



Katie was called to the Bar in 2003 and joined Lincoln House as a tenant in October 2008, having previously been a member of Peel Court Chambers, where she completed her pupillage in 2004. Prior to completing bar school and pupillage, and after graduating from the University of Birmingham in 2001, Katie had a year out of studying, during which she travelled extensively, completed voluntary work overseas, and worked as a paralegal.

Katie has a busy practice comprising of all areas of criminal law, in which she is regularly instructed by the Prosecution and Defence. She also has a busy and developing practice in Prison Law, and often successfully represents prisoners at all types of Parole Board hearings. Katie finds that there is often overlap between the two practice areas, and that her expertise in one often assists her in advising her clients in relation to the other. In addition to this, Katie is often instructed to represent clients

before the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal. In addition, Katie has extensive experience of appearing before the Magistrates' Court in respect of applications by the HM Revenue and Customs for forfeiture of cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and also in applications for condemnation.

Katie was awarded the Prince of Wales scholarship in 2002 by Gray's Inn, and was Junior of the Northern Circuit in 2008.

Katie has lectured to practitioners and most recently delivered an introductory lecture entitled, 'Judicial Review For Criminal Practitioners'.

CRIMINAL LAW

Katie has a busy and thriving Crown Court practice, and is regularly instructed by the Prosecution and Defence in serious criminal cases. The type of criminal work Katie regularly undertakes includes serious assaults, drug offences, fraud, robberies and serious sexual assaults. Katie also regularly deals with ancillary matters to criminal prosecutions such as applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act and Sexual Offences Prevention Orders.

Katie has appeared as Junior Counsel in a variety of serious criminal cases, led by senior criminal practitioners. These have included appearing as junior counsel for the defence in a rape, junior counsel for the prosecution in a large scale conspiracy to defraud, and junior counsel for the prosecution in a large scale drug importation. Katie is therefore experienced at dealing with cases of complexity.

Katie has appeared before the Court of Appeal on a number of occasions.

Katie is a Category 2 Prosecutor and has been appointed to the Prosecution Circuit Rape Counsel List.

PRISON LAW

Katie has developed a reputation as an expert in this area having successfully represented many clients before every type of hearing before the Parole Board. She is also happy to accept instructions in relation to representing prisoners at adjudication hearings, and regularly advises in writing in relation to all Prison Law issues.

JUDICIAL REVIEW (PUBLIC LAW) AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Katie regularly advises in writing in relation to the merits of applying to Judicially Review decisions made by public bodies, in the context of her prison law practice. She is always willing to discuss matters with her instructing solicitors informally, prior to accepting formal instructions.

IMMIGRATION & ASYLUM

Katie is often instructed by solicitors to represent clients before the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal.

NOTABLE CASES

R v Lowe [2008] EWCA Crim 95: appeal against sentence, Causing Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, sentence reduced from 4 years to 3 years imprisonment.

R v Fordred [2007] EWCA Crim 2107: appeal against sentence in IPP prisoner case in which A had not had the opportunity to undertake any Offender Management Work.

R v S & 8 Ors [2005] EWCA Crim 3616: Court of Appeal gave further guidance regarding dangerousness provisions in Criminal Justice Act 2003, following case of

R v Lang & Ors.

R v Noton (2009): meeting a child following sexual grooming. Counsel for the Prosecution.

R v Parsons (2006): conspiracy to defraud, value approximately £250 000. Junior Counsel for the Prosecution, led by William Baker.

Operation Baton (2006-07): multi-handed conspiracy to supply and import Class A drugs. Junior Counsel for the Prosecution, led by William Baker.

R v Hannaway (2005): rape, multiple complainants. Junior Counsel for the Defence, led by Stephen Meadowcroft QC.

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL

Junior of the Northern Circuit (2008)

BVC, College of Law (2003) Very Competent

Prince of Wales Scholar, Gray's Inn, 2002.

LLB, University of Birmingham, 2:1 (2001)

Shrewsbury High School (1991 – 1998), Head Girl 1997-8.

MEMBERSHIPS

Northern Circuit

Gray's Inn

PERSONAL

Katie moved to Manchester in 2003 after securing pupillage here. In her spare time she enjoys playing touch rugby, watching rugby, running and travelling.