



## Suzanne O'Connell

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Suzanne qualified as a Solicitor in 2003. She has been practicing exclusively as a criminal lawyer since 2006, following a spell working as a civil human rights lawyer specialising in Somalia, Zimbabwe and the Middle East. She has appeared on BBC News/Radio/Universal TV and hosted shows on community radio entitled "A Matter of Law".

Suzanne joined Tuckers 2010. She defends those accused of the most serious cases including high profile Terrorist cases, Murder and other serious offences. She is committed to everyone having access to good quality legal representation. She is a firm believer that due process and a fair trial are the corner stones of the Justice system which must be protected and promoted. This has spurred her to be extremely committed to Community work and she regularly gives workshops and talks on a number of legal topics which affect the Community. She is qualified as a Higher Court Advocate which means she can represent clients in all Courts including the Crown Court and the Court of Appeal.

Suzanne heads the Leyton Branch of Tuckers Solicitors. The Leyton office is a branch of the biggest Criminal Defence firm in the U.K, which offers a service adapted to the local community and their needs. We work in with a number of other organisations to ensure clients have access to all the support they require when dealing with the stress of being involved in the criminal justice system.

Suzanne was recently invited to present a paper at the Howard League for Penal Reform regarding Youth Justice and recently wrote a widely published article entitled "Grime in Crime".

*What her peers say about her:*

*"Suzanne is the epitome of the legal professional. She is a highly capable, dedicated*

*individual, who fearlessly and professionally represents the best interests of her clients whilst always acting with integrity and constantly maintaining high ethical standards.."*

*Christopher Grout - Registrar Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre*

*"Suzanne O' Connell is conscientious , diligent and above all sensitive to the difficulties her clients are going through in the most difficult of cases . I have no hesitation in saying whenever we are in a case she has my full confidence . James Scobie QC Garden Court Chambers*

*"In my view, Suzanne is an extraordinary solicitor in every way. She has the ability and the sensitivity to reassure her clients and their families that she personally (as well as professionally) cares about their concerns and anxieties. She is tough, resilient and fearless in her dealings with the police and the prosecution, badgering them whenever necessary to ensure her clients are treated fairly and that their rights are respected and she is a natural team player who works closely with her barristers to make sure everyone is doing their job as efficiently and effectively as possible in serving the client. All in all, she is a credit to her profession and sets the gold standard for what a 21<sup>st</sup> century criminal solicitor should be".*

*Jo Sidhu QC 25 Bedford Row*

*What her client's say:*

*"The service I received from Suzanne and her team was really impressive. Without the help of her and her team my life could have taken a different path and I truly appreciate and owe her my future" A K*

*"Suzanne has been a rock and a backbone through the case of my baby brother who was charged with murder. She tirelessly and endlessly fought hard to help him every single possible way. The most distinguishing characteristic has been her heart and zeal. She has a genuine love and concern for her clients. She bonds with them and works with them on a personal level, she sincerely wants the best outcome for them in life. Suzanne is caring and treats her clients with such tender care. I cannot praise her enough. (FM)*

