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Areas of Practice

Crime

Notable Cases

- R v John and others (2000, 2001) Menwith Hill.
- R v Djahit (1999) 2 Cr App R (S) 142.
- R v John (1999) (trident missile protestor).
- R v Simsek, Kaynak & Honz (1998) 2 Cr App R (S) 283.
- R v Black and others (1995) (armed robbery, kidnap).
- R v Kayani (1994) (soliciting for murder).
- Numerous large-scale drugs importations.

Publications



The Criminal Procedure (insanity & unfitness to plead) Act 1991 and the Juries Act 1974: Irreconcilable Problems, CLR 1999 656.



Prevention of Harm - Legislative Strategies For Law Reform, The Journal of Criminal Law Vol 72.3 2008.



Speaking Events and Training, Seminars



Clare has given seminars and written on subjects such as The Serious Crime Act 2007 and the reform of the law on provocation.



Membership and Societies



- Amnesty International
- Criminal Bar Association
- Justice for Women
- Justice
- Member of Bar Council Law Reform Committee



Other Relevant Information



Background



Areas of special interest include battered women who kill their abusive partners particularly appeals against conviction, assisted in 3rd party



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written submissions to *HL in Smith (Morgan James) [2000] 4 All ER 291* in intervention on behalf of Justice for Women and Southall Black Sisters.

Other areas of interest include fitness to plead and infanticide. "The Criminal Procedure (insanity and unfitness to plead) Act 1991 and the Juries Act 1974: Irreconcilable problems" was recently cited in B [2008] EWCA Crim 1997. Clare is due to give a paper on the work of the Law Commission on "*Competence to Stand Trial and the Nature of the Offence*" *International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress New York (2009)*.

Recently, as well as undertaking trial and appellate work, Clare has worked at the Law Commission on reform of the criminal law.

Areas of work include proposals and recommendations for reform of the law of homicide; murder, manslaughter and infanticide, reform of the partial defences to murder; use of excessive force in self-defence, provocation, diminished responsibility with particular reference to abused women who kill.

Other recent work includes proposals for reform of the law of statutory conspiracy in the general context of the inchoate offences as well as proposals for reform of law on fitness to plead .

Prior to joining Toops in 1999, was a tenant at 2 Dr Johnsons Buildings/4 Kings Bench Walk (now Charter Chambers).

Personal

Lives in London with her husband and two children