

# Frances Ridout

2007 (Middle Temple)



## QUALIFICATIONS

LLB (Hons) Law - Queen Mary University of London

Bar Vocational Course - BPP School of Law (London)

The Queen Mother Scholarship 2006 - Middle Temple

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Criminal Bar Association

The Honourable Society of Middle Temple

The Extradition Lawyer's Association

## EXPERIENCE

### CROWN COURT

Frances has been instructed in the Crown Court for a wide variety of offences, including the following areas:

- Violent offences: robbery, actual bodily harm, including offences committed in a domestic context;
- Dishonesty offences: theft (including breach of trust), burglary (both dwelling and non dwelling), fraud by false representation, and benefit fraud;
- Public order offences: affray, and racially aggravated public order cases.

### CIVIL ORDERS

Frances has considerable experience in the following civil orders which are routinely made in the criminal courts. This experience spans stand alone applications and ancillary orders made 'on conviction';

- Anti Social Behaviour Orders (new applications, appeals and the variation of existing orders)
- Closure Orders
- Sexual Offenders Prevention Orders
- Restraining Orders

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## COURT OF APPEAL

**R v CS (May 2010):** An appeal against sentence for an alcoholic who sold class A drugs on a single occasion to fund his alcohol addiction. The Court of Appeal were persuaded to extend the more lenient sentencing bracket outlined in *R v Afonso* (usually relating to drug addicts who sell drugs to fund their addiction) to alcoholics. The court praised Frances' "very well presented and helpful" arguments. The sentence was reduced on appeal from three years imprisonment to two.

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Frances has undertaken case work for the Free Representation Unit where she represented clients in Social Security Tribunals.
- In addition, she volunteers at the Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre.

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