



## YEAR OF CALL 2018

### Education

BPP University, BPTC  
(Outstanding)  
The University of  
Sheffield, Law with  
German LLB (First Class)

### Scholarships

Marshall Hall Trust  
Pupillage Award, Inner  
Temple (2019)  
Major Scholarship, Inner  
Temple (2017)  
BPTC Scholarship, BPP  
University (2017)

### Appointments

CPS Panel Advocate (Level  
2)  
Member of the Kalisher  
Trust Early Career Group

### Memberships

The Honourable Society  
of the Inner Temple  
The Criminal Bar  
Association  
Women in Criminal Law

### Overview

Katie predominantly practises in the areas of criminal defence and prosecution. She regularly appears in the Magistrates' Court, the Youth Court and the Crown Court, acting for both the prosecution and the defence. Her experience covers a wide range of criminal matters, including violent offences, sexual offences, public disorder, robbery, burglary, fraud, possession of weapons, drug possession / supply and driving offences.

Aside from her criminal practice, Katie accepts instructions in the area of professional discipline. She completed a 3 month secondment with the Nursing and Midwifery Council in 2021, in which she presented cases involving the full range of regulatory concerns at all stages of proceedings. She continues to be regularly instructed in substantive hearings on behalf of the Council.

Prior to starting pupillage, Katie had a career in banking. She held an FX analyst position at US investment bank Brown Brothers Harriman. Katie assisted with a wide range of matters, including ensuring client compliance with EU and US regulatory obligations, managing client contact and instructing counsel regarding trading / regulatory contractual matters.

Whilst undertaking her legal studies, Katie volunteered

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## Languages Spoken

German

with the Criminal Justice Initiative at the University of Sheffield. This involved researching appeal grounds and assisting with the drafting of an application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission in a historic multi-handed murder case. She gained further practical experience during the Bar Professional Training Course, interning with leading criminal defence firm Tuckers Solicitors.

## Notable Cases

- [Defence Work](#)

### **Magistrates' Court**

*R v A* (Uxbridge Youth Court, 2023) – Instructed to represent a youth defendant at sentence for serious offences of Kidnap, ABH and robbery. Successfully persuaded the court to order a non-custodial sentence (12 month Intensive Referral Order) after mitigating extensively.

*R v JF* (Reading Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of non-dwelling burglary, in which the Crown's case was based entirely on ID evidence from CCTV stills. Successfully applied to exclude the ID evidence for breaches of Code D PACE 1984. Subsequently made a successful submission of no case to answer on the basis that the Crown had adduced no evidence that the defendant was the individual in the CCTV.

*R v KW* (Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of assaulting 4 members of the public whilst suffering a psychotic episode. Made a successful submission of no case to answer on all charges on the basis that the Crown had adduced no evidence that the defendant had the requisite *mens rea*.

*R v RD* (Ealing Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a vulnerable defendant with severe mental health difficulties, who was accused of 2 separate public

order incidents. Successfully persuaded the Crown to offer no evidence on one charge due to disclosure issues and secured an acquittal on the remaining charge after adducing relevant medical evidence.

*R v S* (Uxbridge Youth Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a vulnerable 17 year old defendant facing 2 charges of possession with intent to supply class A drugs. Successfully raised a defence under s.45(4) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and secured a double acquittal.

*R v AT* (Reading Magistrates' Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of a domestic assault. Successfully applied to exclude video evidence under section 78 on the day of trial due to disclosure failings, which led to the Crown offering no evidence on the charge.

*R v F* (Highbury Corner Youth Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a 15 year old defendant at sentence, who faced 3 separate charges of robbery plus charges of handling stolen goods and aggravated vehicle taking. Secured a 9 month Referral Order after providing extensive mitigation.

*R v JD* (Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of assaulting 2 emergency workers and obstructing a constable in the execution of his duty. Made a successful submission of no case to answer on all charges, following extensive cross-examination of the officers about their use of force.

*R v L* (High Wycombe Youth Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a vulnerable 17 year old charged with numerous driving offences including a serious incident of dangerous driving and driving with excess alcohol. Secured a 6 month extension to an existing Referral Order.

## **Crown Court**

*R v MD* (Kingston Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant charged with an affray for a 3 way fight witnessed by 2 off duty police officers. The defendant was the only person charged following the incident. Successfully raised self-defence and the fact that the incident was contained and the defendant's conduct would not have caused a person of reasonable firmness to fear for their own safety.

*R v DV* (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel for a defendant accused of sexually assaulting a vulnerable adult stranger. The Crown linked the defendant to the incident by CCTV and ANPR data. Following extensive disclosure requests and written representations, the Crown ONE days before trial.

*R v SF* (Wood Green Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant charged with dwelling burglary. The defendant was a third strike burglar facing the mandatory minimum sentence. Successfully convinced the Crown to amend the charge to the summary only offence of being found on enclosed premises and secured a 4 week Suspended Sentence Order.

*R v TI* (Southwark Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant charged with assault with intent to rob, affray and attempted theft. The defendant had been recalled on a life license for murder due to the allegations. Secured unanimous acquittal on all 3 counts after undermining the complainant's evidence.

*R v JC* (Southwark Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant charged with affray at a BLM protest in central London. After extensive cross-examination of 4 police officers to draw out factual inconsistencies with the body worn video footage, the jury unanimously acquitted the defendant of affray and the section 4 public order alternative.

*R v JH* (Aylesbury Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as

counsel for sentence for a defendant facing 2 indictments containing 9 offences including thefts of vehicles, dwelling burglary (third strike) and non-dwelling burglary spanning several days. Given the previous convictions of the defendant, was able to secure a favourable sentence of 4.5 years in the circumstances after providing extensive personal mitigation.

*R v LS* (Southwark Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant facing a 2 count indictment: 1. Obstructing a section 23 drugs search; and 2. Assaulting an emergency worker. The Crown offered no evidence on count 1 due to concerns raised re the legality of the search. Applied to vacate the NG plea on count 2 and made a successful oral application to dismiss count 2 on the day of trial.

*R v SO* (Harrow Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant for possession with intent to supply class B drugs. Secured a 12 month Suspended Sentence Order following a guilty plea, despite the defendant having several recent previous convictions for drug supply.

*R v AA* (Croydon Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant charged with joint enterprise aggravated burglary, alongside 5 co-defendants. Submitted a written application to dismiss, which led to the Crown offering no evidence against the defendant.

*R v HT* (Kingston Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a defendant at sentence for possession of a bladed article. Successfully argued that it was unjust for the second strike mandatory minimum to be applied and secured a 6 month Suspended Sentence Order.

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– [Prosecution Work](#)

**Magistrates' Court**

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*R v EH* (Willesden Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Successfully prosecuted a 2 day trial involving a defendant charged with outraging public decency for public masturbation. In addition, successfully prosecuted a linked Newton hearing regarding the basis on which the defendant assaulted 2 police officers when they attended to arrest him at the scene. The case involved examining a 15 year old eye witness.

*R v HE* (Reading Magistrates' Court, 2020) – Successfully prosecuted a young defendant charged with supplying sweets containing cannabis to a youth in a school environment. This case involved youth witness handling.

### **Crown Court**

*R v FA & Ors* (Kingston Crown Court, 2022-23) – Instructed as prosecution disclosure counsel in an 8-handed complex drugs conspiracy.

*R v RA & Ors* (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as junior prosecution counsel in an 7-handed firearms conspiracy, separated into 2 trials. Prior to trial, acceptable pleas were entered by 4 of the defendants, who are due to be sentenced later this year. The remaining 3 defendants remain to be tried.

*R v GG* (Snaresbrook Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as trial counsel to prosecute a defendant charged with 4 separate non-dwelling burglaries. Successfully defended an application to dismiss on 3 counts. The defendant then entered acceptable pleas to the Crown.

*R v MP* (Aylesbury Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as counsel for sentence for a defendant facing sentence on 2 indictments including s.20 GBH and s.18 GBH with intent. The defendant was found dangerous and given an extended sentence.

*R v BB* (Aylesbury Crown Court, 2022) – Instructed as counsel for sentence on a complex matter covering 2 indictments, including offences of possession of a

bladed article, several assaults on emergency workers and a s.18 wounding with intent on an ex-partner. The defendant was found dangerous and given an extended sentence.

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- **Professional Discipline**

*NMC v L* (2022) – Presented a short case involving health related charges and conduct charges based upon the health of the registrant. This involved presenting complex medical evidence regarding diagnosis/prognosis. The registrant was found to be impaired on both public protection and public interest grounds and the registrant was suspended.

*NMC v O* (2021) – Presented a 5 day case involving 12 charges relating to a nurse's dishonesty in the workplace. A submission of no case to answer was made in relation to 10 of the charges. Successfully defended the application for 6 of the charges. The majority of the charges were found proved and a finding of misconduct and impairment on both public protection and public interest grounds was made and the registrant was struck off.

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