

## CAROLINE ADDY

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## SPECIALISATION

- Defamation
- Malicious Falsehood/Trade libel
- Privacy and Confidence
- Injunctions
- Harassment
- Reporting Restrictions
- Contempt of Court
- Protection of Sources
- Data Protection
- Freedom of Information
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers
- Access to Court Documents
- Production Orders
- Pre-publication Advice
- Obscenity laws & Censorship
- Negligent Misstatement
- Media-related judicial review
- Human Rights Law, particularly articles 8 and 10 of the ECHR

Caroline has a broad practice encompassing all aspects of media and information law for both Claimants and Defendants including related human rights law. She has acted for companies, celebrities from sport, pop and the business world as well as sports clubs, local authorities and trade unions, police officers, website operators, charities and private individuals.

Caroline provides pre-publication advice to major publishing houses, particularly in relation to contentious biographies and autobiographies. She also gives regular pre-publication advice to various Conde Nast publications and other magazines.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Caroline is consistently recommended as a "Leading Junior" in Defamation & Privacy in Chambers and Partners Guide to the Legal Profession and in the Legal 500 Directory. Caroline has been described in previous editions as "a pleasure to work with", "adored by those who instruct her" and "client friendly and persuasive in court". "When she's up against a tough opponent, she's a superstar." "Fine flair with clients."

Experienced practitioner who represents clients in cases involving media and information law, as well as human rights law. She has particular expertise in search engine and ISP liability issues.

*"Has the confidence of the judges and is wonderful at handling difficult opponents with grace and charm."* **Chambers and Partners 2017**

'Very calm and measured; she instils confidence in clients.' **The Legal 500 2016**

Known for her judgement and ability, particularly in the most sensitive cases. She is instructed on behalf of both claimants and defendants and covers a wide range of libel, privacy, data protection and freedom of information work. *"She is a very impressive barrister and a pleasure to deal with."* *"She is very sharp and always manages to provide the right angle."* **Chambers and Partners 2016**

'She is responsive and user-friendly, and takes a measured approach.' **The Legal 500 2015**

Caroline has particular expertise in harassment cases, specifically those protecting the privacy of families and individuals. She acts both as claimant and as defender in an extensive range of defamation and privacy cases. *"She's very good at demystifying technical, complicated law, and has great empathy with clients."* **Chambers and Partners 2015**

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'Recommended for pre-publication advice relating to biographies and autobiographies.' **The Legal 500 2014**

A strong defamation lawyer who commands respects from peers due to her calm and collected manner in even the most difficult of cases. She has a substantial pre-publication practice for book and magazine publishers in particular. "Has unerringly good judgement and is really prepared to get stuck into the detail of cases." "She is particularly brilliant at unscrambling complex documentation." **Chambers and Partners 2014**

[Caroline Addy](#) is classed as "a great all-rounder" for defamation cases as she is "highly analytical in her approach and thorough in her preparation." She is currently acting for an education consultant in advancing a claim for libel against Buckinghamshire County Council. The case concerns allegedly defamatory letters the council sent to a number of schools in the county. **Chambers and Partners 2013**

[Caroline Addy](#) is "a good defamation all-rounder," **Chambers and Partners 2012**

Caroline Addy's extensive practice covers all aspects of media and information law for both claimants and defendants. Addy has acted for companies, entertainment and sports celebrities, and is praised for being "bubbly, waffle-free, very bright and hugely supportive to solicitors." **Chambers and Partners 2011**

recognised as "conscientious", "bright" and "hardworking" **The Legal 500 2010/11**

As "an essential part of the team throughout the progress of a case," Caroline Addy is viewed by clients as "fantastically bright, and someone who really gets involved with the detail of a dispute." She recently acted as junior counsel for Frank Warren in his libel claims against Ray Hatton and the BBC. **Chambers and Partners 2010**

Caroline Addy is "first rate and commercial" **Legal 500 2009/10**

Caroline Addy has many fans. Of Addy, one client enthused "I love Caroline as she helped me out of sticky situations many times. She is sensible, clear and exceedingly helpful". **Chambers UK 2009**

"Articulate" [Caroline Addy](#) "gives her all in case." Very dedicated, and clearly brilliant on her feet," she "nimblely outwits the opposition on a regular basis." **Chambers UK 2008**

The capacity for being realistic is mirrored in [Caroline Addy](#). "Level-headed and tenacious in court," she has a "lovely way with words." **Chambers UK 2007**

"Very practical and has a real empathy with clients." **Chambers UK 2006**

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Llb(Hons) (Upper Second Class), European Law, University of Exeter

(Including Universitat des Saarlandes 1988-89; Kleine BGB Schein)

Bar Diploma, Inns of Court School of Law

Called to the Bar Inner Temple, November 1991

Pupillage - 1991-92: 1 Brick Court (media) & 12 Gray's Inn Square

Chambers of Mark Littman QC (European and Chancery)

1992- Tenant - 1 Brick Court

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## REPRESENTATIVE CASES OF INTEREST

### Defamation

- GE Healthcare v Thomsen- Counsel for the Claimants in libel action brought by three companies in the GE group against Dr. Henrik Thomsen. Case ongoing.
- Clarke (t/a Elumina Iberica UK) v (1) Lawrence Bain (2) Prolink - Libel action considering whether a claimant may rely on publications (not being publications pleaded as causes of action) and/or overseas publications in aggravation of damage.
- Morrisons Supermarkets PLC v Office of Fair Trading - Junior counsel for the defendant in this libel action brought on an OFT press release.
- Lowry and anor v BBC - Counsel for the claimants in this action for libel on a posting appearing on a BBC website.
- Sheffield Wednesday Football Club and ors v Hargreaves (2007)  
Counsel for the respondent in Norwich Pharmacal proceedings against the owner and administrator of a blog and fan site on which fans posted comments derogatory of the football club's directors and chairman.
- Viridi v Associated Newspapers Limited (2007)  
Junior Counsel for Claimant, led by Richard Rampton QC  
Action for libel brought on the publication of an article in the Daily Mail, resulting in the publication of an apology.
- Warren v (1) Hatton (2) BBC (2007)  
Junior Counsel for Claimant, led by Richard Rampton QC
- Stickland v Emap Metro Limited (2007)  
Counsel for Defendants in this jury trial, the first libel action brought against Kerrang! Magazine, over remarks made in an interview by members of the band Bullet for my Valentine.
- Rayner v Kallipetis (2006) Counsel for Defendant in action for libel brought on arbitration decision. Action struck out.
- Noel Botham v Associated Newspapers Ltd (2006). Counsel for Claimant in libel action brought by author on newspaper article criticising his book.
- Hon. McKeever v Cayman NET and anr (2005). Libel action on anonymous web publication. Counsel for Claimant.
- Patel v H. Bauer Publishing (2005). Libel action. Counsel for Defendant.
- Downtex v Flatley (2003)  
Counsel for Defendant at first instance in action for libel brought on cautionary letter circulated to creditors.
- McPhilemy v Times Newspapers Ltd (2001-4). Junior Counsel for Defendant led by Andrew Caldecott QC (qv) in this, one of the longest English jury trials, brought on an article criticising the Claimant's documentary, 'The Committee', made for Channel Four. A leading case on treatment of opponent's uncalled evidence, jury trial and costs where a Part 36 offer has been made. [1999] 1 WLR 1732; (1999) 3 All ER 775; (2001) EWCA Civ 933; [2002] 1 WLR 934; [2001] 4 All ER 861; (2001)

EMLR 35; Times, July 3, 2001; (2001) EMLR 34; Times, June 19, 2001; Independent, July 23, 2001

- Melchett and Greenpeace UK v Glasgow Herald (2001). Counsel for Claimant in libel action on critical article in the defendant newspaper criticising the Claimants' public campaigns on biotechnology.
- Sugar v News Group Newspapers Ltd and Mullery(2000). Counsel for Claimant, the then Tottenham Hotspur FC chairman in action for libel on Sun Newspaper article.
- Arobieke v MGN Ltd and ors (2000). Junior Counsel for Defendant in this jury action for libel on an article in The People newspaper.
- Tancic v Times Newspapers Ltd (1999). Counsel for Defendant. Reported in relation to discretion to allow or disallow applications to amend particulars of justification: Times, January 12, 2000.
- Hello v News Group Newspapers Ltd (1999). Libel action-Counsel for Defendant.
- Rush and Anr v Coward (1998). Counsel for Claimants in jury trial for libel, assault counterclaim.

#### **Breach of confidence/privacy/data protection/contempt**

- Westminster Primary Care Trust v Shetreet  
Counsel for Claimant in without notice injunction application and proceedings for breach of confidence following accidental release of patient information.
- R v fielder-Civil -(2009) - Counsel for News Group Newspapers on an application to lift reporting restrictions regarding this criminal trial.
- E and F v News Group Newspapers Limited (2008)  
Junior Counsel for the Claimants, obtained an interim privacy injunction by telephone to prevent newspaper publication.
- Sorrell and Weber v Fullsix and ors (2007)  
Junior Counsel for Defendants, in this, the first ever English trial over a blog publication.
- Hughes v Carratu International PLC (2006)  
Succeeded as Counsel for the Applicant in a Norwich Pharmacal application to obtain disclosure of the identity of the ultimate client/recipient of information obtained illegally by an inquiry agent.
- Murray v Express Newspapers and Anr (2006)  
Counsel for the newspaper in this privacy action brought by JK Rowling and her husband on behalf of their young son.
- Taffs v Unilever PLC (2005)  
Counsel for Defendant in action for breach of confidence. Action struck out.

#### **Advertising**

- Citation v MHL (2007)  
Counsel for the Claimant company in this action for libel and malicious falsehood brought in respect of comparative advertising issued by the defendant company.

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- Saniflo v Vortoplast (1998). Counsel for Claimant in malicious falsehood action arising out of comparative advertising.

### **PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS**

'Policing internet harassment is easier said than done' The Lawyer, 30 April 2007

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Friend of the Refugee Council

Participant, Commonwealth Press Union Legal Advice Scheme

### **INTERESTS**

European literature, sport, cookery, cinema, art and design