



Kathryn was called to the bar in 1989, joining Lincoln House as a tenant in 2007. Prior to joining Lincoln House she had practised from Winckley Square Chambers in Preston. Kathryn has retained her Lancashire connections appearing regularly in the Crown Courts at Preston and Burnley. Kathryn is a Category 4 Prosecutor.

CRIMINAL LAW

Kathryn's practice encompasses all areas of criminal law and is divided equally between Prosecution and Defence work. She is regularly instructed in cases of murder, manslaughter, death by dangerous driving, rape and sexual assault, child cruelty, serious violence, arson, fraud and dishonesty (robbery, aggravated burglary, burglary and theft), possession of firearms and other offensive weapons and drugs offences including confiscation proceedings.

Kathryn has experience as junior counsel having being led by silks in chambers and others on circuit. She has also appeared herself as a leading junior.

She has been instructed by the Prosecution to prosecute multi handed public disorder cases and cases involving conspiracy to supply controlled drugs. In 2004 she was part of the Prosecution team in R v Shacklady. This was a case involving gang related murder and the supply of drugs. The Defendant at the time was considered the "number one target" of the Lancashire Police.

Kathryn has developed a specialism for cases involving sexual allegations. She has prosecuted and defended in many cases of rape including allegations of a historical nature and those involving stranger attacks. She has been involved in cases involving young defendants charged with these sorts of offences and is sensitive to their needs.

She has demonstrated her knowledge and expertise by delivering lectures on developments in this area and Sexual Offences Prevention Orders.

NOTABLE CASES

R v Finch 2010. A case involving the alleged stranger rape of a prostitute. Kathryn was instructed by the Defence.

R v Clegg 2010. This case was recently concluded in the Court of Appeal. It had involved the rape and false imprisonment of a prostitute

R v Leonard 2009, a case of murder. Kathryn was led by Tony Cross QC for the Defence, at Preston Crown Court

R v Keany 2009. The Defendant was charged with the attempted murder of a young child. Kathryn acted for the Defendant.

R v S 2009. This case involved a 13 year old charged with rape against an 8 year old. Kathryn was instructed by the Crown.

R v Reddy 2009. Kathryn led Gareth Jones instructed by the Defence, in this 4 week trial at Leeds Crown Court. The Defendant was charged with conspiracy to defraud.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Kathryn attended school in Blackburn before reading law at Sheffield University. She completed her bar final exams in London in 1989. She received a scholarship from Gray's Inn prior to commencing pupillage.

MEMBERSHIPS

Gray's Inn, Criminal Bar Association and the Northern Circuit

PERSONAL

Kathryn's personal interests all revolve around sport. She competes in triathlons and enjoys watching football either watching her son play or supporting Blackburn Rovers. She has followed Blackburn since she was a young child living in the town. In addition she has a keen interest in national hunt horse racing.