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**"The 'brilliant' and 'unflappable' Ellen Peart enjoys a strong reputation among peers for her extensive abilities in general criminal matters. One source comments: 'She is hard-working, tenacious, intelligent, dedicated, and clients love her. I would go to her if I was in trouble.'"** (Chambers UK, 2016)

**"... the 'practical' and 'thoughtful' Ellen Peart, is 'a cut above the competition'."** (The Legal 500, 2015)

**"The highly regarded Ellen Peart is considered a talented criminal practitioner. Clients report that 'she is particularly good at advising on sensitive matters, which involve a more human touch.'"** (Chambers UK, 2015)

**"The team includes the 'formidable' Ellen Peart ..."** (The Legal 500, 2014)

**"Ellen Peart has 'a very nice manner with clients' and 'no doubt is going places.'"** (Chambers UK, 2014)

**"praised for [her] 'razor-sharp intellect'"** (The Legal 500, 2013)

**"Ellen Peart has been involved in a number of complex and varied cases, and is noted for her 'dynamic, knowledgeable and no-nonsense client skills.'"** (Chambers UK, 2013)

**"Ellen Peart is 'very diligent and resourceful'."** (The Legal 500, 2012)

**"Ellen Peart is 'excellent at both giving an overall picture of the prospects of the case and providing the necessary detailed advice'."** (Chambers UK, 2012)

**"Highly recommended."** (The Legal 500, 2011)

**"she has a bearing and composure that gives clients great confidence'."** (Chambers UK, 2011)

**"Ellen Peart is praised for her 'impressive tactical nous and client care'."** (Chambers UK, 2009)

Ellen joined BCL in 2002. From 1999, Ellen worked for Irwin Mitchell Solicitors in the Business Crime Unit in Sheffield, completing her training at a well respected high street practice.

Ellen was admitted as a solicitor in 2002 after obtaining a Joint Honours degree in Law with French from the University of Leeds. Ellen spent the third year of her degree at the University of Strasbourg studying French law from where she obtained the Diplôme de Français Juridique. She joined the partnership at BCL in March 2010.

Since joining BCL, Ellen has worked on a number of high profile and complex cases. She has acted for clients in investigations by the Serious Fraud Office and RCPO relating to conspiracy to defraud and money laundering. Notably in 2007, she acted for Michael Bright the former CEO of Independent

Insurance PLC in the prosecution described by the SFO as "one of the most technical and complex cases we've had to deal with".

Ellen's practice now focuses on representing individuals and companies in relation to serious and general criminal matters.

Ellen provides specialist police station advice as well as advice to clients in relation to interviews conducted by other prosecution agencies. She has a wealth of experience and success in making representations to the CPS, or relevant prosecuting agency, that charges should not be brought.

She has particular expertise in homicide, sexual offences, assault, offences of dishonesty, harassment, firearms and internet related crime. She also advises clients on police powers relating to search and seizure of material during raids. Further she is experienced in advising witnesses for the prosecution or defence.

She has a special interest in Court of Appeal cases where she has successfully advised clients who have sought a second opinion post conviction and sentence.

She is also experienced in Trading Standards matters. More recently, she has advised television companies concerning pre-production and post-production issues.

Ellen is a member of The Law Society, The London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association, The Association of Women Solicitors, The Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association, The Young Fraud Lawyers Association (having been a past committee member from 2004 to 2006) and The Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

Ellen is a contributing writer to 'The Police Station Adviser's Index' (Sweet & Maxwell 4th edition revised).

She also contributes to Law Society and LCCSA responses on criminal justice policy.

