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Area of expertise

Civil & Commercial

Criminal Law

Family Law

Licensing

Regulatory & Competition

Professional memberships

Association of Lawyers for Children

British Academy of Forensic Sciences

Criminal Bar Association

Family Law Bar Association

## Profile

### Appointments

Legal Action Group, Board of Trustees

FA Anti-Discrimination Panel Member (Chair)

Education Exclusion Review Panel Member (Chair)

Education Admission Appeal Panel Member (Chair)

Visiting Lecturer at Kings College, London

## Education

LLM with Merit (City University)  
BA Hons. 1st Class (University of Warwick)

## Practice

Kristiina joined chambers in January 2015 following successful completion of pupillage with 6 Pump Court.

She has a mixed common law practice with particular expertise in criminal litigation, regulatory crime and family law proceedings.

She is described by her peers as "a lawyer of integrity who constantly reaches for and achieves the highest standard."

### Criminal Litigation and Regulatory Crime

Kristiina has substantial expertise in serious and complex criminal and regulatory litigation despite her recent call date, due to her previous practice as a solicitor in a niche white collar West End practice.

She regularly appears in the Crown and Magistrates' courts where she is instructed by prosecuting authorities and defendants alike. She has defended in cases involving sexual offences, fraud and dishonesty offences, serious violence, drug-related offences, public order and road traffic offences. She is instructed by prosecuting authorities such as the Metropolitan Police and local authorities and has particular expertise in "behaviour protection orders" including Sexual Offences Prevention Orders, Domestic Violence Prevention Orders and Football Banning Orders.

Kristiina is a dedicated advocate who is committed to providing all clients with the highest standard of legal representation. She is meticulous and thorough in her preparation and advice and she has a persuasive and tenacious style of advocacy that is highly effective.

### Family Law and Children Proceedings

Kristiina is rapidly building a successful family law practice incorporating matrimonial and private and public law children act proceedings.

She is instructed in private law children act proceedings and has represented clients in complex fact-finding hearings with considerable success.

Kristiina has represented applicants and respondents in injunction proceedings pursuant to Part IV Family Law Act 1996.

During pupillage, Kristiina assisted and observed senior members of chambers in all aspects of public law children act proceedings up to and including final contested hearings. A notable example includes the reported case of J and E (Children – Brussels II Revised - Article 15) [2014] EWFC 45 concerning proceedings for care and placement orders in which the mother applied successfully for an Article 15 transfer of proceedings to Hungary. The order is now the subject of challenge by the Local Authority and Children’s Guardian in the Court of Appeal.

Kristiina accepts instructions in financial relief proceedings, including applications for spousal maintenance, lump sum and property transfer orders, concealment of assets and injunctive relief remedies.

## Wider Practice

Kristiina has a specialist interest in forensic DNA and is developing a niche practice as a lawyer with expertise in DNA evidence and expert witness testimony.

She is a member of the “EuroforGen Network of Excellence”, a European Commission Security Council funded research project concerning the legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks for emerging uses of forensic DNA evidence.

She is a professional member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences and is on occasion invited by the society to give lectures on courtroom procedure and expert testimony.

She is a visiting lecturer at Kings College, London and teaches the undergraduate BSc module in forensic genetics - “Introduction to the English legal system and ethical issues of the use of forensic bio-information” and the postgraduate MSc module in forensic science – “Expert testimony in court”.

## Publications

"Keeping up with PACE 1984", Lexis PSL, Nov 2015. [Click here](#) for full text. This article was first published on Lexis@PSL on 20 November 2015.

"Case Preview: R (Wang Yam) v Central Criminal Court & Anor", UK Supreme Court Blog, Nov 2015. [Click here](#) for full-text.

"Retaining DNA: Kristiina Reed on the recent decision in Gaughran and retention of sensitive data", Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, Vol 179, July 2015. [Click here](#) for full-text of the article.

"Case Preview: R v Harvey", UK Supreme Court Blog, July 2015. [Click here](#) for full-text.

“Radical Changes in DNA Analysis”, Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, Vol. 178 Nos. 46 & 47, November 2014 (also published in the Criminal Bar Quarterly, Winter 2014, Issue 4)

“Children of Prisoners: “Orphans of Justice”?”, Family Law Journal, pp 69-74, January 2014

## Other Memberships

Professional member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences  
Legal Action Group  
Howard Legal for Penal Reform

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