



Elizabeth Nicholls is a senior junior who has a successful defence and prosecution practice in General Crime. Having been called to the Bar in 1984, she became a Category 4 prosecutor in 1994, and as a consequence has prosecuted a number of significant and difficult cases. She was appointed as a Recorder in 2000, and is a Category A prosecutor on the Attorney Generals Consolidate List.

NOTABLE CASES

Her Practice covers all areas of criminal work but she has significant experience in the following;

GENERAL CRIME

Miss Nicholls has extensive experience of prosecuting and defending multi handed cases of serious violence (Murder, Manslaughter and Mutiny), Drug importation and supply, and Armed Robberies.

She has been involved in a number of high profile cases, these have included:

The Peace Protestors objecting to the continued production/existence of Trident Nuclear Submarines (Ploughshare 2000 Movement).

12 year old charged with the Murder of a young child. (This raised extensive and complex medical issues as to causation).

Murder and Section 18 of two 15 year old boys (R v Ganson, this had the "distinction/or misfortune of being televised and included one of the earliest "bad character" applications).

Police Officers charged with Perverting the Course of Justice and misfeasance in a public office.

Father charged with the Attempted Murder of his two young sons.

Prison Mutiny at Haverigg Prison

R-v- Ronchetti.

R-v-Harrington.

Miss Nicholls has prosecuted and defended a large number of cases relating to sexual offences, both current offences and cases of historic sexual abuse. She has also lectured on the subject of sexual offences and "SOPO". Her professional experiences include cases in the following;

Large scale police enquiries into both historic and present day sexual abuse at a school (R-v-O'Brien; later to become an authority on severance);

Cases involving the question of the complainant's competence to give evidence due to severe mental health problems,

Cases involving "False Memory Syndrome" in which she has both defended and prosecuted, and has called expert evidence on behalf of both sides of the debate;

Multi defendant and complainant cases of sexual abuse.

Cold Case Unit cases (both prosecution and defence)

Cases involving cross gender defendants

FRAUD/WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Elizabeth Nicholls has conducted a number of fraud trials both on her own and as a leading junior. These have included:

High profile prosecution by the SFO of the former directors of SSL, {Seton, Scholl and the London Rubber Company} a multi-national health product company 2004/5; (Cater, Saunders, George and others.)

The first fraud case in Manchester to prepare and present the evidence electronically (Regina v Bates and Others);

Private prosecution by the Post Office of a man charged with Foreign Currency Fraud;

Complex fraud trial dealing with allegations of money laundering, fraudulent trading, and bankruptcy offences involving a number of limited companies.

An extensive fraud upon NW development Agency (Digital Industries NW) R-v- Welch and Hunt.

Other white collar crimes involve a number of money laundering trials and counterfeit/copyright cases.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Elizabeth Nicholls also has considerable experience of presenting cases in the GMC, and having done so since the GMC opened their premises in Manchester. Cases conducted have ranged from purely "misconduct" where a Doctor may be accused of having inappropriate relationships, or of providing false documents/CV, to a breach of performance which raises issues of clinical competence. In the latter group, cases have included:

A Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon who effectively destroyed a hip in the course of a routine hip replacement operation;

A Consultant Plastic Surgeon who removed part of a patient's skull in the course of a nasal operation, resulting in the patient's death.

Inappropriate prescription practise at a private Clinic

Inappropriate diagnoses and subsequent treatment.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

B.A. Hons (PMH) at Manchester University.
Dip Law (London)

Inns of Courts (Bar Finals)

Member of Inner Temple.

Member of the CBA

Involved in the Schools Mock Trials Competition.

PERSONAL

Married, with two children.