

Blondel Thompson

Year of Call: 1987

Telephone Clerk: +44 (0)121 246 0200

Clerks Email: crime@st-philips.com



Introduction

Blondel grew up in a household of athletes, she is a former British Junior Record Holder and Senior British and Commonwealth Record Holder. Two of her brothers, Garry and Keith were professional footballers, whilst another brother, Glyn, represented the Marines in athletics, football, cricket, basketball and volleyball. All of this combined has enabled Blondel to develop an expertise in Sports law.

As a former British and Commonwealth record holder in athletics, two brothers who made their living from professional football and a son who is a former World Indoor Champion at 400m has enabled Blondel to develop an expertise in Sports law.

She prosecutes and defends a variety of cases from Murder and Manslaughter to offences under the Theft Act. In a recent case, she defended one of four defendants facing an indictment containing 51 counts of historical rape, buggery, indecent assault.

In 1998 she became a Panel Judge member for the Disciplinary Tribunals of UK Athletics. In 2010 Blondel was appointed as arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport, (based in Lausanne Switzerland). She is also a Panel member for the Inns of Court from which Disciplinary Tribunals of the Bar are drawn.

Blondel regularly delivers seminars specialising on Sports Law.

- International Criminal Lawyer (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- Member of The International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Appointed as Chairwoman in 2001 for The Football Association Appeals Board, that was extended in 2005 by Sports Resolutions to other areas such as Swimming, Anti-Doping, Child Protection and the Illegibility Appeal involving Sports Council Recognition of a sport.
- Appointed to the Safeguarding Children in Sport panel
- Appointed to the Ad Hoc Division for the UEFA EURO 2012 as an Arbitration Judge
- Honorary Vice President of Birchfield Harriers (2012 to present)
- In May 2013 Blondel Thompson was successfully interviewed and placed on the Special Tribunal for Lebanon List of Victims Counsel.
- Appointed to the Ad-Hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as an arbitrator judge to cover the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.
- Appointed as Specialist Member of the National Anti-Doping Panel.
- 2015 – Admitted to the International Criminal Court List of Counsel, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- 2017 – Appointed to the Disciplinary Panel for England Boxing.
- 2017 – Appointed as a Bencher of the Middle Temple.
- 2017 – Member of Women In Sports Law
- 2018 – School Mentor
- 2018 – Middle Temple Midlands Circuit Society Committee Member

Organised Crime and Terrorism

Blondel prosecutes and defends offences of drugs, violence, firearms, car ringing and money laundering.

Reported Cases:

- R v Addai-Bempah & Others – Importation of firearms from USA
- R v Pritchard – Car Ringing and Proceeds of Crime Act
- R v Mathurin – Armed robberies of commercial premises linked by mobile phone forensic evidence
- R v Rahmazadaterani – Attempted Kidnapping

Serious Sexual Offences

An approved rape advocate, Blondel prosecutes and defends serious sexual offences. She has also developed a defence practice in this area. In one recent case she defended 1 of 4 defendants facing a 51 count Indictment of historical sexual abuse. The counts covered rape, buggery indecent assault concerning issues of propensity to commit sexual offences against children and bad character. This trial lasted 55 days R v Clarke.

Other recent cases in this area are R v Durose, R v Taylor and R v Key all 15 count indictment of Historical Sexual Abuse.

Reported Cases:

- R v Bradshaw – Rape, attempted rape and false imprisonment – acquitted
- R v Brady – Sexual abuse of step daughter
- R v Prota – Rape of ex girlfriend in her home
- R v Baran – Gang rape
- R v Potts – Interfamilial historical sexual abuse across 3 generations
- R v Witts – Historical sexual abuse alleged by two brothers against a third
- R v Moses – Historical sexual abuse alleged by niece against uncle
- R v Clarke – 51 count indictment of historical sexual abuse trial lasted 55 days
- R v Taylor – 15 count indictment of sexual offences
- R v Durose – 15 count indictment of historical sexual offences
- R v Key – 15 count indictment of historical Sexual Abuse

Sports

She has been instructed by Sport Resolutions since 2001 as Chairwoman in cases of Child protection, Football, Swimming, Anti-Doping and the Illegibility Appeal involving Sports Council recognition of a sport. Blondel has also recently arbitrated in a dispute pursuant to FA Rule K(8).

Blondel is now classified as a Football specialist and chair a variety of Appeal cases where the rules of the Football Association are infringed by footballers, referees, coaches and agents. These cases are presented by the Appellants in person, but solicitors, counsel and Queens Counsel present the more complex cases.

Notable cases;

- International Tennis Federation v Dan Evans
- UK Anti Doping v Joanna Blair
- UK Anti Doping v Zak Hardaker
- UK Anti Doping v Russell
- UK Anti Doping v Turley
- UK Anti Doping v Piers Chen
- RFU v Lewis
- British Rowing Safeguarding Investigation
- NISA v Poole

- The Football Association Appeal Board v Puleston
- The Football Association v Andy Niedzwiecki, Everton Football Club, Jamaal Lascelles
- McMillan v UK Anti Doping (Appeal)
- Thompson v UK Anti Doping (Appeal)
- UK Anti Doping v Awad
- UK Anti Doping v Songhurst
- Spartan Youths Football Club v Middlesex County Football Association Appeals Board
- Paul Stretford v Football Association Appeal Board
- Appeal of John Turnbull v The Football Association Safeguarding Review Panel
- The Football Association Appeal Board v Martin Gray – Darlington 1883 Football Club
- The Football Association v Peter Eastwood Disciplinary Commission
- The Football Association Regulatory Commission v Rio Ferdinand
- The Football Association Regulatory Commission v Ben Hamer
- UK Anti Doping v Watt
- UK Anti Doping v McMillan
- WADA v IWWF v Rathy

Appointments

- Appointed as Chairwoman in 2001 for The Football Association Appeals Board, that was extended in 2005 by Sports Resolutions to other areas such as Swimming, Anti-Doping, Child Protection and the Illegibility Appeal involving Sports Council Recognition of a sport.
- Appointed to the Safeguarding Children in Sport panel
- Appointed to the Ad Hoc Division for the UEFA EURO 2012 as an Arbitration Judge
- In May 2013 Blondel Thompson was successfully interviewed and placed on the Special Tribunal for Lebanon List of Victims Counsel.
- Appointed to the Ad-Hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as an arbitrator judge to cover the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.
- Appointed as Specialist Member of the National Anti-Doping Panel.
2015 – Admitted to the International Criminal Court List of Counsel, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Restraint and Confiscation

Recent Restraint and Confiscation Cases

- R v Benloss – Drugs and Proceeds of Crime Act
- R v Stefanco – Fraud and Proceeds of Crime Act
- R v Sharafat Kainth and Hill – Fraud and Proceeds of Crime Act
- R v Pritchard – Car Ringing and Proceeds of Crime Act

Homicide (Murder and Manslaughter)

Recent Homicide Cases:

- R v Perry & Perry – Led by David Crigman QC or the Crown. Mother and son accused of murdering husband. Defence of Insanity raised.
- R v McDonald – Led by Christopher Millington QC for the Defence. The defendant faced and indictment of Murder and Attempted Murder. He left home armed with a machete entered two local shops and attacked the owners
- R v Montiero De Sena – Led by Melbourne Inman QC (now Judge Inman QC)
The deceased telephoned the defendant, threatened to whip him. He visited the defendants home and asked to speak to him; a fight ensued during which the deceased was stabbed.
- R v Lewis – Initially charged with Manslaughter the defendant faced an Indictment at trial of S18. The injured party refused to make a statement, but when he did months later he did not blame the defendant. His statement was served as Unused Material. The defence was forced to call the Injured Party and Defendant in the same trial.
- R v Azim Razaq and Hussain – Led by Stephen Linehan QC for the Crown. Three defendants were charged with Kidnap and Manslaughter. The deceased had been threatened at his home during the evening, kidnapped later that night and found in

the canal the following day.

- R v Jamal Smith – Attempted Murder. Offence captured on CCTV, defendant seen to stab two complainants, causing life threatening injuries.
- R v Jacob Smith – Attempted Murder. Defendant shot the complainant at point blank range in the gardens of a public house.
- R v Damian Dinobewei – Murder. Defendant assaulted his estranged partner, pushed her into the car, traversed the city before pouring petrol over the car, setting it on fire and walking away.
- R v Tejeun Allen – Attempted murder. Complainant provoked the Defendant, whom stabbed him repeatedly, piercing his heart.

Regulatory

Reported Cases:

- Higgs -v- Rossendales Limited
- Kasper Atkin -v- Ricky Williams
- R -v- Simon Jones (Trading Standards)
- R v Dilan Ibrahim Abdullah (Counterfeit Cigarettes)