



Samantha Powis

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Overview

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Practice Areas

Criminal

After pupillage in London, Samantha Powis joined the Prosecuting Solicitors, now the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). She was employed at Inner London, then Humberside, for several years before returning to the West Midlands CPS as a Senior Crown Prosecutor, with a varied workload which included preparation and conduct of grave and substantial cases.

In 1993 Ms Powis returned to the Bar, and joined St Ives Chambers in 2017.

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She is regularly instructed in cases involving young child witnesses, or others vulnerable by reason of mental or other infirmity, and has appeared in numerous cases involving allegations of non-sexual offences against children including homicide, assaults, and child cruelty.

Notable Cases

Defence junior in trial of adoptive parents charged with homicide of young child by 'salt poisoning'. The case involved complex medical evidence.

Represented the defendant charged with murder where the body found in local graveyard.

Defence junior in a 'love triangle' case where two elderly defendants charged with murder. Where the body was found in local river.

Appeared for the Crown in R -v- Hanson, which ultimately (with other appeals) became one of the leading authorities on the bad character provisions in the CJA 2003.

Appointments

CPS Grade 4 Panel Advocate

Memberships

Lincoln's Inn

Criminal Bar Association

Recent Media Coverage

Samantha Powis prosecutes driver who is jailed for eight years after grandmother suffered life-changing injuries in Telford crash. To read more click [here](#).

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