



# Sarah Brown

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## Crime

Crime and regulatory barrister Sarah Brown – a former solicitor – has over a decade of criminal practice and Courts Martial experience.

Sarah provides advocacy in both the civilian criminal courts and military courts. She has experience in a broad spectrum of cases including serious sexual offences, offences against the person, dishonesty, AWOL and desertion.

Sarah understands the pressures of army life – both on those serving and on the family left behind. She has developed an excellent working relationship with the Military Courts Service and Service Prosecuting Authority, a relationship which assists in progressing matters as effectively as possible through the Courts Martial system.

### **Notable cases as Defence Advocate in Courts Martial**

**R v L:** Male soldier accused of Sexual Assault by Penetration on another male soldier – Trial – Acquitted.

**R v H:** Handling stolen silver Mess property – Trial – Acquitted.

**R v A V:** Negligently performing duty as Range Officer by failing to ensure troops were wearing Enhanced Combat Body Armour – one soldier was shot with live ammunition – Sentence.

**R v M:** Sexual Assault and Gross Misconduct through alcohol. WO2 defendant accused of sexual assault of young soldier while on training exercise – Trial – Acquitted.

**R v K:** Defence of an army sergeant accused of Affray and Assault on two soldiers. Not guilty verdict – case was reported nationally.

**R v B:** Defence of an army sergeant accused of raping his wife. Not guilty verdict.

### **Notable cases as Defence Litigator in Crown Court and Courts Martial**

**R v B:** Defendant footballer accused of a nightclub glassing – widely reported in the national press.

**R v B:** Male soldier accused of attempted rape of a fellow Private soldier.

**R v H:** Defendant accused of multiple counts of sexual activity with a child. The defendant was a teaching assistant at a school for pupils with behavioural and emotional difficulties and the complainant was a pupil.

**R v F:** Defendant with significant vulnerabilities was accused of ABH against his care workers.

**R v S:** Adult defendant, who had been sexually abused since the age of 12, accused of multiple counts of rape of a child under 13.

**R v A:** Extremely vulnerable defendant exploited through County Lines drug gangs. This matter involved Modern Day Slavery and Fitness to Plead issues.

**R v B:** Sexual assault by penetration trial where both the complainant and defendant were vulnerable. Both required intermediaries for the trial.

## **Academic qualifications**

- BVC, BPP Law School
- PgDL, BPP Law School
- BA (Hons), University of Durham

## **Scholarships**

- Lincoln's Inn, Mary MacMurray Scholar

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Admitted as a solicitor, 2008

## **Professional bodies**

- Lincoln's Inn