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Dr Felicity Gerry KC is an internationally recognised silk with dual practice in England & Wales and Australia and standing before the International Criminal Court (ICC) and international tribunals (KSC and ICTY). She is also Senior Anti-Human Trafficking Expert Consultant and Trainer for Lawyers Without Borders. Her work cuts across:

- Financial and corporate crime (fraud, bribery, corruption)
- International Criminal Law, Terrorism and Transnational criminal law
- Modern slavery, human rights compliance and ESG representations
- Digital assets and cybercrime
- Corporate / investment due diligence

Her profile blends courtroom excellence with public interest advocacy, strategic consulting, and legal reform. Felicity is known for her ability to lead in legally and factually complex environments. She brings a trauma-informed, culturally competent approach to white collar defence and a deep understanding of reputational, regulatory, and human rights dimensions that shape corporate accountability in a globalised world. She has been described in Legal 500 as 'a leader in her field', 'a fearless and effective advocate', and 'a true inspiration to junior lawyers' and in Chambers and Partners as 'A wonderful fighter with an extraordinary intellect, she's very efficient and very good with clients'.

Felicity holds a PhD on **Human Trafficking**, a Master of Laws in **International Governance** (LLM Int Gov), a Bachelor of Laws, and a Graduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning (GCUTL). She is Professorial Fellow at International Restorative Justice NGO, RJ4All and an Honorary Professor in the School of Health and Society at Salford University and remains a visitor at Deakin University with current interns on a GITMO matter.

Alongside her criminal / corporate practice, Felicity is a thought leader on corporate criminal liability, legal ethics, and **modern slavery** in supply chains. She is widely published and frequently engaged to speak on legal reform, responsible business conduct, and access to justice, including on legal innovation, digital evidence, and emerging technologies.

Current Positions

INTERNATIONAL KING'S COUNSEL

Appointed 2014

Specialist in appellate and trial advocacy for serious and complex national, transnational, and international individual and corporate crime.

[See selected cases below](#)

Crockett Chambers, Melbourne, Australia (Clerks: Green's List) – 2018 to present

2018 to present

Libertas Chambers, London, UK – 2020 to present

2020 to present

[**Associate tenant Spire Chambers**, Leeds, UK (family law) – 2014 to present]

Admission Bar of England & Wales (1994), Victorian Bar, Australia (2015), High Court of Australia (2016)

List of counsel International Criminal Court (2019-), Kosovo Specialist Chambers (2019-)

Directories

- Victoria Legal Aid Criminal Trial Preferred Barrister List
- Victoria Legal Aid Equity and Diversity List
- Legal 500 2025 Leading Silk
- Chambers & Partners Ranked in UK Bar 2025
- Global Law Experts 2024 Handbook Recommended Expert
- Global Law Experts 2023 International Criminal Law Barrister of the Year
- Who's Who 2016 to 2025

VISITING PROFESSOR Deakin University, Australia, School of Law (previously part time Professor of Practice)	Oct 2017 to present
HONORARY PROFESSOR Salford University, UK, School of Health and Society	Apr 2021 to present
SENIOR ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPERT CONSULTANT AND TRAINER Lawyers Without Borders	2024 to present
PROFESSORIAL RESEARCH FELLOW Restorative Justice for All, UK	2024 to present
EDITOR IN CHIEF ANZSIL Perspective	2020 to present

Education

2022 PhD Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia
2018 LLM (International Governance) Charles Darwin University Dean's Medallist
2017 Graduate Certificate of Teaching and Learning Charles Darwin University
1994 ICSL Post Graduate Qualification (Barrister) Inns of Court (Middle Temple), UK
1993 LLB (Honours) University of Kingston, Kingston Upon Thames, UK

Academic Experience

PROFESSOR OF LEGAL PRACTICE (2018 - 2025) Deakin University, Australia
BOARD OF ADVISORS (2021 to 2024) VISITING PROFESSOR (2015 & 2017) De La Salle University, School of Business, Manila
ADJUNCT FELLOW SCHOOL OF LAW (2017 - 2020) University of Western Sydney, Australia
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR & DISTINGUISHED VISITING LECTURER (2017 - 2020) University of Western Sydney
SENIOR LECTURER & CHAIR RRTC (2013 - 2020) Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia

Professional Experience

BARRISTER AND QUEEN'S COUNSEL Carmelite Chambers, London, United Kingdom 36 Bedford Row, London, United Kingdom	2016 to 2020 2004 to 2016
OF COUNSEL Moynahan Law Firm, Connecticut, U.S.	2012
BARRISTER 2 New Street, Leicester, United Kingdom	1994 to 2004

Awards & Recognition

2025	Pro Bono Recognition List (England and Wales)
2025	Legal 500 Leading Silk
2024	Global Law Experts White Collar Criminal Law Expert
2024	Pro Bono Recognition List (England and Wales)
2023	Global Law Experts International Criminal Law Barrister of the Year
2023	Shortlisted - Victorian Bar 'Public Interest/Justice Innovation Award' (with Dr Daye Gang)
2020	Shortlisted - International Bar Association Pro Bono Barrister of the Year
2020	Lawyers Weekly Australian Barrister of the Year.
2019	Nominated for Victorian Bar Pro Bono Award for Zak Grieve mercy petition
2018	Dean's Medal for Master of Laws in International Governance
2016	NT Human Rights Award for Justice as a member of the Making Justice Work Coalition
2016	Legal Personality of the Year: UK Solicitors Journal 160th Anniversary Awards

Current Roles, Memberships & Appointments

CURRENT

Research Project leader – Modern Slavery Reporting and AI: Deakin University

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Executive Committee Member Deakin Law School Centre of Law as Protection

Member IBA Criminal Law Committee

Asia Pacific Forum Liaison International Bar Association Criminal Law Committee

Member Bar of England and Wales Human Rights Committee

Member Victorian Bar Human Rights Committee

Ambassador International Social Services Australia

Professional Board Member Computer Law & Security Review (Elsevier)

Member International Bar Association

Member Commonwealth Bar Association

Member UK Criminal Appeal Lawyers Association

Member AWB, AWL, and Women in Crime

Selected Significant Cases

- **R v Bagariya** – Defence of alleged multi-million tax fraud (2025)
- **Saadaoui** – alleged terrorist plot with issues of entrapment (2025)
- **Ismet Bahtijari** – lead counsel (defence), Kosovo Specialist Chambers (2024 – 2025)
- **Al-Hassan** – Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag Mahmoud - International Criminal Court (2022 -2025)
- **D & B** – claim for historic abuse against an Australian archdiocese and the Holy See with issues of sovereign immunity (2025)
- **Yusuf** – writ for habeas corpus and defence of two criminal trials (2023-2025)
- **Alex Henry** – drafted individual application to the UN CRPD Committee on autism in homicide (2024)
- **Christine Keeler** – Petition for a posthumous pardon (2025)
- **X** – admissibility of DNA Interlocutory Appeal (2025).
- **R v T** - Appeal £multi-million money laundering scheme with issues of human trafficking (2023)
- **D** – attempted murder / risk offences in relation to infants and non-conviction outcomes
- **Ongwen** - ICC Amicus Curiae Brief on non-punishment principle to child soldiers (2022)
- Heritage listing judicial review – **Aboriginal land** challenge (2015).
- **R v Zak Grieve** successful petition for mercy for Indigenous youth in the NT Australia.
- **R (on the application of Shamima Begum) v SSHD** (2020) UKSC invention on behalf of JUSTICE
- **Moukhaiber v R** - High Court of Australia and Victorian Court of Appeal – Terrorism Appeal
- **Abbas** Defence of Christmas Day terrorism plot, Melbourne.
- **R v Fiaz and others** - Appeal to COA, UKSC and ECtHR on removal of causation in homicide (2023)
- **R v AAH, AAD, AAI** Restoration of abuse of process power in human trafficking defences (2022).
- **R v Rebelo** - defence in an allegation of gross negligent manslaughter through supply of diet pill (2019)
- **R v Rowe** - defence (trial and appeal) in the first prosecution for alleged intentional infection with HIV. Contested issues over intention. Evidence included complex expert opinion on phylogenetics (2018)
- **R v Hague** - defence in a cold case murder trial subject of the \$1million cold case TV program (2018)
- **Radovan Karadžić** – Amicus Curiae Brief in ICTY Appeals Chamber on the interpretation of JCEIII liability leading a group of counsel and academics (2018)
- **R v Van Beelan** – Appeal to High Court of Australia on jurisdiction for a second criminal appeal (2017)
- **Chan Kam-shing** - appeal on errors of law in common purpose in Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal (2016)
- **R v Jogee** - Appeal to the UK Supreme Court. Correcting the error of law in ‘joint enterprise’ (2016)
- **Mary Jane Veloso** – assisting Filipina on Indonesian death row - granted a reprieve – returned home 2024
- **In the matter of Lindsay Sandiford** – death row prisoner in Indonesia.

ADVISORY OPINION & MEMORANDA

- **Memorandum on investment due diligence** which led to \$83million divestment of Golden City Scheme for Justice for Myanmar (2022 and recent updates)
- **Advice for a diplomatic mission** on the parameters of disclosure under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 (2022).
- **Memo and Advisory opinion** on the criminal law and human rights implications of the sale of Telenor Myanmar (2022)
- **Advisory Opinion** to the Human Rights Commission of the Philippines on death penalty legislation in ASEAN (2020)
- **Advisory opinion** on proposed presumptions as to consent legislation in Guernsey (2020)
- **Advisory opinion** on Petition to the Privy Council on proposed sexual offending legislation (2020)

Selected Recent Publications & Articles

For a full publication list see [ORCID profile](#).

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS & REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Felicity Gerry, Andrew Rowland, Charlotte Proudman, Joseph Home and Hoda Ali, 'Health, law, education and sustainable goals through upstream and downstream approaches' in Maria Jaschok, U. H. Ruhina Jesmin, Tobe Levin von Gleichen, Comfort Momoh (eds), *The Routledge International Handbook of Harmful Cultural Practices* (Routledge, 1st ed, 2023)
- Felicity Gerry et al, 'FGM – Health, law, education and sustainable goals through upstream and downstream approaches' in Maria Jaschok et al (eds) *The Routledge International Handbook of Harmful Cultural Practices* (Routledge, 2023)
- Felicity Gerry et al, 'Autistic Defendants in Court: Perceptions and Support for Accessing Justice' in Tom Smith (ed), *Autism and Criminal Justice* (Routledge Focus, 2023) 45
- Felicity Gerry et al, '2. Australia' in Frieder Dünkel, Stefan Harrendorf and Dirk van Zyl Smit (eds), *The Impact of COVID-19 on Prison Conditions and Penal Policy* (Routledge, 2023)

ARTICLES

- Anne-Marie Day, Clare Allely, Louise Robinson, Kim Turner, Felicity Gerry, Andrew Forrester, 'The Over-Representation of Neurodivergent Children in Youth Justice Systems and the Youth Court' (2025) 64(4) *Medicine, Science and the Law*
- Gabrielle Hill, Felicity Gerry, Paula Herlihen, Clare S Allely, David J Gilbert, 'Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the Courts: How England and Wales Could Benefit From Following an Australian Model' (2025) *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health*
- Felicity Gerry et al, 'Human Trafficking Survivors in Victoria's Criminal Justice System' (2024) 2 *Et Cetera*
- Phillipa Stafford, Felicity Gerry and Alka Pradhan, 'Empowering Women in Criminal Defence: Redefining Jurisprudence Through Marginalized Perspectives and answering the 'Cocktail Party Question' (2024) 38 ANZSIL Perspective
- Felicity Gerry, 'Is the UK criminal justice system failing women?' (Counsel Magazine, July 2023)
- Felicity Gerry and Catherin Baksi, 'There are hundreds if not thousands of people serving life sentences for something they didn't intend' *The Times* (news online, 2 March 2023)
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/there-are-hundreds-if-not-thousands-of-people-serving-life-sentences-for-something-they-didnt-intend-7ksrgkjb>
- Felicity Gerry and Fahrid Chishty, 'Crime in Art Law: Digitisation, Trafficking and Destruction', *Lawyer Monthly* (online, 28 February 2023) <<https://www.lawyer-monthly.com/2023/02/crime-in-art-law-digitalisation-trafficking-and-destruction/>>
- Felicity Gerry, 'Oil Industry Must Brush Up On Int'l Anti-Bribery Standard', *Law 360* (Expert Analysis, 3 August 2023) <<https://www.law360.com/articles/1705224/oil-industry-must-brush-up-on-int-l-anti-bribery-standard>>
- Felicity Gerry, 'Oil Industry Must Brush Up on International Anti-Bribery Standard', *Law 360* (Expert Analysis, 3 August 2023) <<https://www.law360.com/articles/1705224/oil-industry-must-brush-up-on-int-l-anti-bribery-standard>>

PROJECTS & REPORTS

- **2024** Report contributor, 'Identification and support of autistic individuals within the UK Criminal Justice system', *BMC Medicine*
- **2024** Report Contributor, 'Equal Protection from Assault in England and Northern Ireland: The Health, Education and Legal Case for legislative change to remove the "reasonable punishment" defence and to prohibit all physical punishment of children', Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (UK)
- **2023** Contributor to IBA Legal Policy and Research Unit and British Institute of International and Comparative Law on Human Trafficking and the Rights of Trafficked Persons
- **2023** Victorian Legal Services Board Grants Program & Deakin University Funded Project: Understanding the Experiences of Women Survivors of Modern Slavery in the Victorian Criminal Justice System
- **2023** Contributor to Southampton University project on terrorism and human trafficking.
- **2023** Developing two projects on complicity law and sentencing in complicity cases.
- **2022-3** Graph Theory and Modern Slavery project.
- **2022-3** Report on Hague Convention on International Child Abduction art 13(b) and family violence (with Deakin Law Clinic and ISS)

POLICY, LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSIONS & PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATION

- **2025** Counsel assisting Westminster Commission on Joint Enterprise (UK Parliament)
- **2025** Group Submission on abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children to House of Commons' Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Committee (UK Parliament)
- **2024** Co-drafter of the Joint Enterprise (Significant Contribution) Bill (UK Parliament)
- **2024** Submission to Sentencing Council (UK) on mitigating factors regarding pregnancy, maternity and post-natal care

- **2023** House of Lords cross party discussion on vulnerable women, crisis pregnancies and the criminal law
- **2023** Submission to Victorian sentencing Advisory council consultation on deferrals – issues relating to women offenders
- **2023** House of Commons launch of Future Justice Project speech on joint enterprise law
- **2023** Submission to Targeted Review of Modern Slavery law Australia on non-punishment principle
- **2023** Level Up submission to Sentencing Council on a new mitigating factor on pregnancy, maternity and post-natal care

Recent Media Appearances

Felicity is in high demand for public speaking and media appearances. She has appeared on documentaries, podcasts and all major news channels including ABC, BBC, Sky News, Russia Today, Panorama, Al Jazeera, Frost Over the World and more. Including:

- Interview by Narelda Jacobs on 10 News First on Donna Nelson's case in Japan (6 December 2024)
- In it together – Joint Enterprise podcast series 2025
- I Catch Killers with Gary Jubelin – 'Defending the Fishbrain Terrorist: Dr Felicity Gerry KC' (Part 1, 2023)
- I Catch Killers with Gary Jubelin – 'Badass female warrior: Dr Felicity Gerry KC' (Part 2, 2023)
- Get Legally Speaking – Terrorist financing - with Hatti Suvari – interview (2023)
- Done by Law on 3CR Community Radio – War Crimes for the ANZAC Myth in the 21st Century (2023)
- Declarations: The Human Rights Podcast – Justice in the Ukraine (2023)
- King's Counsel Magazine cover story (December 2023)
- The Times 'There are hundreds, if not thousands of people serving life sentences for something they didn't intend' (In Conversation, 2023)

Selected Training & Conferences

KEYNOTES, LECTURES & SPEECHES

- **2025** Simmons & Simmons London, International Women's Day breakfast (interview with Barbara Hamilton Bruce and Dana Denis Smith)
- **2024** University of Exeter, 'Intersectionality, Inequality and the Law' (In Conversation with Dr Louise Loder)
- **2024** International Law Association of Australia, 'Exploring International Law' (supported by Corrs Chambers Westgarth)
- **2024** John Bray Oration (University of Adelaide), 'Nothing Compares 2U: Reflections from Professor Felicity Gerry KC on Legal Practice in England and Australia'
- **2023** SOAS University of London, Centre for Human Rights Law, 'Protect, Prevent, Punish: Mobilizing Law in Defence of Gaza' (speaker)
- **2023** Exeter College Oxford, 'Women at the Bar' (panelist)
- **2023** Melbourne Journal of International Law Annual Cocktail Evening, 'What is it like to defend at the International Criminal Court?' (keynote)
- **2023** JENGBA panel event at JP Morgan on the injustices of joint enterprise
- **2023** Speech to UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

FACILITATOR

- **2025** Bar Human Rights Committee x Human Rights Law Association Skills for Human Rights Practice Seminar (panellist)
- **2024** Lawyers Without Borders Mental Wellness in the Office (seminar for DOPP and DCI Kenya)
- **2024** Lawyers Without Borders Judicial Symposium (Zanzibar) on Anti-Human Trafficking (presenter)
- **2024** IBA webinar on Human Trafficking and the Rights of Trafficked Persons (panellist)
- **2024** Greens List CPD seminar on Genocide in International Law (with Yuliya Mik)
- **2024** Greens List CPD seminar on Defences in International Criminal Law (with Yuliya Mik)
- **2024** Legalwise CPD seminar on Crown Prosecutor's Duties: Inside and Outside Court (with materials prepared by Acting Crown Prosecutor Michael Gleeson)
- **2023** Bar Human Rights Committee Human Rights Careers, Skills & Values Seminar for Law Students and Early Career Practitioners

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PANELS

- 'Addressing the social and human dimensions of climate change', IBA Conference, Tokyo 2024
- 'Understanding Expert Evidence: A Guide for Lawyers', Victorian Police Legal Services Department Annual Conference 2024 (presenter)
- 'County Lines: Safeguarders Many, Safeguards None', SPACE Conference, 2024
- 'Universal Jurisdiction Cases in Australia', Legalwise Australia Criminal Law Conference 2024
- 'Non-Punishment Principle for Trafficked Persons who Commit Crime', Legalwise Australia Criminal Law Conference 2024
- 'Practicing in International Law', 31st Annual ANZSIL Conference (panel chair)

- 'Everything ICL All at Once', ADC-ICTC Conference 2024 (panellist)
- 'Prevention, Prosecution, Protection, Partnership: Building a multi-state multi-stakeholder approach to end human trafficking', Stop Human Trafficking Panel Event (2023)
- 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children in the Criminal Justice System – Addressing Over-representation and Inter-generational Trauma' for Children, Trauma and the Law Conference, Southern Cross University (2023)

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