

Garden Court North Chambers

CRIME TEAM BULLETIN



Nina Grahame's appointment to QC

At the beginning of the year, Garden Court North Chambers were delighted to announce the extremely deserving appointment of Nina Grahame to Queen's Counsel. The 108 newly appointed QCs were sworn in by the Lord Chancellor on the 11th March 2019. The year 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of women being allowed to enter the legal profession and 70 years since the first women Silks; this made Nina's appointment even more special. Nina was amongst the 30 female barristers to achieve this honour and the first female QC here in Chambers.

Nina has just finished her first case in silk and is now preparing to lead Chambers' Clare Ashcroft in a complex baby murder case later in the year. [Find out more about Nina's practice](#)



Rebecca Filletti joins Chambers

Chambers are delighted to welcome Rebecca Filletti to the team. Rebecca was called to the Bar in 2009 and is an established criminal defence practitioner. Rebecca has significant experience in dealing with vulnerable individuals including those with mental health and capacity issues. Rebecca's practice is complemented by her immigration and prison law experience and she is an advocate who is recognised for her tenacious and personable approach.

[Find out more about Rebecca's practice](#)



MEET THE CRIME TEAM

The growth of Garden Court North's Criminal Defence and Appeals team so far this year enables us to offer increased capacity across all levels with three Silks and six Junior Counsel. The growth of the team is enhanced further by our senior Door Tenants [Mark Barlow](#), [Brenda Campbell QC](#), [Ann Cotcher QC](#) and [Anna Morris](#).

Whilst working predominantly in the Crown Court, the team continues to enjoy an outstanding reputation in all courts including the Court of Appeal (including out of time appeals and those referred by the Criminal Cases Review Commission), the Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights. The team has particular interest in cases with civil liberties implications, cases where complex issues relating to linked criminal and family court proceedings arise, cases arising from the prosecution and detention of young people, and cases concerning defendants with learning or mental health difficulties or who are otherwise vulnerable. Together with the team's complementary expertise in public law, human rights and civil claims for damages, we also are able to provide comprehensive and specialist advice and advocacy to anyone challenging unsafe convictions and seeking justice following an appeal.

Clare Ashcroft



Clare's practice includes all aspects of serious allegations from large-scale fraud and serious sexual offences to armed robbery, importation and supply of Class A drugs and murder. Later this year Clare will be led by Nina Grahame QC in a complex baby murder case.

[Read more on Clare's practice](#)

Brigid Baillie



Brigid is instructed in the most serious of crimes including violence and sexual offences against the person. She is also instructed to provide written advices and representation in appeals against sentence and conviction.

[Read more on Brigid's practice](#)

Richard Brigden



Richard's practice continues with his involvement in serious crime including cases involving firearms, GBH, ABH, drugs (manufacture and supply) serious fraud, and sexual impropriety.

[Read more on Richard's practice](#)



Andrew Fitzpatrick



Andy's criminal practice includes appearances at the Court of Appeal in fresh evidence cases against conviction and appeals against sentence. He has also been involved, in a number of high profile murder and conspiracy trials.

[Read more on Andy's practice](#)

Mark George QC



Mark continues to be instructed in the most serious and complex cases of murder, manslaughter and serious sexual assault. He is presently instructed to defend one of three men charged with the multiple stabbing of a father in Sheffield.

[Read more on Mark's practice](#)

Matthew Stanbury



Matthew was led by Pete Weatherby QC in a successful Supreme Court challenge to the way in which repayments against confiscation orders are deducted from a default sentence. He was also instructed earlier this year on behalf of Victor Nealon in the ground breaking human rights case, which was a challenge to the miscarriage of justice compensation scheme.

[Read more on Matthew's practice](#)

Pete Weatherby QC



Pete recently appeared in the Supreme Court, in a challenge to confiscation orders: *Gene Gibson v SSJ*. Pete has a first instance and appellate practice. He often advises and appears in criminal judicial reviews. He recently appeared in the case of *Jordan Cunliffe*; a JR of an adverse decision by the CCRC in a high profile 'joint enterprise' murder case.

[Read more on Pete's practice](#)



OTHER NEWS FROM CHAMBERS

Aarif and Ciara's Second Six Pupillage

Garden Court North Chambers' two pupil barristers [Aarif Abraham](#) and [Ciara Bartlam](#) successfully completed their first six with us at the end of March 2019. They are now in the practicing period of their pupillage.

To instruct Aarif or Ciara please contact the Practice Management Team.



Aarif Abraham



Ciara Bartlam

Meet The Practice Management Team

The Crime Team is supported by Chambers' highly experienced Practice Management Team (PMgT) who are committed to providing the best possible service at all times. The PMgT can be contacted by telephone on 0161 817 6377 and by e-mail gcn@gcnchambers.co.uk

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