



# **Peter Clark**

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

Exclusively criminal practice, equally balanced between defence and prosecution.

Published author of textbook on sexual offences – Co-author of <u>Richardson & Clark:</u> <u>Sexual Offences</u>, <u>A Practitioner's Guide</u>, 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 multivictim 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

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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 4×4 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**

 $\bf R\ v\ G\ \&\ others$  – 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

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# **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 <u>Richardson & Clark: Sexual Offences</u>, <u>A Practitioner's Guide</u>, published by Bloomsbury Professional

# Languages

• French