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Kate Davey

Profile

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- > History and Law MA (Cantab) 1982 - 1986
- > Gothic Architecture MA (Courtauld Inst. Art) 2009 - 2010

Kate Davey has practiced in criminal law for over twenty years. She has built up an extensive practice in all areas of heavyweight crime. She has a reputation as a forthright and fearless advocate frequently successfully representing those charged with the most serious and unpleasant offences. She is frequently asked to defend in the most grave matters where the facts are unpalatable or bizarre.

She is very experienced in representing those charged with serious sexual offences, including rape and sexual abuse including historic child abuse and has an extensive and up-to-date knowledge of recent medical and forensic issues.

She can effectively and sensitively cross-examine young witnesses. Equally, she has great experience representing vulnerable defendants and those with mental health problems.

In recent years, she has also developed an expertise in "shaken baby" cases and has cross-examined leading experts in this field.

Kate is often instructed as a leading junior but will still from time to time be led by Queen's Counsel.

She is also instructed to represent soldiers facing Courts Martial.

Kate Davey's practice is predominantly crime but she also prosecutes as a leading junior and is assessed at grade four.

Recent Cases

Offences against children and sexual offences [names not disclosed].



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Defending in allegation of "baby shaking" murder involving numerous experts on both sides. Novel law issues on the admissibility of previous allegations made against defence experts and complaints made by NPIA against them between trial and retrial. Defendant acquitted.

Defending in allegation of child with extensive issues of DNA transfer, contamination of exhibits and fibre/hair analysis. Defendant (who had serious mental health issues) acquitted.

Defending in allegation of penetrative sexual assault on minors by cross-dresser said to have passed herself off as a male. Disclosure issues argued. Crown agreed at trial to accepting lesser charges.

Defending allegation of numerous historic rapes against several families over three decades. Voluminous material collated for the defence. Abuse of process issues and questions of character and unfavourable publicity. Defendant acquitted on most counts at first trial, further counts then stayed for abuse, acquitted on all other charges at retrial. Attempts by Crown to join other allegations between trial and retrial successfully resisted.

Defending allegation of rape involving complainant who had undergone gender reassignment surgery. Numerous sensitive issues argued including admissibility of pornographic novels published by the complainant before the allegation arose. Defendant acquitted.

Defending allegations of rape and physical abuse made by various family members over decades. Allegations of "unspeakable depravity". Jurisdictional issues. Defendant acquitted of all sexual allegations, convicted of more minor physical allegations and given a suspended sentence.

Defending numerous sexual allegations against teachers and private tutors in various recent cases.

Defending allegation against husband and wife accused of raping daughter. Issues of complicity. Defendants convicted, leave to appeal given.

Defended in multi-handed allegation of bullying and sexual assault by soldiers. Defendants all acquitted.

Fraud, Drug Importations, Death by Dangerous

R v B and R v V - Large scale drug importations with issues of Customs and Excise acting male fides and failing to disclose. Defendants acquitted in both cases.

R v K - Cut throat defence in chasing case involving death of three passengers. Numerous experts on both sides.

R v S - Charity fraud involving a conspiracy by the trustees of an animal charity to defraud.



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Other

Kate is a trustee/board member for three national arts and heritage charities and acts as their legal advisor. She is currently studying for a PhD in medieval architecture.