



# Kate Parker

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Kate has a broad criminal practice, with particular experience defending in cases of fraud, sexual offences and offensive weapons. Kate appears before the Health & Care Professions Council and Parole Boards, and works regularly with young or vulnerable clients - including those with schizophrenia, ADHD and personality disorders. She prosecutes on behalf of HMRC, FACT, DVSA and the National Probation Service, and is a CPS Panel Advocate (Grade 1).

Outside court, Kate directs the Schools Consent Project, a charity which delivers workshops to 11-18 year olds on the legal definition of consent and key sexual offences. Since 2014, the charity has spoken to over 6000 students in schools across the UK. Kate has appeared on BBC Panorama, BBC Newsnight, BBC Victoria Derbyshire and in The Times, The Guardian, The Independent, Huffington Post, New Statesman and Vice to discuss the charity's work and the current legislative landscape.

Kate is currently advising Cosmopolitan and Men's Health magazines in respect of their reference to criminal legislation in their content for young people.

Kate's legal knowledge and advocacy skills are impressive to say the least. She knows how to get results.

- Instructing Solicitor

## Notable Cases

### **Euribor trial**

Second junior to Duncan Penny QC representing a Deutsche Bank trader allegedly involved in manipulation of the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ('Euribor') benchmark.

### **R v Faithfull (Kingston Crown Court)**

Successful defence of a client charged with having a bladed article. During the trial, the defendant and defence witness were allegedly overheard by the OIC colluding about their evidence in the court bathrooms – a matter which was cross-examined on before the jury.

### **R v Knight (Inner London Crown Court)**

Successful defence of a client charged with handling stolen goods. Prior to the trial, the prosecution's bad character application in respect of the defendant's 10 recent dishonesty convictions was resolved in favour of the defence.

#### **R v Jackson (Kingston Crown Court)**

Sentencing hearing for a client convicted after trial of section 20 and ABH. The defendant carried out an unprovoked attack against a stranger at a bus stop, during which the victim was punched and kicked multiple times and required facial reconstruction surgery. The client received a suspended sentence.

#### **R v Din (Wimbledon Magistrates' Court)**

Successful defence of a carer charged with the assault of his elderly patient. The case involved expert medical evidence and legal arguments in respect of hearsay, bad character and section 78 PACE 1984.

#### **R v Guy (Stevenage Magistrates' Court)**

Represented a client who faced four charges of sexual assault, having groped four women's feet in Sainsbury's. The Magistrates acquitted on the basis that the touching was not 'sexual' under section 78 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

#### **R v Barrett (Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court)**

Successful defence of a client charged with common assault, having allegedly punched his girlfriend, pulled a knife on her, and forcibly removed her child from her flat. The trial involved a Newton hearing in respect of a breach of a non-molestation order which was resolved in favour of the defence.

#### **R v Chick (Stevenage Magistrates' Court)**

Secured an acquittal for a client alleged to have spat in the face of her daughter's head teacher. The client was banned from the court building during the trial owing to her aggressive behavior towards court staff.

## **Other experience**

Kate has experience of complex and lengthy disclosure exercises on both sides of the courtroom. In 2016, Kate was instructed by Thames Valley Police to assist with document review on a fraudulent trading/money laundering case ('Operation Hornet'). In 2017, she was instructed by Howard Kennedy to review and respond to the SFO's disclosure during the Euribor case. She was subsequently instructed as the second junior at trial.

Whilst at Howard Kennedy, Kate assisted with the case of a former PA to Harvey Weinstein who gave evidence before the Women & Equalities Select Committee on the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements in cases concerning criminal allegations.

Prior to pupillage, Kate worked as a paralegal at Peters & Peters where she assisted on a number of cross-jurisdictional asset-freezing cases, a review of a multinational company's anti-bribery and corruption policies, and drafted speeches for conferences including the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance & Industry (BACFI).

## Recent publications/talks

Consent Education Policy Workshop (speaking on the legal definition of consent in comparative jurisdictions), University of Cambridge, 12th July 2018

'#MeToo: A Panel Discussion on Vulnerability and Visibility' (speaking on potential changes to criminal legislation in the wake of #metoo/Weinstein), Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London, 21st November 2017

'A sinister development in sexbots and a strong case for criminalisation', The Times, 21st September 2017

'Consent, 'sexting' and online risk', lecture at Royal College of Psychiatrists, 19th September 2016

'Online, invisible and criminal', Fraud Intelligence, 14th July 2015 (co-authored with Monty Raphael QC and Celia Marr of Peters & Peters)

'The Hound of Hounslow: Regulating against the 'flash crash'', Solicitors Journal, 9th June 2015

'Lost in the maze of surveillance laws', Solicitors Journal, 28th April 2015

## Professional memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Young Fraud Lawyers' Association

South Eastern Circuit

## Education

### Qualifications

2014: Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)

2013: Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation)

2011: BA (Hons) English (Cantab)

## Scholarships/awards

2014: Access to Justice Foundation Student Essay Competition, top 3

2013: Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

2013: Linklaters Aspire Competition Winner

2012: Lord Haldane Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

2012: Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn