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Dr Felicity Gerry KC is an internationally recognised silk in Crockett Chambers, Melbourne and Libertas Chambers, London. She is also on the lists at the International Criminal Court (ICC), the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC) and the Dubai International Financial Court (DIFC). She also has 14 years' experience as an academic and is a Senior Anti-Human Trafficking Expert Consultant and Trainer for Lawyers Without Borders. She was called to the Bar in 1994 and took silk in 2014. She has had ad hoc admission in Hong Kong, Gibraltar and the Cook Islands.

Her work cuts across:

- Financial /white collar and corporate crime and general crime.
- International Criminal Law
- Homicide, Terrorism, War Crimes and human trafficking.
- Strategic litigation for human rights abuses / historic slavery reparations
- Modern slavery, human rights compliance
- 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 criminal 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 **Trafficked women who commit crime**, 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 at Deakin University.

Alongside her criminal / corporate practice, Felicity is a thought leader on trafficked persons who commit crime and modern slavery in corporate 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.

Felicity's work is underpinned by a commitment to law reform on issues affecting vulnerable individuals and communities. She has long advocated for change to controversial joint enterprise law, including in the landmark Supreme Court case *R v Jogee*. In 2024. She drafted an application to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on behalf of Alex Henry, a young man with ASD who was convicted of murder under joint enterprise law. In 2018 she drafted a petition for mercy that helped secure a reduction in sentence and the release of Indigenous man Zak Grieve, who had been imprisoned for life under mandatory sentencing laws in the Northern Territory.

Her Parliamentary submissions in both the UK and Australia have led to changes in the law on modern slavery, FGM, reproductive rights, and the sentencing of vulnerable offenders. Felicity is also at the forefront of the campaign for a posthumous pardon for Christine Keeler, whose case is tied to one of Britain's most infamous political scandals, the Profumo Affair.

Felicity most recently spoke on Modern Slavery law and the corporate criminal cross over at **Christchurch Conference on International and Transnational Legal Frameworks 2026**

Education

2022 PhD
Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia

Trafficked women who commit crime

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

HON PROF Salford University and Deakin University - current

PROFESSOR OF LEGAL PRACTICE (2018 – 2025)
Deakin University, Australia

BOARD OF ADVISORS (2021 to 2026)
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

MODERN SLAVERY / HUMAN TRAFFIKING LAW EXAMPLES:

2026 Project leader – modern slavery reporting and AI

2026 Project leader – understanding the experiences of modern slavery survivors in Victoria's criminal justice system

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 Contributor to Southampton University project on terrorism and human trafficking.

2022-3 Graph Theory and Modern Slavery project.

- **2023 Submission to Statutory Review of Modern Slavery Act 2018**
- **2022 submission to targeted review of Criminal Code (Cth) Division 270 and 271 on human trafficking**
- **2017 gave evidence to the senate inquiry that led to the Hidden in Plain Sight Report**

CORPORATE ADVICE – Modern Slavery / SDG's (Doha)

R v AAD human trafficking appeal (2024)

R v T - Appeal £multi-million money laundering scheme with issues of human trafficking (2023)

R v CT Murder trial involving issues of human trafficking (2022)

Ongwen - ICC Amicus Curiae Brief on non-punishment principle to child soldiers (2022)

Veloso – death penalty case involving trafficked person who was reprieved 2015

Sample writing: Gerry, F. Finance Monthly: Modern Slavery as an Issue for Quality Compliance: , <https://www.finance-monthly.com/issues/2022/10/24/>>

Contributed 3 chapters to the Human Trafficking/ Modern Slavery Handbook

Drafted the UN / E4J content on human trafficking/ smuggling of migrants and cybercrime...and other publications.

Awards & Recognition

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

• Referees

Available on request