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Presentation Summaries Friday 27 June

Dan Arshack – The International Advocacy Teacher: Teaching Students where they live

10.15 – 11.00

The task of an advocacy teacher is to ensure that those they train are equipped to perform advocacy to the highest standards. For those who train advocates in different jurisdictions there is the additional challenge of ensuring that training is sensitive to cultural and regional differences and that the trainer does not seek to impose the values of the trainers jurisdiction upon the trainee. This presentation will examine the core standards that should be central to all advocacy training and examines the challenges of "The International Advocacy Teacher."

Martin McKay Smith – Preparing CPS Advocates for the Higher Courts

11.00 – 11.30

The Crown Prosecution Service is one of the largest employers of advocates in the country. With a complex and sensitive case load, maintaining the standards of advocacy is paramount. This presentation will give an insight into the principles which have been used to prepare prosecutors for the higher courts and show how online resources can be used to assist. It will also discuss how the training scheme will evolve to meet the changing needs of the criminal justice system.

Kenneth Campbell QC – Assessing Advocacy Standards

11.45 – 12.30

As both the membership body and front-line regulator of the Scottish Bar, the Faculty of Advocates has a strong interest in maintaining advocacy standards in the public interest. This presentation, will discuss the Faculty's experience in introducing and managing assessment of advocacy skills as part of the process of admission to the Bar over the past 10 years.

Forming part of pupillage, and building on the advocacy skills training programme provided by the Faculty, the assessment scheme requires a competence-based assessment of performance in four core advocacy skills: witness examination, oral submissions, drafting written pleading and drafting written advice.

This presentation will discuss the structure and methodology of the assessment scheme, and will also deal with some of the practical challenges which arise in a scheme of this kind for trainers as well as assessors.

Karen Squibb - Williams - One Bar – Many Careers: The A-Z of Advocacy
11.45 – 12.30

One of the unique strengths of the Bar lies in the advocacy skills of its members. Advocacy is a vital ingredient of a barrister's work – but it can be, and is, exercised in a variety of ways and places. Advocacy therefore takes many forms, and is not exercised exclusively in the courtroom. The company boardroom often requires the exercise of similar skills. Indeed, any form of public address and negotiating - the bread and butter of the in-house barrister - requires a high level of advocacy skills.

As Tim Dutton QC summarised:

"The essential skills for a persuasive modern advocate are, in combination: Ability To Persuade Orally; Ability to Persuade in Written Argument; Cogent Legal and Factual Analysis; Ability to Develop Reasoned Argument; Forensic Skills with Evidence (both written and oral). All of the foregoing undertaken to high ethical standards"

HHJ Peter Rook QC - What Judges will now expect from Advocates in respect of Vulnerable Witnesses, and how this can be best achieved
12.30 – 13.00

Judge Rook is leading a profession wide project looking into the provision of advocacy training for advocates who are involved in cases of a sexual nature, with vulnerable witnesses and defendants. Judge Rook is also taking a lead in the current intensive training of all the judiciary who deal with cases with vulnerable witnesses which will ensure that the ATC project for advocates and that for the judiciary will be consistent.

This presentation considers the introduction of special measures and cases involving vulnerable witnesses. He will discuss the effectiveness of conventional cross-examination and cover topics such as the direction from the Court of Appeal in respect of appropriate advocacy, the responsibilities of trial judges in ensuring appropriate advocacy in light of these decisions as well as discussing judicial training and future solutions.

Kevin Crawley – An Interdisciplinary Approach to Advocacy Teaching
12.30 – 13.00

Dealing with expert witnesses is one of the most challenging and difficult skills an advocate faces. For those who teach advocacy it is very difficult to teach advocates in this skill without access to authentic experts. This presentation looks at a possible solution to this problem through the recruitment of students from other disciplines to act as experts. The presentation looks at the use of students in this way at Northumbria University and examines both the advantages and potential difficulties of this strategy.

Deveral Capps - Feedback and feed-forward: Advocacy Training and Vocational Programmes

14.00 – 14.45

Feedback plays a central role in education and should mean that students improve each time feedback is provided. This paper will look at the role of feedback in advocacy training on the Bar Professional Training Course and Legal Practice Course; identify available methods for feedback delivery; outline the tensions that stem from underlying educational theories; and offer suggestions to ensure that feedback, when provided, is effective.

Jane Martin - Fear and fun: Giving students permission to hear their voice through Advocacy/Presentation training

14.00 – 14.45

This presentation outlines the use of an extra-curricular course for law students, the purpose of which is to increase the confidence of diverse students in a post-1992 University.

The course through the practice of advocacy addressed the poor self-esteem and lack of confidence in undergraduate students. Many of the students at Anglia Ruskin University are from backgrounds traditionally challenged in relation to social mobility and access to the legal profession. Their observed lack of confidence and poor presentation/advocacy skills act as a clear disadvantage in the employment market. The course built confidence in the use of voice, body language and legal thinking skills by giving the students training in oral communication skills.

There is an emphasis on transferability of skills in addition to persuasive skills. Although the course is taking place in the context of law, the outputs can be used to build self-assurance and transferrable employability skills across all disciplines.

The course over 6 weeks also aims to build student confidence and to give them permission to hear their own voice in tutorials, thereby enriching their tutorial experience and learning skills.

Feedback from the course has been outstanding, leading to the integration of course elements into LLB Modules.

Jeremy Robson and Helen Edwards – Criminal Advocacy Training after Jeffrey

14.45 – 15.30

The Jeffrey Review of independent criminal advocacy has made some bold recommendations for the future of criminal advocacy. One of the most significant for those involved in the training of advocates is the recommendation that over time there should be “a common training expectation of all those practising as advocates in the Crown Court, which need not be as demanding as the Bar’s but should substantially exceed the current requirement on solicitors seeking higher court rights.” But what should this training encompass? In this presentation we consider where the current weaknesses in criminal advocacy may lie and what could be included in a “common training experience” to rectify these.

Andrew Watson - Teaching Skills in Advocacy with History

14.45 – 15.30

It has been said that students faced with greater expenses than before of attending university are choosing, with an eye to their future, to study law courses which have a vocational element.

At universities there has been a growth of courses that introduce students to advocacy in simulated court cases, in clinical legal education, often involving, representing real clients before various tribunals under supervision, and in mootings. Students are taught practical skills of advocacy. These courses are generally well received by students, often provide them with confidence and may well lead some to qualify as lawyers.

It is submitted that students' appreciation and knowledge of courtroom advocacy could be further enhanced by adding study about what has shaped its content and style over time.

The paper seeks to justify this view and sets out one possible framework for examining how modern courtroom advocacy has been formed.

Lionel Blackman – Teaching Advocacy Skills in the age of the “Visual”

15.45 – 16.30

Juries and judges live in a world today where visual stimuli dominate the information processing of most human beings. The classic oral skills of traditional advocacy associated with low tech court rooms must be practised alongside presentation skills associated with modern visual stimuli.

In a changing legal services market the burden on the advocate at trial is increased where litigation and expert witness support is reduced through legal aid and other savings. The advocate has to be prepared to manage the visual aids to his advocacy. Standards applicable to presenting imagery in court to support arguments or supplement evidence are ripe for discussion.

This presentation will include several examples of the deployment of visual aids to support cross examination, defence case theories and closing arguments.

Bernard Richmond QC – Advocacy Course Planning

16.30 – 17.15

The Challenges of modern day practice cascade down into presenting huge challenges for those training advocates. This interactive session will examine a holistic approach from student to established practitioner and the consequences on course planning and development.

Presentation Summaries Saturday 28 June

The International Advocacy Trainer at work in the field - Three complementary sessions

What are the challenges facing advocates called on to take their training abroad? When it comes to domestic training, the basic advocacy training toolkit consists of three elements: a simple set of case analysis techniques; specific tools to support the different elements of advocacy practice such as witness examination and speeches; and a method to structure these advocacy elements. For the last twenty years the preferred methodology is 'learning by doing' with small groups moderated by a trainer employing the Hampel or NITA method which focusses objective critique on one point at a time. This method has proved highly effective at a basic level for advocates within a common law or adversarial system. These sessions explore the challenges for trainers attempting to use these techniques outside the adversarial traditions of UK and US.

Roger Sahota, David Josse QC, Dan Arshack Chair: Jo Cooper - International Criminal Tribunals – what are the core advocacy skills for a hybrid adversarial / continental jurisdiction?

10.00 - 10.45

Drawing on experiences from tribunals which adopt a hybrid system (including the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia) the panel will discuss how the core requirements of training need to be adapted to hybrid practice.

Dan Arshack, Lynton Orrett, Anesta Weekes QC Chair: Jo Cooper "First do no harm" - Notes from the frontline of in-country advocacy training. SAHCA in Tanzania, Advocacy Training Council in Sierra Leone, ICB in Liberia

10.45 - 11.30

This panel will discuss their experiences as members of different training organisations which have provided domestic advocacy training programmes in Africa. The presentation will examine the strategies that need to be adopted to ensure that the training remains faithful to the needs of the in-country advocates.

Lionel Blackman, Roger Sahota, Martin McKay Smith Chair: Jo Cooper - Advocacy Plus: Constituting local advocates as Human Rights Defenders in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa

11.45 - 12.30

High quality advocates represent not only the interests of their client but also play an essential role in the rule of law. In jurisdictions which are seeking to strengthen (and in some cases, introduce) the rule of law, advocacy trainers need to be able to equip those they are training to be able to meet this challenge. The panel will discuss how basic advocacy training can be adapted to support lawyers to represent themselves in their role as Human Rights Defenders.

The Honourable Mr Justice Green - Keynote Address – Advocacy: In peril?

13.30 – 14.15

Professor Robert Dingwall and Dr Sarah Seymour-Smith – Introduction to Conversation Analysis as a tool for advocacy training

14.15 – 15.15

Conversation analysis has been used to inform the design of interaction skills training in medical and social care for many years but has found limited application in the legal area. This is largely because of difficulties in accessing suitable audio or video materials, although there is some experience with training in mediation. This workshop will demonstrate the potential for its wider application, examining a much-admired cross-examination in a high-profile US rape trial. Participants will undertake a brief practical exercise and then observe the detailed investigation of the advocate's skills made possible by this approach. The workshop will conclude with an open discussion of the potential for translating this model into other national advocacy contexts and reflective practice.

Anesta Weekes QC - The Advocacy Training Council's Overseas Training: including Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone

14.15 – 15.15

Anesta will deal with three important aspects of the work of the Advocacy Training Council (ATC) :

1. Advocacy Training
The principal work of the ATC is to oversee and monitor the training of advocates in England and Wales. Reference to a recent seminal conference on best practice for advocacy trainers.
2. International Advocacy Training
A large part of the work of the ATC involves international training in common law jurisdictions. Examples of countries to whose request we have responded includes: South Africa, Zimbabwe, the Caribbean, Pakistan and more recently Sierra Leone
3. The Effect & Benefits of International Advocacy Training:
Discussion and overview of the effects and benefits of international training on the rule of law.

Amanda Rippon and Sarah Clarke – Handling Vulnerable Witnesses and Defendants

15.30 - 16.15

Courts of all jurisdictions are identifying vulnerable witnesses and defendants and demanding high and specialist standards of advocacy from advocates dealing with them. The approach an advocate needs to take with a vulnerable witness or defendant is often far removed from the traditional adversarial approach and requires a re-think of training methods most often adopted at all levels (from University to early practitioner courses).

This advocacy oriented session, aimed at advocates of all levels of experience, will cover case management and witness handling issues when dealing with cases involving vulnerable witnesses and defendants. It will guide advocates in their approach to cases involving the vulnerable from the preliminary hearing through to trial. Relevant law, Rules and Practice Directions will be highlighted and practical tips provided for dealing with everything from intermediaries, ground rules hearings and finally preparing for and actually questioning the witness/defendant. Helpful resources will also be identified.

Jane Jarman and Fiona Carter – Maintaining competence in Advocacy - Compliance with SRA training and competence requirements

15.30 – 16.15

The Solicitor Regulation Authority requires that those involved in the management of Law Firms should ensure that those undertaking specific tasks are competent to do so. It has in the past proved difficult to both assess and supervise activity in relation to the practise of advocacy: letters and reports may be checked but very few firms have the resources to watch the performance of an advocate in court. This session will focus on the SRA requirements and the strategies that can be employed to serve the dual purpose of maintaining and enhancing the skills of the advocate as well ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

His Honour Judge Michael Stokes QC, The Recorder of Nottingham – Closing Remarks

16.15 – 16.45

Speaker Profiles

Guest Speaker: Joshua Rozenberg

Joshua Rozenberg is Britain's best-known commentator on the law. In 2012 he was included by *The Times* in its independently-judged list of the UK's 100 most influential lawyers, the only journalist to feature in the Times Law 100.

A decade after he left the BBC, Joshua returned in 2010 to present the popular Radio 4 series *Law in Action*, a programme he had launched in 1984. Also in 2010, he also accepted an invitation to chair Halsbury's Law Exchange, an independent and politically neutral think-tank.

Joshua was the BBC's legal correspondent for 15 years before moving in 2000 to *The Daily Telegraph*, where he edited the paper's legal coverage until the end of 2008. In May 2010, he started writing a weekly commentary for the Guardian's online law page. He also writes a column twice a month for the *Law Society Gazette*.

Joshua is known for his independence, his authority and his ability to explain complicated legal issues with simplicity, clarity and wit. Because he trained as a lawyer before becoming a legal journalist, he is often the first port of call for broadcasters faced with a breaking legal story.

He appears regularly on Sky News, the BBC news channel and other news networks in the UK and the US. He has also been a guest on popular entertainment programmes such as the *One Show* and the *Alan Titchmarsh Show*.

He has a particular interest in constitutional reform, dating back to his time as producer of *The Week in Westminster* on Radio 4. Freedom of expression is another of his interests, and he wrote the well-reviewed book *Privacy and the Press* for Oxford University Press (2004, updated 2005; Chinese edition 2012). Earlier books include *Trial of Strength*, which examined the tensions between ministers and judges under the last Conservative Government, *The Search for Justice*, an anatomy of the law in the mid-1990s and *The Case for the Crown*, which charted the launch of the Crown Prosecution Service.

After taking a law degree at Oxford he trained as a solicitor, qualifying in 1976. He holds honorary doctorates in law from the University of Hertfordshire (1999) and Nottingham Trent University (2012). He is accredited as a mediator by the ADR group, though he does not practise. He is an honorary bencher of Gray's Inn.

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Mr Justice Green

The Honourable Mr Justice Green is the Chair of the Advocacy Training Council.

As a practitioner he was described by the legal 500 as being “far and away the leading name in competition.” He undertook an LLB at Leicester and then a Masters in Toronto. On his return he taught law at Southampton University whilst doing a PhD before “escaping poverty to come to the Bar”. He was called in 1986 and took silk just twelve years later in 1998. Whilst a silk Sir Nicholas was renowned as the country’s leading competition lawyer having represented amongst others BAA, Tesco and Virgin Media as well as being cited as the country’s leading silk in Sport and Telecommunications law. He has frequently represented the UK government before the European Court of Justice.

Amongst his many roles are Honorary professor at Leicester University and Bencher of Inner Temple. He was Chairman of the Bar from 2010 – 2011. He was appointed a Justice of the Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court in September 2013.

Dan Arshack

Dan Arshack is the elected President of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. He is the Co-Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and a founding member of the International Criminal Bar. Dan was the elected representative of the NACDL to the Council of the International Criminal Bar (ICB) and was a member of the Board of Directors of the International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association - USA (ICDAA). Dan is a founder of The Bronx Defenders, one of the country’s pre-eminent public defense organizations. Dan teaches at the Cardozo School of Law Intensive Trial Advocacy program.

Lionel Blackman

Lionel Blackman qualified as a lawyer in 1986, opening his own criminal defense practice three years later. He was among the first solicitors, to take part in higher court advocacy after the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 was passed. In 1999 he became the second solicitor to appear and the first to lead and win a case in the House of Lords. He has been lead defence counsel in several homicide trials at the Old Bailey and elsewhere.

He has an interest in human rights, co-founding the Solicitors' International Human Rights Group in 2005. He was part of a group of delegates who were commissioned by "Justice for Colombia" to visit Colombia in 2006 to write a report on how law in that country compared with international law. He was one of over 200 groups or individuals who endorsed an open letter sent to EU Foreign Minister Baroness Ashton by the Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign. When he was vice-chair in 2007, SIHRG was part of a joint statement, along with the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and the Bar Human Rights Committee, expressing concern about reports of poor treatment of solicitors in Zimbabwe who took part in a march to deliver a petition regarding the arrest of two lawyers. He was part of a group who in February 2010 visited Syed Mustafa Kamal, mayor of Karachi in Pakistan.

Kenneth Campbell QC

Kenneth Campbell is a practising member of the Bar in Scotland and in England & Wales. He took silk in Scotland in 2011. He has practised in a wide range of areas of civil practice, and now mainly works in public law, mental health and professional liability. Kenneth has been an advocacy skills instructor since 2000. He was the Director of Training & Education in the Faculty of Advocates, the Scottish Bar, between 2002-2005, during which time he was responsible for running the training programme for intrants to the Bar, and for developing continuing education for practising members. Kenneth has taught on advocacy skills courses in a number of jurisdictions, and is currently involved in training development in the Faculty of Advocates.

Deveral Capps

Deveral Capps LLB LLM Cert Ed. Barrister-at-Law is Director of International Development for the Faculty of Business and Law at Northumbria University and a door tenant at Trinity Chambers in Newcastle upon Tyne. He was the Director of Bar Programmes at Northumbria Law School for over 10 years and recently represented BPTC providers on the consultation steering panel for the Legal Education and Training Review (LETR).

Fiona Carter

Fiona Carter is a partner and higher court advocate with Browne Jacobson and specialises in regulatory law. She sits a deputy district judge and was one of the first solicitors to qualify as a higher court advocate in the 1990's.

Sarah Clarke

Sarah is a leading advocacy trainer both nationally (for her Inn and in running the annual South Eastern Circuit "Keble" Advocacy Course, and internationally including:

- Malaysian Bar and Judiciary, Kuala Lumpur - 2011;
- International Criminal Court (ICC) - 2007, 2009;
- Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) - 2009;
- International Criminal Court for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) - 2006 - 2011;
- South African Bar's Training the Trainer Course - 2006;
- Supreme Court for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo - 2005.

Sarah Clarke is listed in Legal 500 2012 for her 'extensive experience of market abuse and regulatory actions'. She is also listed in the forthcoming edition of Chambers and Partners 2014 as a Leader in the Field in Financial Services Law.

Sarah is Vice Chair of both the Bar Standards Board's Qualification's Committee and the Advocacy Training Council's Training and Accreditation Committee as well as being a member of the Inner Temple Advocacy Training Committee and a CPS advocacy assessor.

Jo Cooper

Jo has twenty years' experience in criminal practice as a full-time trial advocate. He has appeared as a leading or 'senior' junior in complex criminal cases since 2000, including a range of financial crimes, supergrass, murder, national security and terrorism cases. In 2011 Jo Cooper was named the Law Society Gazette Legal Personality of the Year. The 2011 Legal 500 recommends him as 'technically brilliant'. He was appointed a Recorder in 2009.

In recent years he has been instructed in a range of grave domestic offences including acting as leading counsel in relation to terrorism offences arising out of explosions in London in July 2005.

Jo is the Immediate Past Chair of the Solicitors Association of Higher Court Advocates, the professional organisation of Solicitor Advocates in England and Wales. SAHCA has over 1400 members conducting advocacy in civil and criminal cases across the jurisdiction. Jo has led training courses and conferences for the International Criminal Bar in The Hague, Ireland and Canada, and has contributed to international conferences in UK and abroad, including on behalf of The Law Society in Kazakhstan, the British East-West Centre in Belarus, and Kurdish Human Rights Project in Armenia. His lecturing practice has led to three awards as 'Speaker of the Year' of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association. He is a former Chair of the Disciplinary Council of the ICTY Defence Bar. In 2013 Jo was an expert speaker on two educational programmes in Algeria (on behalf of Ministry of Justice and Foreign Office, respectively) and was the expert rapporteur on a mission to Turkey on behalf of EuroMed Human Rights Network to observe a controversial trial of trades unionists on terrorism charges. Jo Cooper is legal adviser to a number of BBC legal dramas, including Trial by Jury, New Street Law, GF Newman's Judge John Deed, and the ground-breaking BBC drama series Criminal Justice.

Jo teaches on the LLM in Advocacy Skills at Nottingham Law School.

Kevin Crawley

Kevin Crawley is a Senior Lecturer at Northumbria University and programme leader of the BPTC. He is also a practising barrister at Trinity Chambers in Newcastle where he specialises in all areas of family law. Prior to becoming a barrister, Kevin worked as a Family Court Welfare Officer (what is now described as a CAFCASS officer) in the North East of England and before independent practice he was engaged as in-house counsel for a local authority specializing in child-protection matters. He is Advocacy Training Council qualified and has a particular research interests in mediation in matrimonial financial relief.

Professor Robert Dingwall

Professor Robert Dingwall is a part time adviser to the School of Social Sciences at Nottingham Trent University. Professor Dingwall is currently working mainly on an EPSRC project, FUTURENET, on the impact of climate change on future transport infrastructure and demand, and with an RCUK Digital Economy Hub on aspects of privacy and regulation in new information technologies. Professor Dingwall has supervised more than 30 PhD students to successful completion, using qualitative methods to investigate a wide range of topics in medical sociology, socio-legal studies and science and technology studies (STS).

Helen Edwards

Helen Edwards is a senior lecturer at Nottingham Law School and an associate tenant at KCH Garden Square. She joined Nottingham Law School in 2006 and was appointed as Course Leader of the Bar Vocational Course and subsequently as Head of Vocational Courses. Helen has taught advocacy on a number of programmes in the UK and overseas including at the Judicial and Legal Training Institute in Malaysia. She is the co-author of the advocacy masterclass series in the "Young Lawyer." Helen's research interests include advocacy practice and training.

In 2014 Helen will be designing and leading a pioneering "LLB with Advocacy"; the first course of its kind in the UK. The course aims to introduce advocacy skills to students at an early stage to enhance their analytical, evaluative, reasoning, communication and problem-solving abilities through advocacy and advocacy-related skills.

Jane Martin

Following her degree in History and Politics, Jane qualified as a solicitor, working in private practice as a partner specialising in litigation. Jane then joined the Crown Prosecution Service, eventually managing the CPS in Cambridge. This work focused on serious crime and also substantial court experience. This was followed by a move to CPS HQ as a policy adviser to the DPP and then as policy adviser to the Director of the Serious Fraud Office. After leaving government work Jane acted as in house Counsel for a charity that supported women who had been trafficked and as a consultant focused on research and strategy for public agencies working in complex communities.

Jane has taught at Anglia Ruskin University since 2009 specialising in criminal law, criminal litigation and advocacy. In 2014 Jane was nominated as one of 6 Lecturers for the LawCareers.Net National Lecturer of the Year Award. This is a student nominated award.

Martin McKay Smith

Martin McKay Smith is the Head of Legal Development, Training Principal and Director of Training for legal training for the CPS with responsibility for the training and development of solicitors and barristers within the CPS. He is a consultant as to for legal training priorities to suit prosecutors across a national organization comprising 6000 staff and almost 3000 lawyers. He is responsible for choices of method of delivery of blended learning solutions using the advantages of E learning and mixing with face to face delivery as appropriate. Martin assisted in the development of the CPS Advocacy Quality Management Project and consistency training for CPS internal and external assessors.

Martin is a committee member of the Solicitors Association of Higher Court Advocates and has taught advocacy in Africa and Turkey.

Lynton Orrett

After graduating from University College, London, Lynton became a criminal law specialist. Over the past year Lynton has, as a litigator, represented many clients in the Crown Court and above. Just one notable case was acting on behalf of the lead Defendant in Operation Rize, a multi-million pound case linked to the use of safe deposit boxes which arose out of the biggest operation ever mounted by the Metropolitan Police. Lynton has a growing advocacy practice where he has been led on a £6 million oil fraud. As a sole junior advocate Lynton has successfully defended many clients, including a Chinese Businessman involved in the fraudulent use of a €25 billion bank guarantee purportedly issued by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Lynton is a committee member of the Society of Black Lawyers and the Solicitor's Association of Higher Court Advocates. Each year Lynton assists the International Lawyers Project in giving courses, and helping to implement, legal training in developing countries.

Jane Jarman

Jane Jarman, Reader in Law, is a specialist in curriculum design and development of qualification frameworks and courses for practising legal professionals. She is regularly consulted by law firms, professional bodies, professional regulators and government agencies on issues of legal education and qualification for new and established practitioners.

Jane was the Chief Designer of the compulsory Risk Management Education Programme for the Law Society of Hong Kong and continues to work on the project.

In addition, her recent work includes a Project to Review the Reform of the Educational Structure of Professional Law Courses in Mauritius (with Prof. Jane Ching and colleagues from the University of Limoges) and the development of the new Professional Certificate in Trade Mark Practice, the final compulsory course leading to qualification as a registered trade mark attorney in the United Kingdom.

David Josse QC

David Josse QC was called to the Bar in 1985 and took silk in 2009. He specialises in international criminal and humanitarian work. He was the principal advocate in the case of Prosecutor v. Popovic et al in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (the largest war crimes tribunal since Nuremburg) and was a member of the defence team in Prosecutor v. Krajisnik. David is on the list of counsel at the International Criminal Court and the Special Tribunal to the Lebanon.

Bernard Richmond QC

Bernard Richmond QC is the Vice Chair of the Advocacy Training Council's Training and Accreditation Committee and is also the Director of Advocacy at Middle Temple. He is an experienced teacher of both advocacy and law and conducts numerous CPD lectures and seminars on a regular basis. He also teaches case preparation and analysis and has taught extensively in this country and overseas (including Florida, North Carolina, California and the Bahamas).

Bernard specialises in criminal defence work. His work covers all areas of criminal practice, in particular homicide, serious violence (including firearms), serious sexual assault, organised and complex crime (including fraud), regulatory offences and crimes which occur in the prison environment.

As someone who has lectured in Higher Education and beyond for many years, Bernard is well-regarded as someone with excellent legal and analytical abilities. He regularly undertakes cases with complex legal and/or factual issues (e.g. R v Stukaite re: the definition of perjury, R v C re: allegations of downloading pornography in an establishment covered by the Official Secrets Act, where the Crown asserted PII over vast amounts of the material).

Amanda Rippon

Amanda is a member of the Advocacy Training Council's Training and Accreditation Committee. Amanda has specialised in crime since pupillage. She prosecutes (at Grade 4) and defends.

Over time she has developed some areas of specialism and is instructed in the most serious sexual offences (including cold cases dating as far back as the 1940's), and serious violence, including all Homicide offences (murder, manslaughter and causing death by driving offences).

Amanda has held Leading Junior briefs in cases involving her areas of specialism (for example in a substantial and international paedophile ring case), and has also been Leading Junior in complex frauds. She has prosecuted cases of murder and manslaughter alone. She also defends and prosecutes drugs cases, particularly conspiracies and regularly deals with the related POCA applications.

Jeremy Robson

Jeremy Robson is a barrister and senior lecturer at Nottingham Law School. He was called to the Bar in 1999 and is an Associate Tenant at KCH Garden Square. He joined Nottingham Law School in 2008 and in 2011 he was appointed course leader of the LLM in Advocacy Skills, a bespoke programme commissioned by the Attorney General of Malaysia and the first masters in advocacy to be awarded outside of the USA. In 2013 he was appointed Director of the Centre for Advocacy at Nottingham Law School, with responsibility for designing and developing innovative advocacy teaching materials and leading research into the practice and teaching of advocacy.

HHJ Rook QC

His Honour Judge Rook QC was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1973. He was head of chambers at Red Lion Court between 2002 and 2005 and Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association between 2002 and 2003. In 2005 he was appointed as a senior circuit judge on the South Eastern circuit sitting in the Central Criminal Court. He is the author of "Rook and Ward -Sexual Offences Law and Practice" and a contributor to "Blackstone's Criminal Practice "

Roger Sahota

The first solicitor to conduct a war crimes trial in the Hague, Roger Sahota is one of London's leading criminal lawyers with an internationally recognised reputation for taking on challenging and complex cases and a track record of many notable acquittals to his credit.

Before training as a lawyer, Roger worked in the City of London on the trading floor of several major banks and he traces his long standing interest in all areas of financial crime from this experience. Roger travelled extensively across South Asia and Australasia before returning to London to qualify as a lawyer in the early 1990s.

He completed his articles at a top London criminal law firm and six years later set up his own practice in 2002. Since then Roger's domestic casework experience encompassed a wide range of serious and complex SFO cases, fraud, murder, drug and terrorism cases as well as general criminal defense and regulatory work.

His Honour John Samuels QC

His Honour John Samuels QC sat in the Crown Court until 2010; and remains a judicial member of the Parole Board. He is a Lead Advocacy Trainer in Lincoln's Inn, of which he has been a Bencher since 1990, and routinely acts as Course Director for the New Practitioners' Programme. He is the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Alliance. Having been a Trustee of the Prisoners' Education Trust for 13 years, and its Chairman for 6, he is now its first President. He was previously the Chairman of the Criminal Committee of the Council of Circuit Judges. He is a Trustee and Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Howard League for Penal Reform. He is the Board member for England & Wales of the International Association of Drug Treatment Courts; and is Vice President of UNLOCK, the National Association of Reformed Offenders. In 2012 he was appointed a Visiting Professor at Nottingham Law School, focusing on criminal justice and related issues; and the practical aspects of obtaining pupillage and developing a practice.

Dr Sarah Seymour-Smith

Sarah Seymour-Smith is a discursive psychologist whose research focuses mainly on the study of masculinities. Her main area of research is men's health but she has also conducted research on internet (pedophile) sex offences; and supervised Sarah Pemberton's PhD which was an ESRC Case studentship based at HMP Whatton on male rapists' understanding of consent. Sarah has strong links with research based at Whatton prison, the largest sex offender prison in Europe.

Karen Squibb-Williams

Karen is a practising barrister with an extensive, and arguably unique, experience of the use of forensic science within the UK criminal justice systems, spanning the last decade.

Unusually, she holds dual practising status (employed and self-employed) and has established her own chambers, specialising in providing independent services regarding the use of forensic sciences, technology, expert witnesses, commercialisation, procurement processes, regulation and quality assurance mechanisms within the UK criminal justice context.

From 2004 – 2013 she was based at the Crown Prosecution Service headquarters and was the national lead for prosecution policy in cases involving scientific evidence, expert witnesses and disclosure. In this role she was responsible for briefing, supporting and advising both the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions on strategic policy developments and legal issues within her specialist portfolio topics.

Her experience includes: Chair of the DNA Specialist Working Group for the Forensic Science Regulator; a member of the Home Office Forensic Transition Board, the Home Secretary's Pathology Delivery Board, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Forensic Science Portfolio Board, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) Crime Scene working group and the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI). Karen has also been involved in a several Metropolitan Police 'Gold Group' Strategic Reviews examining the forensic science issues arising from a number of very high profile cases.

In particular, she is well known for being a critical driving force in the development and implementation (in 2013) of Streamlined Forensic Reporting (SFR), enabling robust, effective compliance with the Criminal Procedure Rules (CrPR) for all participants.

His Honour Judge Stokes QC

His Honour Judge Michael Stokes QC was called to the Bar in 1971 and practised on the Midlands and Oxford Circuit until his appointment to the bench in 2001. He became the resident judge in Leicester and then Nottingham, becoming the Honorary Recorder of Nottingham in 2006. He was appointed as a deputy judge of the High Court in 2010 and a Visiting Professor at Nottingham Law School in 2013.

Andrew Watson

Andrew Watson joined the Department in February, 2014 having previously taught for over ten years at the College of Law in Bloomsbury and Moorgate, London, where he became an Associate Professor. He taught at the Inns of Court School of Law (now City University) for a similar number of years. He was an Assistant Professor at Niigata University, Japan and a research fellow at Chuo, Tokyo Metropolitan, and Doshisha Universities. In the United States he was a visiting lecturer at Roger Williams University, Rhode Island and Harvard University, where he also undertook supervised research. In Britain he was a visiting lecturer at Boston University (Kensington, London), Greenwich University, the School of African and Oriental Studies ("SOAS"), London and Cambridge University. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Earlier in life he was a barrister with a tenancy at 1 Gray's Inn Square, and also worked as a solicitor in a law centre in London.

His research interests lie mainly in the way court advocacy has evolved since the 17th Century; the recent introduction of a mixed judge and jury system in Japan; changes in Japanese legal education; the Scottish Independence referendum and the constitution; and aspects of the legal profession and of legal education in England and Wales.

Anesta Weekes QC

Anesta Weekes QC is a distinguished Queen's Counsel specialising in Fraud, Corruption and Financial Crime, Regulatory & Disciplinary Proceedings and Appellant work, particularly Privy Council appeals both civil and criminal.

Anesta developed her advocacy skills over many years of complex criminal trials and as a grade A, trainer in the UK and within the Commonwealth jurisdictions. Anesta was appointed a Recorder and Queen's Counsel in 1999. She is best known for her advocacy skills and meticulous attention to detail in court.

A recent professional client on a Civil first tier VAT tribunal tax fraud case described her as *"a formidable [advocate], attention to detail best illustrated in her forensic examination of documentary evidence, expert evidence and disclosure material, resulting in a tour de force cross-examination of the appellant"*
Anesta is Vice Chair of the Advocacy Training Council.