

Jo Martin QC

Year of Call: 2005

Solicitor: 1996

Year of Silk: 2018

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Public and Regulatory

Jo is a well known prosecutor on the Western Circuit for both the Environment Agency and the Health and Safety Executive and was, prior to taking Silk, on the Specialist Regulatory Panel List B.

Notable cases

HSE -v- JB Ltd (2019) - Cardiff Crown Court - prosecution of company following death of a young worker on a building site. Prosecution take difficult decision to offer no evidence in relation to health and safety breaches as part of continuous review of the evidence following submissions by the defence.

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R-v-M (2016) - Truro Crown Court - scaffolder prosecuted following death of fellow workman for breaches of Health and Safety regulations. Plead guilty after Goodyear indication.

R-v-D (2016) - Truro Crown Court - HR director prosecuted for neglect of elderly patients. Case stopped by the judge at half time following submission.

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Recommendations

'Thorough, hardworking, and tactical.'

Legal 500, 2021 Leading Silks

'Her incisive eye cuts to the core of a case with ease.'

Legal 500, 2018 Leading Silks

'She charms juries with her down-to-earth manner.'

Legal 500, 2016

Academic qualifications

- BA Hons, English Literature
- LLB, Law

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Recorder since Jan 2016 (Ticketed for sexual assault/abuse cases and Private Law Family cases)
- Inn: Middle Temple

Professional bodies

- Criminal Bar Association,
- Western Circuit,
- Western Circuit Women's Forum
- Member of pro bono group, Advocate