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A tenacious advocate, Eleanor Fry deals with a broad range of complex and sensitive matters in the criminal and family jurisdictions, often with cross-jurisdictional aspects. Eleanor's experience, both prosecuting and defending, ranges from cases of fraud to violence, child cruelty and serious sexual assaults (as a junior alone) and from terrorism offences to murder/manslaughter (as a led junior), with recent successes in the Court of Appeal and High Court.

Eleanor speaks fluent Spanish and some French.

Crime

Eleanor regularly prosecutes and defends in the Crown Court (as a junior alone and whilst being led). As a grade 3 prosecutor she has conducted numerous complex, multi-handed and sensitive cases. She also has experience of conducting private prosecutions and prosecutions on behalf of regulatory bodies.

Representative Cases

- *R v S [2016]*
Prosecution of a serious sexual assault.
- *R v H [2016]*
Prosecution of a complex fraud with associated bankruptcy offences.

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- *R v T [2015]*
Successful appeal against sentence to the Court of Appeal, resulting in a 50% reduction in sentence.
- *R v B [2015]*
Led junior in a prosecution for murder.
- *R v B & B [2016]*
Led junior in a prosecution for manslaughter.
- *R v C & M [2015]*
Representation at trial of a defendant with a borderline IQ, who was also highly suggestible, on 5 counts of possession of class A and B drugs with intent to supply – successfully argued exceptionality at sentence to take his case outside the guidelines, thereby avoiding immediate custody.
- *R v G & Others [2015]*
Secured acquittal in defence of a 21-year old charged with possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.
- *R v R & Others [2012]*
Led junior for the first defendant in a multi-handed rape case involving a minor victim.
- *R v A [2009]*
Led junior for the third defendant in a case under the Terrorism Act 2000.

Family

Eleanor regularly appears in applications in the High Court or on behalf of family members and local authorities in the Family Court in private and public law proceedings under the Children Act 1989, financial remedy (ancillary relief) proceedings, applications for injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996 or for Forced Marriage Protection Orders and committal proceedings arising out of any of the above.

Relevant Experience

- Successful prosecution and defence at findings of fact and final hearings of private law applications involving allegations of serious physical and sexual violence (both recent and historical), non-accidental injury, serious emotional harm, involvement in organised crime etc.
- Use of special measures and other technology (ABE, video-link, TV-link, telephone evidence (for experts), screens, written/pre-prepared cross-examination, etc.)
- Representation of respondents in two recent child abduction cases in the High Court of Justice (RCJ) under the Hague Convention.

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Representative Cases

- *Re X [2015]*

“Prosecution” in the family court of historical sex offences, involving vulnerable adult witnesses giving evidence by ABE and video-link cross-examination from remote (undisclosed) locations: findings were made, leading to no direct contact between father and child (subject of the proceedings).

- *Re A [2015]*

“Prosecution” in the family court of serious violent offences and allegations of involvement in organised crime and risks of child abduction: findings were made, leading to no direct contact between father and child and other protective orders.

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