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‘Fights everything that needs to be fought’ – Chambers UK

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### NOTABLE CASES

R v Coghlan, appearing for the main defendant charged with murder and conspiracy to supply Class A and B drugs; after ten months the trial was stayed for abuse, following complex legal argument.

In R v Amos, she appeared for one of the main defendants on trial for execution-style Manchester gangland murders; other high-profile cases involving drug gang murders include R v Spencer (the Riley murder), R v Manning (Brookhouse Wines) and R v Guishard (the Burnt House Farm murder).

In R v Carpenter, she represented an allegedly corrupt police officer accused of conspiracy to import Class A drugs and to launder the proceeds, arising out of the activities of Michael Michael.

She has also appeared successfully in a number of baby murder trials.

Terrorism cases include R v N and others, the forthcoming trial of four men charged with terrorist offences based on the actions of undercover police or law enforcement officers in the Islamic community and in mosques.

In the area of serious fraud, she represented the only defendant in Operation Devout to be acquitted of MTIC carousel fraud. Other cases include the successful representation of the Money Laundering Reporting Officer in R v Y & M, an allegation of £385m money laundering at WorldWide Currencies. She also appeared for the main defendant in R v Potts and others, the largest ever SFO prosecution of a housing fraud, a Ponzi scheme arising out of Practical Property Portfolios in the North East.

In addition, she carries out public inquiry work; for example, she represented the main police officer in the Victoria Climbié inquiry and in the police disciplinary hearing.

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## EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Year of Silk: 2001

Recorder: 1996

Deputy High Court Judge: 2010

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Education: LLB (Hons)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships include the Bar Council, serving on the Law Reform Committee and as a Vice-Chairman of the Professional Practice (Ethics) Committee and as an elected general member of the council.

She is the Director of Education and Training for the South Eastern Circuit and a serving committee member of the Criminal Bar Association.

Maura is called to the Irish Bar.