



Kate Lumsdon KC

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Overview

Kate Lumsdon KC defends and prosecutes a broad range of criminal and regulatory cases, from murder, rape and child abuse to corporate fraud.

Recent cases include a series of murders, fraud, drug conspiracy, child abuse and people trafficking.

As a Grade 4 prosecutor she prosecuted many multi-handed cases of murder, rape, systematic child abuse, armed robbery and drug importation and distribution.

She is a vulnerable witness advocacy trainer on behalf of the Criminal Bar Association.

Kate undertakes advisory work. She has advised a Government Department as to the viability of proposed criminal offences and potential alternative solutions. She has been asked to advise the CPS in respect of difficult charging decisions. She has advised private clients as to the viability of Judicial Review proceedings.

Regulatory crime

Kate has prosecuted for the GMC and defends cases which cross the boundary between criminal offences and regulatory breaches.

Notable cases:

R v P

Defending farmer charged with fraudulently claiming compensation in relation to Bovine Tuberculosis. Case resolved by pleas to regulatory offences. Leading Tom Godfrey, 23 Essex Street.

R v S

Prosecuting a doctor for sexually assaulting a series of his patients.

R v H and another

Defending owner of Care Home, prosecuted for an offence under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Court of Appeal: R v Hopkins and Priest [2011] EWCA Crim 1513. Article "Prosecutors: Beware the MCA" (Archbold Review). Leading Barry McElduff, 2 King's Bench Walk.

Recommendations

"She is thorough and meticulous in her approach to cases and looks at different avenues to get the required results. She is a

godsend for the instructing solicitor."

Chambers and Partners 2022/Crime

"Kate is exceptional. She pays meticulous attention to detail; has a very calm and reassuring manner; is formidable in case presentation. Juries love her. Her determined modesty and she has a knack of hitting the nail on the head when it comes to cross examination. "

Legal 500 2022/Crime

"Kate commands the courtroom with a calm and authoritative air that instills confidence in all who deal with her. She has impeccable judgement and is not afraid to make difficult decisions, which others might shy away from."

Legal 500 2021/Crime

"She is a superstar whose friendly personality belies a steely determination and she is unstinting in the representation of her clients, both when prosecuting and defending."

Legal 500 2021/Crime/South Eastern Circuit

Professional bodies

- Western Circuit
- South Eastern Circuit
- Middle Temple (Blackstone Scholar)
- Bar Council (Western Circuit Representative)
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Regulatory Lawyers Association (ARDL)
- Bar Choral Society (Trustee)