



Shereener Browne

YEAR OF CALL: 1996



Shereener Browne specialises in all aspects of equality and diversity law and media law with an emphasis on contempt, reporting restrictions and freedom of expression.

"Ms Browne certainly worked above and beyond the level expected of her. She dealt with my case passionately and with humility to secure an outcome that I would not have been able to achieve otherwise."

MR S. LAY CLIENT

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Shereener first came to this area of law in its overlap with employment law. She undertook a three-month placement with a leading firm of solicitors specialising in employment law.

Since 2012, Shereener has moved away from strict employment law practice but continued her focus on equality and diversity. She was a member of the Bar Council's retention committee for three years from 2014 and delivered workshops along with the Bar Council, training barristers and barrister's clerks in equality and diversity best practice.

Shereener was chambers' equality and diversity officer for three years from 2009.

MEDIA LAW

Shereener has undertaken placements in the legal departments of the *Guardian* and *The Times*.

Shereener was a night lawyer with the *Guardian* newspaper from November 2013 to November 2014. She was legal adviser to the Guardian's complaints review panel until 2017. She also now libel reads for *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Sun* newspapers.

Shereener delivers workshops on freedom of expression particularly as it relates to art, in conjunction with Index on Censorship. She also writes on this topic: [click here](#) to see a recent blog Shereener wrote co-authored with Anthony Hudson QC.

PRO BONO WORK

Shereener won the **2011 Sidney Elland Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award**. Commenting upon Shereener's award, Lord Goldsmith, who led the judging panel, said this:

"This year's winner exemplifies my belief that pro bono is part of being a barrister. Despite existing personal commitments and the challenge of moving to a completely new practice area at the Bar, Shereener Browne has worked tirelessly on pro bono cases with little fanfare. Testimonials emphasise Shereener's willingness to go far beyond her original instructions in order to achieve the right outcome for her clients and this dedication has not gone unnoticed by colleagues and contemporaries. Shereener's ongoing commitment to pro bono work undoubtedly influences those around her to take on their own pro bono work."

BACKGROUND

Shereener's career started at the Human Rights set of Sibghat Kadri QC where she did a general common law pupillage with an emphasis on criminal defence.

Once she moved to Garden Court Chambers, Shereener continued her work in criminal defence. She regularly appeared in Crown Courts across the country, becoming counsel of choice to firms representing young defendants charged with serious gang-related violence.

She single-handedly built a reputation for herself in this area whilst a member of the crime team. Before Shereener took a break to have her third child, she defended in a multi-handed conspiracy to rob and possession of firearms trial. Shereener was first on the indictment and the Crown were represented by a QC and junior counsel.

PUBLICATIONS

Editor (with David Renton, between 2009 and 2012) of Chambers' [Employment Law Bulletin](#), published fortnightly

Contributor to 'Human Rights in the Investigation and Prosecution of Crime' published by *Oxford University Press*

'[Crime, Rehabilitation and the Right to Private Life: where should the "Bright Line" fall?](#)' published in the Discrimination Lawyers Association Newsletter "*Briefings*" and in *Counsel* magazine.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Shereener has delivered careers talks within Chambers and to schools and Colleges across London. She has delivered career talks to school children in conjunction with the charity National Justice Museum Education.

She delivered a well-received lecture to Lincoln's Inn in February 2010 entitled "[Reviews, Recession and the Rise of Pro Bono Advocacy](#)"

Shereener was an advocacy teacher for the Inner Temple from 2010 to 2016.

APPEARANCES

Shereener is an accomplished public speaker.

She was interviewed in 2005 by [BBC News Online](#) , has been quoted in the *New Law Journal*; was interviewed on live radio for BBC 1Xtra; appeared in an article entitled "[Ambitious Blacks outpace whites on road to success](#)" published in *TheSunday Times*; and was interviewed in the February 2013 issue of *Legal Incite*

Shereener appears in the 2012 edition of "Black Letter Law" - Showcasing Achievement in Law.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shereener was Chair of Trustees at New Cross Gate Trust until 2017. She now sits on the board of trustees of [One World Media](#).

Shereener started an acting career in 2016. She has appeared in a number of fringe theatre productions including playing the female leads in *Macbeth* and *Miss Julie*. She has also appeared in a number of short films. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to view Shereener's acting profiles.

EDUCATION

- LLB (Hons), SBU (London)

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