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## Sarah O'Kane

### Profile

Sarah defends and prosecutes all manners of crime; she is a Level 3 prosecutor.

Sarah deals with a vast range of complex cases covering dishonesty offences, sexual offences, violent offences, drug matters, firearm offences and child cruelty cases. Sarah also deals with issues of confiscation.

Sarah enjoys all aspects of oral and written advocacy and prides herself on her ability to convey legal advice in a practical way. Sarah also particularly enjoys legal argument. Sarah is on hand to provide advice both in written format and more informally on the telephone, as required, to those that instruct her.

Sarah has a professional but friendly approach to her work and is able to adapt to the needs of her different clients; she strives to provide a first-rate service to those requiring representation.

Sarah approaches each of her cases with a fresh mind, has an eye for detail and is meticulous in her preparation.

Sarah also undertakes prison law matters, namely parole hearings. This work compliments her criminal practice and vice versa.

Immediately prior to her life at the Bar, Sarah worked for a city-based firm of criminal defence and prison law solicitors where she was responsible for a full caseload of general crime matters, as well as dealing with high-profile fraud cases. Sarah therefore understands the pressures upon her professional clients and is always keen to work with them to assist with the smooth running of a case.

Sarah is a member and representative of the CBA and a Diplock scholar.

### Notable Cases

R v TLL - defended in a high-profile case of trafficking and controlling prostitution.

R v L - defended in case involving a care worker accused of numerous sexual assaults upon a child in care.

R v L - defended in a case of gross negligence manslaughter involving a nurse who transfused a wrong unit of blood

R v S - defended in case of rape and assault by penetration following a meeting with the complainant



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through an online social application.

R v B - defended in multi-handed complex VAT fraud involving a Defendant with international business interests.

R v O - defended rape case involving wife victim that raised issues of slavery and servitude.

R v M - represented Spanish national Defendant in a conspiracy to supply 10 kilos of cocaine.

R v H - successfully defended Defendant accused of GBH with intent upon a one year old child.

R v F - defended in a multi-handed conspiracy to burgle and steal which involved mass surveillance, ANPR and cell-site material.

R v M - defended Defendant in multi-handed conspiracy to burgle and steal which involved mass cell-site material.

R v B - defended young defendant charged with aggravated burglary.

R v T - defended in multi-handed historic sex case spanning 15 years and involving young and vulnerable witnesses.

R v L - instructed to advise and represent appellant in relation to an appeal against sentence out of time by a number of years which resulted in the quashing of an IPP sentence.

R v H - defended in a multi-handed Class A drugs conspiracy trial.

R v R - appealed against sentence in case of third-strike burglar (see (2009) EWCA Crim 1050).

R v T - instructed to deal with confiscation proceedings relating to what was heralded possibly the biggest cannabis factory found in England with the potential to afford a multi-million pound profit.