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Kate has practised criminal law for over twenty-five years. She has an extensive practice in all areas of heavyweight crime particularly but not exclusively serious sexual offences. She has a reputation as a forthright and fearless advocate and is frequently successful defending and prosecuting those charged with the most serious and unpleasant offences. She is frequently asked to defend in the gravest of matters where the facts are unpalatable or bizarre.

Kate defends and prosecutes equally. She is a grade four prosecutor and welcomes instructions from CPS areas who value working as a team with counsel.

She can effectively and sensitively cross-examine young witnesses or those with mental health issues or other vulnerabilities.

Cases

Criminal Defence

Sexual Assault

R v P – Defending allegation of drug rape of a probation officer. Def acquitted.

R v H – Leading counsel in multi complainant allegation of acts of “unspeakable sexual and physical depravity” over two decades. Jurisdictional issues.

R v G – Successfully defended allegation of rape of children of several families over four decades. Voluminous material collated for the defence. Abuse of process issues and questions of character and unfavourable publicity. Defendant acquitted on most counts at first trial, further counts then stayed for abuse, acquitted on all other charges at retrial. Attempts by Crown to join other allegations between trial and retrial successfully resisted.

R v T – Rape. Defending allegation of rape involving complainant who had undergone gender reassignment surgery. Numerous sensitive issues argued including admissibility of pornographic novels published by the complainant before the allegation arose. Defendant acquitted.

R v S – Sexual assault by female purporting to be a male. Legal issues of deception, sensitive handling required.

R v B – Successfully defended severe learning difficulties accused of raping young neighbour with copious DNA evidence against him.

Murder



R v N – Defending in allegation of “baby shaking” murder involving numerous experts on both sides. Novel law issues on the admissibility of previous allegations made against defence experts and complaints made by NPIA against them between trial and retrial. Defendant acquitted.

R v K – Cut throat defence in chasing case involving death of three passengers. Numerous experts on both sides.

Drugs

R v B and R v V – Large scale drug importations with issues of Customs and Excise acting male fides and failing to disclose. Defendants acquitted in both cases.

Criminal Prosecution

Sexual Assault

R v O – Rape by stepfather of numerous children and step children in family. Complainants vulnerable with severe learning issues.

R v A – Headmaster soliciting sexual relationships with pupils at school

Fraud

R v S – Charity fraud – prosecuting trustees of charity for defrauding animal charity

Murder

R v M & Others – Attempted murder/gangland attack

Military & Courts Martial

Alleged rape by officer in army accommodation in Cyprus. Acquitted – Defended in multi-handed allegation of bullying and sexual assault by soldiers. Defendants all acquitted.

Professional Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- European Bar Group

Awards, Qualifications & Other

- Grade 4 CPS Counsel



- CPS Rasso Pannel
- Christ's College, Cambridge – MA History and Law
- Courtauld Institute of Art – MA Gothic Architecture
- London Blue Badge Tour Guide.
- Legal adviser/trustee/committee member of various architectural preservation and educational charities including the Victorian Society and the British Archaeological Association.

Direct Access

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