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Kate Batty

Call: 2011 (Solicitor 2001)

Crime

Kate Batty is a very experienced criminal practitioner who is frequently instructed to both prosecute and defend in serious and high profile cases. She is a Grade 4 prosecutor and a member of the Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Panel. She was formerly a solicitor and, later, a partner in a large practice in Leeds before transferring to the Bar in 2011. She has been a busy trial advocate ever since.

She is the deputy head of the criminal team in chambers and is ranked in Chambers and Partners (2019) and Legal 500 (2021).

“She has a great manner and is fantastic in cross-examinations. She is brilliant and very down to earth.” “She is very articulate, eloquent and so graceful in court.” – Chambers and Partners (2021)

“Able to examine vulnerable witnesses, her cross-examination of defendants is conducted in a forensic manner, particularly effective combined with a devastatingly reasonable approach.” – The Legal 500 (2021)

“She is able to quickly cut through to the important issues in a case.” – Chambers & Partners (2020)

“Particularly good with vulnerable witnesses.” – The Legal 500 (2020)

Kate has significant experience of conducting complex and serious cases, including homicide, serious violence, drugs and fraud conspiracies, sexual offences and regulatory crime.

She has spent a large proportion of 2017 and 2020 prosecuting in Operation Tendersea, a complex and high profile Child Sexual Exploitation case involving multiple vulnerable complainants and multiple defendants. There have been a total of 6 trials within the operation and Kate has been led junior in 3 and leading junior in 3. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-45918845>



Education:

1998 - University of Northumbria, LLB (Exempting) (inc the Legal Practice Course)

Career:

1999 - Trainee/solicitor at Henry Hyams, Leeds

2001 - Admitted as a solicitor

2005 - Partner at Henry Hyams

2006 - Higher rights of audience

2011 - Tenant at No 6, Leeds

2015 - No 6 becomes Park Square Barristers

Appointments:

Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Panel

2019 - List C of the Panel of Specialist Regulatory Advocates

2020 - Criminal Recorder Appointment, North Eastern Circuit

Memberships:

North Eastern Circuit

“Brilliant with clients. Appropriately tough and tactically savvy. Particularly good at dealing with sensitive cases” – instructing solicitor.

She is an extremely persuasive advocate and has a high success rate in trials. Instructing solicitors praise her thorough preparation, her sound tactical approach to cases, her knowledge of the law and her excellent advocacy.

Kate also has significant experience in conducting regulatory work. This experience commenced when she worked as a solicitor when she frequently prosecuted trading standards and environmental offences. Since her transfer to the Bar, she has continued to conduct this type of work, both for the prosecution and defence. Her instructing solicitors in this field commend her attention to detail and meticulous approach.

“A very effective advocate” – “Chambers and Partners (2018).

“Kate’s strong work ethic, clear strategic advice and detailed knowledge of her cases and the relevant law make her the perfect choice for regulatory work” – instructing solicitors.

“Approachable and practical” – instructing solicitor.

Kate is a C-List Specialist Regulatory Advocate.

Notable Cases

- Operation Tendersea (2017 and 2020) – large scale prosecution of a child sexual exploitation gang in Huddersfield. Involved complex legal issues, presentation of large volumes of evidence and the calling of 15 vulnerable complainants.
- R v H (2019) – led junior – defending a vulnerable mother who caused serious harm to her young baby by habitually using drugs in his presence which caused him to have a cardiac arrest. Complex causation issues.
- R v Graham (2019) – led junior – defending a brutal murder with over 170 sites of injury as a result of the mutilation of the deceased’s body after the killing, including severing his fingers and toes. Complex forensic scientific and pathological evidence.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-50843997>
- R v Mahetar (2019) – led junior – defending a murder in which the defendant assaulted his brother with a baseball bat outside the family home –
<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/sport/rugby-league/west-yorkshire-man-jailed-murdering-brother-using-baseball-bat-97383>

- R v Barrass and Machin (2019) – led junior – prosecuting two half-siblings for the murder and attempted murder of their 6 children born out of an incestuous relationship. Believing that social workers were about to discover their relationship, and that the children would be removed from their care, the defendants murdered their two oldest children and attempted to murder their four youngest children – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-50388496>

- R v Ali (2019) – junior alone – prosecuting a defendant for attempting to murder a stranger in Barnsley town centre whilst suffering from a psychiatric illness. The defence of insanity was raised requiring 3 psychiatrists to give evidence in the trial. Complex and unusual law. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-48387801>

- R v Papdeja (2019) – junior alone – defending in a large scale conspiracy to produce drugs involving complex cell-site and forensic scientific evidence.

- R v Khan (2019) – junior alone – defending in a multiple defendant s.18 trial involving a “turf war” between rival drugs suppliers. Complex identification, cell site and forensic scientific evidence.

- R v Marsden (2018) – prosecution of the husband of a dance school owner for sexually abusing two of his wife’s pupils.

- R v Edwards-Pascal (2018) – defending in a large-scale violent disorder.

- R v Sykes (2018) – defending an armed robbery of a betting shop and convenience stores.

- R v Akhtar (2018) – defending a large-scale conspiracy to defraud where counterfeit goods were being sold on Ebay.

- R v Lowth (2017) – defending historical child neglect where her husband had sexually abused her children.

- R v Allen (2017) – defending an attempted murder arising out of a multi-handed shooting at the Chapeltown Carnival. Complex legal argument relating to joint enterprise.

- R v Gilpin (2017) – prosecuting a violent rape in a secluded car park. Legal argument relating to s.41 and the admissibility of evidence.

- R v Pottas (2017) – prosecuting a s.18 arising out of a frenzied knife attack of his partner at their home address. Victimless prosecution after the victim failed to co-operate with the police. Collating significant circumstantial evidence relating to disposal of evidence to secure a conviction.

- R v Lowther (2017) – defending in a large-scale drug supply conspiracy involving complex cell-site analysis evidence and cut-throat defences.

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