



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.

Fraud, Business and Financial Crime

Kate Lumsdon QC defends and prosecutes corporate fraud in businesses from farms to animation companies.

Notable cases:

R v MP

Defending farmer charged with Bovine Tuberculosis Fraud, alleged to have defrauded DEFRA of £500,000 compensation by falsifying reactions to a tuberculin test. Challenge by way of expert evidence to basis of Prosecution case – dispute that histopathological reaction relied upon was indeed abnormal, rather was a typical reaction described in textbooks. Challenge too to the integrity of the APHA's handling of samples. Further challenge to Government assumptions/theory about spread of Bovine TB, the efficacy of its eradication programme, the necessity for its onerous record keeping requirements. Case settled by pleas to regulatory offences; fraud not pursued. Leading Tom Godfrey of 23 Essex Street.

R v BW

Representing high profile tax advisor in complex case arising out of an action in the High Court. Led by Mark Fenhalls QC, 23 Essex Street.

R v G and another

Representing business man in the Midlands who made children's television programmes and was alleged to have defrauded his investors. Led by Simon Russell Flint QC,

R v DB and another

Representing broker in complex corporate finance fraud (\$38m) involving sale of large Nigerian telecommunications company. Led by Christopher Kinch QC, 23 Essex Street.

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)