regulatory and criminal investigation.
- Criminal and Regulatory advice to a pharmaceutical company and directors under investigation for the commission of offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act as a result of wholesale foreign export.
- Advice to an unregulated entity in a sensitive commercial environment in relation to a possible SAR.

Court Work

- Kathryn is currently instructed as junior counsel to represent the Chief Operating Officer of Afren PLC, charged by the SFO alongside the company's former CEO with Fraud Act 2006 and money laundering offences in a criminal trial fixed for September 2018.
- Currently instructed in relation to a high profile SFO investigation into allegations of multi-jurisdictional bribery.
- Leading counsel in a multi-handed company fraud trial. Defendant acquitted after trial.
- Junior acting for a film producer in a complex conspiracy to cheat the revenue and fraudulent claiming of film tax credits.
- Junior representing company director charged with the running of a boiler room fraud. Prosecution offered no evidence after successful legal argument.

Previous Cases

Kathryn has acted as a junior counsel in a number of significant financial and general crime cases including:

Financial Crime

- Fraudulent Trading [s.993 Companies Act 2006] and making articles for use in fraud arising from the altering of and trading in catalytic converters.
- Junior alone in card Sharing Network Fraud conducted over four year period and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.
- Junior alone in a benefit fraud. Defendant discharged after successful legal argument.
- Junior alone acting in multiple money laundering trials.

General Crime

- Contempt of court proceedings at the Central Criminal Court in which the defendant was the key witness in a murder trial. Contempt contested on the ground of duress.
- Junior in case involving four alleged conspiracies to kidnap, falsely imprison, blackmail and pervert the course of justice. This case involved significant cell site material and expert evidence.

Kathryn's general crime work has also encompassed defending criminal charges of attempted murder, historic sexual offences and child destruction.

Education / Experience

Mental Philosophy (MA) – University of Edinburgh

Sunley Prize – Knights of the Round Table (Inner Temple award)

Exhibition Award – Honorable Society of the Inner Temple

Associated Work

Kathryn is an Inner Temple advocacy trainer. She was President of the Inner Temple Junior Bar Association between 2012-2013.

Kathryn has regularly spoken and chaired panels at internationally recognised conferences and provides training to professions in the field of corporate and economic crime. Recent talks include:

- April 2018: UK AMLP (Anti-Money Laundering Professionals Forum) Annual AML & Financial Crime Seminar: Masterclass on the topic of FCA and law enforcement raids and investigatory powers.
 - September 2017 UK Finance Financial Crime and Sanctions conference: 'What to do when the SFO come knocking'.
 - March 2017 Young Fraud Lawyers Association: MOJ Call for Evidence in relation to corporate criminal liability.
 - September 2016, Panel Chair International Symposium on Economic Crime at Jesus College in Cambridge for the fifth time in as many years. The most recent topics include *'The approaches of the US and the UK to corporate criminal responsibility'*, *'Post Libor/FX, what is the right advice?'*.
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