



## Peter Clark

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Peter is a very experienced and highly respected leading junior who deals with wide-ranging cases but specialising in sexual offences and serious violence, including murder.

Exclusively criminal practice, equally balanced between defence and prosecution (Grade 4 CPS)

Published author of textbook on sexual offences – Co-author of [Richardson & Clark: Sexual Offences, A Practitioner's Guide](#), published by Bloomsbury Professional

Extensively involved in advocacy training

## Testimonials

"An excellent and gifted advocate, well respected by other counsel and the judiciary"

"Someone you want with you in a crisis ... quick-witted and unflappable ... displays confidence without arrogance and establishes excellent rapport ... his manner is immediately reassuring"

## Cases

### Criminal Defence

**R v G** (Worcester) – Leading junior (replacing QC for retrial): Serving police officer acquitted of historic sexual offences

**R v Philo-Steele** (Kingston) – Leading junior in 10-week trial of multi-victim child sexual abuse over 15 years by a male 'nanny': Included pre-recorded video cross-examination of 4 children

**R v H** (Lewes) – Multiple child rapes: 21-year-old unfit to plead, but fully acquitted on trial of the facts



**R v Franklin** (Court of Appeal) – Sexual Harm Prevention Order amended on appeal from Chelmsford

**R v V** (Cambridge) – Aggravated burglary and s18 GBH (hammer attack) on a vulnerable woman: Acquitted

**R v C** (Chelmsford) – Albanian female asylum-seeker on immigration charges: Acquitted

**R v Good** (Basildon) – Aggravated arson, with intermediary for vulnerable defendant

**R v C** (Lewes) – Private client cleared by jury of robbery

**R v JE** (Blackfriars) – Represented the only defendant to be acquitted in 5-handed multi-victim child sex ring trial

**R v G** (Basildon) – Law student acquitted at trial of theft of high value watch

**R v D** (Snaresbrook) – Child rape allegations: acquitted despite alleged confessions and writings apparently supporting paedophilia

**R v H** (Chichester) – Acquittal of a man accused of penetrative sexual assaults on three children in a care home run by his parents in 1970s

**R v K** (Exeter) – Represented youth in ‘county lines’ Class A drugs conspiracy

**R v Cole** (Canterbury) – Solicitor convicted at trial of trying to smuggle Albanian male through the Channel Tunnel: Suspended sentence

**R v M** (Manchester + Court of Appeal) – Leading junior at retrial for campaign of rape against wife: Convictions overturned on appeal (unfair summing-up) and the Court of Appeal refused a further retrial

## **Criminal Prosecution**

**R v Chandler** (No.1) (Chelmsford) – Murder (single counsel): Convicted at trial: Minimum term 20 years

**R v Chandler** (No.2) (Chelmsford) – 24 days into his murder sentence, Chandler repeatedly stabbed a fellow inmate in an attempted murder: Further life sentence, minimum term 30 years

**R v Sharpe** (Cambridge) – (Junior alone) Murder of one victim and attempted murder of another after the defendant’s partner left him: Minimum term 25 years

**R v Margetson** (Chelmsford) – Attempted murder trial (junior alone): knife attack on female ex-partner: Life sentence

**R v Bissett** (Cambridge) – Attempted murder (strangulation) of a baby

**R v Rooney** (Ipswich) – Attempted rape/sexual assault: defendant unfit to plead:



convicted later when declared fit

**R v Payne** (Chelmsford) – Attempted murder of close friend: Convicted at trial

**R v Roberts** (Chelmsford) – Attempted murder: meat cleaver attack on woman: Life sentence

**R v Clampin, Steingold & others** (Chelmsford) – Prosecuted alone a 7-week trial of 6-handed large scale conspiracy to steal lorry cargo

**R v Mountain** (Chelmsford) – Multi-victim rape/sexual assault: Convicted at trial – appeal refused

**R v Whiting** (Southend) – Multi-victim child rapes, unfit to plead but ‘did the acts’

**R v Fay** (Basildon) – 43-year-old raped girl aged 12: Convicted at trial – appeal refused

**R v Ryan** (Basildon) – Fatal child neglect: baby died when abandoned by alcoholic mother

**R v Cessford** (Basildon) – Death by dangerous driving: Unlicensed 17-year-old fatally crashed stolen 4x4 car

**R v Duff** (Chelmsford) – Multiple rapes of a 47-year-old woman in a public place by a teenage stranger

**R v Cockle** (Basildon) – Sexual assault by coach of 15-year-old female professional footballer

**R v Evers** (Chelmsford) – Magistrate/Home Office official tied up, blindfolded, beat and raped a male student in a half-hour masked attack: Indeterminate sentence

## **Fraud & Financial Crime**

**R v C & another** (Chelmsford) – Leading junior in telecommunications fraud with complex technical evidence: Acquitted

**R v Long** (Basildon & Southwark) – Led by Richard Christie QC instructed by Serious Organised Crime Agency in successful prosecution of high value fraud and arson conspiracy plus confiscation proceedings

## **Military & Courts Martial**

**R v G & others** – Court-Martial on alleged group sexual offences among Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan: Half-time acquittal

## **Regulatory Law**

**Environment Agency v APH** – defended skip company on allegations of dumping unlicensed waste: Acquitted at trial

**Health & Safety Executive v Strong Clad Ltd & others** – Mitigation for company in



breach of Work At Height Regulations: Modest fine imposed despite serious incident

## Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Essex Bar Mess (Bar Mess Junior 2010-2012)

## Awards, Qualifications & Other

- Grade 4 CPS Counsel
- CPS Rasso Panel
- Post-Graduate Diploma in Law (University of Northumbria, Newcastle)
- Bar Vocational Course (College of Law, London)
- Master of the Bench, Inner Temple (elected 2018)
- Pupil Supervisor (since 2008)
- Inner Temple Advocacy Trainer (since 2009) and Teacher Trainer (since 2012)
- Co-Director of Inner Temple's *Advocacy & The Vulnerable* training programme
- Member of Inner Temple Advocacy Training Committee
- Member of Inner Temple Education & Training Committee
- External Advocacy Assessor for Crown Prosecution Service
- Faculty Member Advanced International Advocacy Course, Keble College, Oxford
- Advocacy Training/Teacher Training for Inns of Court College of Advocacy in Warsaw, Singapore, Wroclaw and Nairobi
- Co-author of [Richardson & Clark: Sexual Offences, A Practitioner's Guide](#), published by Bloomsbury Professional

## Languages

- French