

Katie was called to the Bar in 2003 and has been a member of Lincoln House since 2008.

Katie has a busy Crown Court practice and is regularly instructed by both the Prosecution and Defence in a wide range of criminal cases. Katie is a Grade 4 Prosecutor and is a member of the Prosecution Circuit Rape Counsel List. She is a member of the Criminal Bar Association and the Northern Circuit.

Katie has gained a reputation as a fearless advocate who is able to combine her robust approach in court with her ability to deal with witnesses and defendants sensitively and compassionately when required.

A substantial part of Katie's practice is Professional Disciplinary work; Katie is regularly instructed by the General Medical Council to represent the Council before the Interim Orders Tribunal, the Medical Practitioners' Tribunal and the High Court.

Criminal Law

Katie has a busy and thriving Crown Court practice, and is regularly instructed by the Prosecution and Defence in cases involving offences across the criminal calendar, including rape, serious sexual assault, robbery, child cruelty allegations, serious offences of violence, drug offences, serious acquisitive offences and immigration offences. Katie's diligent, practical and hard working approach is very popular with those who instruct her.

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 is especially good at dealing with vulnerable witnesses and defendants because she is very good at creating an atmosphere in which they feel at ease and able to give instructions. She is particularly good at explaining complex matters in a simple and straightforward way. This makes her an excellent choice of advocate in cases involving this type of individual.

Regulatory

Katie is regularly instructed by the General Medical Council to represent the Council in a variety of cases before the Interim Orders Tribunal, Medical Practitioners' Tribunal and the High Court. Katie finds this area of her practice extremely interesting.

Katie is always happy to attend for conferences at the offices of her instructing solicitors and is able to advise by telephone or by email if preferred.

Notable Cases

R v W – Prosecution counsel, Sexual Assault, vulnerable complainant age 10 at time of offence.

R v H – Defence counsel, Rape, witness intimidation; vulnerable complainant – ex wife, victim of domestic violence, admissibility of bad character.

R v G – Prosecution counsel, Possession with intent to supply large amount of cannabis.

R v G – Prosecution counsel, Robbery, Burglary; issues on joinder and deceased complainant, advised on sensitive disclosure issues.



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R v R – Defence counsel, Rape, S18 Wounding; legal argument re admissibility of first account, vulnerable witness, bad character

R v E – Defence counsel, Sexual Assault; allegation involving vulnerable witness, disclosure issues, s41 YJCEA 1999 application.

R v H – Sexual Assault.

R v H – Defence Counsel, Threats to Kill and Assault. Background of alleged forced marriage, domestic violence.

R v D and M – Prosecution Counsel, Robbery.

R v R – Prosecution Counsel, multiple burglaries.

R v P and others – Prosecution Counsel, Conspiracy to commit Immigration offences.

R v H – Prosecution Counsel, Appeal against Sentence, Court of Appeal, invited to assist the Court re relevant case law on SOPOs.

R v O – Defence Counsel, Appeal against Sentence, Court of Appeal.

R v A – Defence counsel, historic allegations of sexual abuse (including Attempted Rape) of children, breach of trust.

R v K – Prosecution Counsel, Wounding with Intent, domestic violence.

R v D and S – Prosecution counsel, a number of armed robberies of off-licences.

R v L EWCA Crim 95: Defence Counsel, appeal against sentence, Court of Appeal, Causing Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, sentence reduced from 4 years to 3 years.

R v Fordred EWCA Crim 2107: appeal against sentence, Court of Appeal, IPP prisoner case in which A had not been given the opportunity to undertake any Offender Management Work.

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

Personal

Katie moved to Manchester in 2003 after securing pupillage here. In her spare time she enjoys playing touch rugby, competing in triathlons and baking.



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