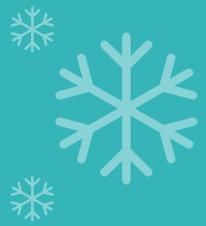




# WINTER 2021



Welcome to the first edition of Clock Chambers Newsletter.

Clock Chambers was established in 1993. Since then the Chambers has continually expanded providing advocacy throughout England and Wales. It has been serving the local legal profession for over 25 years, building a reputation for a good friendly service at a reasonable cost.

This edition contains updated COVID-19 guidance, information our Barristers, our new website & social media platforms and some exciting opportunities to join our chambers.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Courts, tribunals, planning and preparation

As of the 5th January 2021, England is in a National Lockdown.

Although 'Stay at Home' guidance has been issued by the Government, National Lockdown rules allow for essential travel where necessary. This includes all those required to attend a court or tribunal, including jurors, witnesses, defendants, complainants and victims.

If you live in an area where rapid (lateral flow device) COVID tests are being offered, you are encouraged to get a test to support community efforts to help stop the spread of the virus. You can check with your local authority if tests are available in your area. If you choose to have a test and test positive, do not come to a court or tribunal building. You should contact the court or tribunal to let them know and follow NHS advice.

**Here at Clock Chambers, the team will be working throughout the lockdown. We will still be instructed on matters and our Barristers will still be attending court in person. If you would like to instruct us on a matter please contact us by telephone: 01902 313444 or by email: mail@clockchambers.com.**

You should not come to any of our court and tribunal buildings if:

- you have coronavirus symptoms
- if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for a test result
- if you have been instructed by the NHS to self-isolate



## OUR BARRISTERS

Our Barristers cover a general Common Law set with an emphasis on Crime (including Road Traffic), Family (Care, Contact and Financial Disputes), Personal Injury and Insolvency along with other areas of civil law such as contractual disputes, property law, clinical negligence and trusts and probate.

### CIVIL LAW

#### COLIN PHILLIPS

Called to the Bar in 1995, Colin is principally a civil barrister with experience in commercial/chancery, family, regulatory, trusts and revenue law. He is also a member of the European Circuit & a Legally Qualified Chair for Police Misconduct Hearings.

- **Commercial/Chancery** – Colin deals with trusts and property law including TOLATA claims, landlord and tenant disputes including dilapidations. He also advises on commercial contracts.
- **Professional Negligence** – Colin is instructed in relation to professional negligence claims against accountants and solicitors.
- **Revenue Law** – Colin has a wide range of experience in revenue law both direct and indirect taxes including VAT and has worked in-house as counsel for KPMG and Price Waterhouse.

#### JAMES FINDON

James was called to the Bar in 2019. Prior to joining Clock Chambers James was a Solicitor-Advocate; Working within a leading multinational law firm for 14 years whilst studying part-time to qualify as a Solicitor with higher rights.

James has quickly developed a broad general practice which now encompasses civil litigation, personal injury and criminal law cases. He regularly attends the County Court in both small claims and fast track matters. James has a wealth of experience in cases involving **Civil, Family & Motoring Matters** - particularly allegations of drink driving, racing and speeding.



## CRIMINAL LAW

### MARCUS KRAEHLING-SMITH

Law is Marcus' second career after being a customs officer for 10 years. Called to the Bar in 1998, in Northern Ireland Marcus established a successful practice in the areas of General Common law, Social Security Law, Human Rights, including Judicial Review. He has a Criminal practice defending in both the Magistrates & Youth Courts as well as the Crown Court.

Marcus has a particular interest and extensive experience in all Road traffic matters especially Excess Alcohol and drug driving cases, dangerous or careless driving, speeding, exceptional hardship cases and totting up disqualification.

Marcus has a particular interest in Defence work covering **Harassment, Burglary** and **drug offences**. He regularly appears in the Crown Court on behalf of Prosecution and Defence mainly Appeals against Conviction and Sentences.

He regularly appears in the Magistrate Courts for the Defence.

### PATRICK KELLY

Patrick was called to the Bar in 2011. Since joining our Chambers, Pat has developed extensive experience in Crown court namely appeals against conviction and appeals against sentences, committal for sentences, and bail applications for both Prosecution and Defence.

He is an experienced and well liked advocate in all **driving related matters** including death by dangerous driving, drink and drug related driving offences. He has successfully defended clients in benefit **fraud, public disorder, theft** and has a particular interest in **POCA hearings**.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Here at Clock Chambers we welcome applications from prospective Tenants in family civil and crime, . We currently have vacancies for those looking to undertake a Third Six Pupilage. Please Contact us at **mail@clockchambers.com** for more information.



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## **Former Clock Chambers Barrister named 'Woman of the Year'.**

Clock Chambers are delighted that Former Barrister at the Chambers, Mary Prior QC was named as Woman of the Year at the inaugural Women in Law Awards 2020. Mary joined us at Clock Chambers in 1995, where she specialised in Crime.

After coming to the profession from a non-traditional background, Mary strives to make the Bar more accessible to others. From helping run competitions in State Schools where pupils take part in a mock Criminal Trial, to mentoring students; As co-chair of Women in Law - West Midlands, Mary has done extensive work to encourage local pupils to pursue a career in Law.

In a recent Interview with the Bar Council, Mary summarised her work perfectly, stating 'Your background is not a barrier to success.' The judges at the Women in Law Awards felt Mary 'eloquently described the challenges she faced becoming a top lawyer' and that 'She is a leader by taking on positions of responsibility.'



*Image: LinkedIn Mary Prior QC*

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... But don't worry, we're still the same team!

Our website and social media pages are now fully updated and redesigned. Visit our website & follow us on social media for all of our latest updates, included blog posts and news.

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