

CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE THE CORONERS AND JUSTICE ACT 2009



You are invited to a seminar on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at BPP Law School, St James Building, Oxford St, Manchester, commencing at 5.30pm, to be presented by Peter Wright QC and Lisa Roberts.

The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 provides significant changes in the law governing witness anonymity and partial defences to murder. We shall focus primarily on these aspects of the new Act.

- ◆ The law surrounding the contentious topic of witness anonymity has been fast-moving since the Court of Appeal's decision in the landmark case of *R v Davis* [2008]. The Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Act 2008 – a knee-jerk reaction to the Court's decision in *Davis* – has been repealed to a large extent by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. We shall be looking at the circumstances in which witness anonymity orders can be made; what needs to be done to satisfy the criteria, and the practical implications of the new legislation.
- ◆ The new Act also abolishes the common law/statutory defence of provocation and amends the law on diminished responsibility. We shall look at the new partial defence to murder of "loss of self control" - its definition and its application – and the amendments to s.2 of the Homicide Act 1957.

THE SPEAKERS

Peter Wright QC

Cited by Chambers UK as a leading criminal silk and also described by the Legal 500 as a "fantastic advocate", Peter Wright QC is a highly respected and extremely experienced



advocate who has appeared in numerous high profile cases (recent examples being the MP's expenses case, R v Stephen Wright – Ipswich serial killer, and R v Umer Islam & Others - the terrorist plot to blow up transatlantic flights from Heathrow).

Peter prosecutes and defends in criminal cases involving offences of the utmost gravity and complexity including terrorism, murder, drugs and serious fraud.

In September 2006 he was appointed Senior Treasury Counsel, the first person ever to be so appointed as a silk and directly to that role. Since relinquishing that position, he now receives regular instructions from leading defence firms in serious cases involving the full spectrum of offences.



Lisa Roberts is described as "One of the best advocates at her level" (Chambers and Partners, 2009). She has been a Category 4 prosecutor for several years and is on the Attorney-General's 'A' list of advocates. She has built up a very strong and successful practice prosecuting and defending serious crime and is regularly involved in high profile cases. Her practice consists of homicide, fraud and serious sexual assault. She also has a broad experience in regulatory work including Police Disciplinary Tribunals, Trading Standards and Environment Agency work.

The seminar is accredited by SRA, carries 2 hours CPD and is presented free of charge.

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