



Katie Doherty

Prosecutes and defends serious crime.

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 1)
Member of the Kalisher
Trust Early Career Group

Memberships

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

Overview

Katie joined Chambers in October 2020 following successful completion of her pupillage. She predominantly practises in the areas of criminal defence and prosecution. She regularly appears in the Magistrates' Court, the Youth Court and the Crown Court. Her experience covers a wide range of criminal matters, including violent 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 recently completed a 3 month secondment with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, in which she presented cases involving the full range of regulatory concerns at all stages of proceedings.

Prior to starting pupillage, Katie had a career in banking. She held an FX analyst position at 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 and regulatory contractual matters.

Languages Spoken

German

Whilst undertaking her legal studies, Katie volunteered 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 murder case. She gained further experience during the Bar Professional Training Course, interning with leading criminal defence firm Tuckers Solicitors.

Notable Cases

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Magistrates' Court

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.

R v JD (Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of assaulting two 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 XX of the officers.

R v F (Highbury Corner Youth Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a 15 year old defendant at sentence, who faced three 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 AT (Reading Magistrates' Court, 2020) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of a domestic assault. Successfully applied to exclude video evidence under s.78 on the day of trial due to disclosure failings, which led to the Crown offering no evidence on the charge.

R v S (Uxbridge Youth Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a vulnerable 17 year old defendant facing two 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 RD (Ealing Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a vulnerable defendant with severe mental health difficulties, who was accused of two 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 KW (Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a defendant accused of assaulting four 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 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.

Crown Court

R v SP (Inner London Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed to represent a defendant at sentence for possession with intent to supply class B drugs. Secured a 10 month Suspended Sentence Order, despite the defendant having several recent previous convictions for drug supply.

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.

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

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 LS (Southwark Crown Court, 2021) – Instructed as trial counsel to represent a defendant with a 2 count indictment: 1. Obstructing a s.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.
