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Kate Bisset

Call: 2009

## Crime

Kate Bisset is a Grade-3 prosecutor with a predominantly defence practice. She is regularly instructed in serious matters and specialises in cases involving vulnerable defendants or witnesses.

She is experienced in cases involving rape (historic and recent), serious violence, and matters with child witnesses. She is familiar with and instructed in hearings under s28 fast-track procedure for cases involving vulnerable complainants and witnesses.

Kate is trusted to deal with complex matters, including cases with multiple defendants, and covers the full spectrum of criminal offences including assaults, sexual offences, drugs, frauds and burglaries.

More recently, Kate defended in a lengthy and complex human trafficking trial which included issues which crossed national jurisdictions.

Kate has been praised for her for 'spirited and powerful submissions' and her 'helpful, clear and concise' advocacy.

## Notable cases

- The successful defence of a man accused of racially abusing a detention officer. The witnesses were all police officers or staff, and at the conclusion of the case the Judge ordered a letter be written to the chief constable informing him that his officers had lied under oath.
- The successful defence of a young mother accused of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to her very young baby. The father was shown to be the perpetrator and the mother was able to consider reapplying for custody.
- The successful defence of a father accused of fracturing the skull of his four week old son. The Crown's evidence was entirely expert based and the trial involved the cross examination of 5 medical experts. The Defendant was found Not Guilty on all counts.



### Education:

2008 - University of Sheffield & University of Wisconsin (Madison), European, International & Comparative Law LLB (First Class)

2009 - Manchester Metropolitan University, BVC ('Very competent')

### Career:

2010 - Pupil of Neil Clark (now HHJ Neil Clark) at No 6, Leeds

2011 - Tenant at No 6

2015 - Grade-3 Prosecutor No 6 becomes Park Square Barristers

### Appointments:

2019 - Judicial Appointment to the First-Tier Tribunal

### Memberships:

North Eastern Circuit (since 2010)

South Eastern Circuit (since 2012)

### Awards:

St James' Chambers Excellence in Advocacy prize

Vaughan Bevan Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence (University of Sheffield, 2008)

- The successful application to dismiss charges of false imprisonment with intent to commit a sexual act involving a just-turned 18-year-old defendant with learning difficulties.
- For the prosecution, Kate is regularly instructed as Junior Counsel for the Crown in matters of the utmost seriousness including R v Hussain and Others when the jury were discharged following attempts to tamper with them where Mr. Justice Goss discharged the Jury and returned verdicts himself for the third time in English Legal history. Kate went on to be Junior Counsel for the Crown in the resulting trial for perverting the course of justice which arose from the jury tampering. In both cases she was led by Peter Moulson QC.
- Kate has been praised by Complainants and witnesses in trials which she prosecuted for her down to earth manner, and “care and compassion”.
- R v Hutcheon [2012] EWCA 64 – Appeal which considered the (then) newly imposed sentencing guidelines for assault. Praised for ‘spirited and powerful submissions’.
- R v Cunningham [2011] EWCA Crim 1578 – Successful appeal against sentence where praised for ‘helpful, clear and concise’ advocacy.

## Lecturing & training

Kate regularly provides accredited CPD lectures for solicitors on a range of topics, including the Youth Court. She also works with Sancus Solutions, a private training company, to train police officers in courtroom skills and the National Crime Agency.

## Contact Kate’s clerks

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## Regulatory & Public

### Inquests

The daughter of a Pathologist, Kate grew up with inquests as a normal part of life.

A highly skilled and experienced advocate, Kate has been instructed across a breadth of interested persons in inquests from Detention Officers concerned with deaths in custody to road

traffic collisions.

Kate has extensive jury experience and is instructed in article 2 inquests where her extensive jury advocacy facilitates efficient, effective and constructive handling of her cases.

Kate is able to offer cross-jurisdictional instructions where criminal charges and inquests both arise due to her criminal law experience and additional expertise in this area.

Kate is a thorough and efficient barrister with an approachable and reassuring manner. Lay clients report that her representation provides a calming reassurance which “takes away all the stress of the process”. Professional clients report that her work is “comprehensive” and she is a “pleasure to work with”.

Kate has undertaken training in respect of questioning of vulnerable witnesses, and her advocacy has been described by the Court of Appeal as “spirited and powerful” and “helpful, clear and concise”.

## Recent Inquests

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- Touching the death of MN – instructed for a Detention Officer in an inquest arising from a death in custody
  - Touching the death of the C Family – instructed via insurers for an HGV driver who had been involved in a collision in which three generations of the same family were killed following their car hitting a defect in a road surface.
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