

3PB Barrister Profile



Caroline Stone

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Academic Qualifications

MA (Hons), Downing College, Cambridge

Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School (9th in year of 300)

Asset and Tax Recovery Group

Under the tutelage of Mark Sutherland Williams, as a pupil Caroline was exposed to the full range of asset forfeiture work undertaken by 3PB for both Prosecuting Authorities and Receivers, including civil recovery and restraint proceedings. She was involved with numerous High Court and Court of Appeal hearings, many of which raised Article 7 ECHR challenges.

Recent/ongoing cases include:

- Advising the Serious Organised Crime Agency as to the merits of pursuing civil recovery following a failed prosecution (£6 million fraud)
- Advising as to the merits, drafting pleadings and appearing in judicial review cases arising from condemnation hearings
- Indirect tax - Caroline has conducted numerous condemnation trials and restoration appeals (the latter, before the First Tier Tribunal (Tax)), in addition to drafting the originating summons or Statements of Case in such claims
- Cash forfeiture hearings
- Enforcement hearings on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service

Caroline has a keen interest in further developing her asset forfeiture practice. Her aptitude for cutting through complex statutory provisions lends itself to this area of law; so too, her experience of researching foreign law.

Caroline has lectured on the subject of Civil Recovery Orders.

Significant cases

SFO v Lexi Holdings Plc (In administration) [2008] EWCA Crim 1443

During pupillage, Caroline assisted Barry Stancombe in preparing this crucial Court of Appeal case which determined the scope of the amended legislative steer contained in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Caroline is a Member of the Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association Committee, organising their annual essay competition.

Published Articles

- *?Whose car is it anyway??*, New Law Journal, 159 NLJ 595
- *?R v Morgan; R v Bygrave - A Case Commentary?*, Proceeds of Crime Review: The Journal of Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering, 2008 Vol. 2, p55-57

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Attorney-General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (C Panel)

Professional Bodies

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers' Association
- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association