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Jacqueline Carey QC has an extremely successful practice in all areas of criminal law, both publicly and privately funded.

Highly regarded by all who instruct her, she is regularly instructed in serious and heavyweight cases as both leading junior and junior alone. She has been involved in some of the most high profile work to have been tried in recent years and is currently instructed in the Post Office Appeals before the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.

Jacqueline has particular expertise in cases involving serious sexual allegations (including both recent and historic allegations) and those cases requiring specialist witness handling of vulnerable and child witnesses. In 2017 she was appointed as Counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and is involved in three of its Investigations including acting as leading counsel in the Internet Investigation.

Jacqueline also has experience in the area of professional/regulatory law representing interested parties at Inquests and acting as a legal adviser and in 2016 she was appointed as a Recorder.

Practice Areas

Crime

Jacqueline is a highly respected senior junior much sought after for her wealth of experience in dealing with cases involving all areas of serious and complex crime. She is predominantly instructed in London and the South East and acts as both leading and junior counsel. Solicitors commend her attention to detail and her excellent client care when dealing with the most sensitive and demanding of cases.

Notable crime cases

R v JM

Currently instructed a first junior counsel to defend a Barclays Bank Libor submitter accused of conspiracy to defraud. This high profile case involves the alleged manipulation of Libor rates in the 2-year period leading up to the financial crisis of 2007.

R v Troup

Instructed as junior counsel for a former Sun journalist accused of conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office. The case arose out of the Metropolitan Police's 'Operation Elvedon' investigation into misconduct by employees of News International. The defendant was acquitted of the conspiracy count following a successful submission of no case to answer. At the conclusion of the 3-month trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict on the remaining substantive count.

R v A

Defended as junior alone in a 10 week multi-handed drugs importation. The crown alleged that the defendant and his co-accused were responsible for organising the importation of multi-kilos of heroin from Pakistan for onward distribution throughout the Midlands and the North and South East. Case involved significant phone and cell site analysis.

R v R

Acted as leading junior in a 3 month trial for a young man accused of conspiring to pervert the course of justice. The defendant was accused of disposing of crucial mobile telephone evidence which the Crown alleged implicated the defendant's brother in a murder.

R v R

Successfully acted as junior counsel for a defendant accused of participating in a high speed car chase through the residential streets of Coventry where both cars were firing shots at each other. An innocent bystander was caught in the cross fire and was shot in the face. The Crown failed to overcome the lack of gunshot residue evidence in the defendant's car.

Defence

Renowned for her client care, Jacqueline has a wealth of experience dealing with all aspects of defence criminal work especially those involving vulnerable defendants. Her busy defence practice regularly sees her instructed to defend in cases including drug trafficking, fraud, serious violence and child cruelty. As can be seen in the summary of cases below, Jacqueline also has experience in the regulatory and professional disciplinary sphere.

Notable defence cases

R v P

Successfully defended a mother accused of allowing her partner to abuse her 5 year old son. The partner falsely accused P of being responsible for the child's injuries. Careful analysis of the pathologist's evidence proved this partner's claims to be wholly unfounded.

R v M

Represented a man accused of abducting a 14 year old girl with whom he was having a sexual relationship. The defendant was subject to a 'Child Abduction Warning Notice' banning him from contacting the complainant who resided in Local Authority care.

PODI v H

PC H was accused of gross misconduct in relation to an off duty incident where he was already subject to a written warning for a similar matter. Although invited to find gross misconduct, having heard submissions, the panel was not satisfied that the gross misconduct was proven and PC H was given a final written warning.

Inquest into death of TW

DR B was an interested party following a death in custody of an inmate at HMP Peterborough. The deceased had a lengthy medical history complicated by his class A drug addiction. It was suggested that Dr B may have failed to follow prison procedure when admitting a withdrawing prisoner. The jury rejected any suggestion that Dr B's conduct contributed to the prisoner's death.

Murder & Manslaughter

Jacqueline is frequently instructed to act in these most serious of cases and is renowned for her excellent eye for detail and client care. Whether acting on her own or being led, Jacqueline is fully familiar with the multitude of issues and the defences that arise in these major investigations.

Notable murder & manslaughter cases

R v W

Successfully defended a man accused of participating in a mob attack where the deceased was stabbed, punched, kicked and run over. Complicated issues of joint enterprise arose, as the ultimate cause of death was uncertain.

R v E

Represented the defendant at the Old Bailey accused of attempting to murder his former partner by slashing her throat and then attempting suicide. The defendant was acquitted of attempted murder.

R v L

Acted as junior counsel in the case where the deceased died by drowning. The young defendant was party to the manslaughter by shouting words of encouragement. The case was subsequently reported (R v Lawson [2006] All ER 116) in relation to bad character evidence.

R v C

Secured the acquittal of an 18 year old man accused of being one of a group of assailants accused of 'chasing down' the aggrieved before punching, kicking and stabbing him in the middle of a busy road in broad daylight. The issue was one of identification/alibi. Following cross-examination of the main eyewitness, the Crown did not oppose the submission of no case to answer.

Prosecution

Jacqueline prosecutes cases involving serious sexual, violent and drugs allegations for both RASSO and the Complex Casework Unit. She is currently instructed as leading junior to prosecute a multi handed historic child cruelty case arising out of an investigation into a Suffolk boarding school. The case is due to be heard in April 2015 with a 3 month time estimate.

Notable prosecution cases

R v G

Junior counsel in a multi handed long running drugs investigation involving kilos of cocaine being sold in Essex and nationwide. The case involved complicated analysis of phone billing and cell site evidence in order to persuade the jury that the head of this organised crime group was involved in the drug dealing.

R v P

Secured the conviction of a man accused of raping his brother and sister in the 1970s – 1980s when the defendant himself was only a child. The case raised issues of doli incapax, the admission of the defendant's subsequent bad character and successfully opposing an abuse of process argument on the grounds of delay.

R v S

Successfully prosecuted the defendant accused of attempting to kill his former partner in front of their baby son. The defendant had a history of domestic violence and the ferocity of the attack was such that the victim was unable to recall the incident. The defendant's sister was also prosecuted for perverting the course of justice following her attempts to dispose of the blood stained clothing.

Serious Sexual Offences

Jacqueline's particular skill at witness handling comes to the fore in the cases involving serious sexual allegations. She frequently provides pre charge advice in this area, whether the case involves recent or historical allegations, Jacqueline appreciates the need for all such cases to be dealt with sensitively and professionally. As such she is fully conversant with the specialist legal knowledge one needs when dealing with cases of this kind. She frequently deals with vulnerable and/or child witnesses and cases involving an intermediary and other types of special measures.

Notable serious sexual offences cases

R v G

Acted for a 19 year old man accused of orally raping a 14 year old girl and then encouraging his co-accused to rape her. Following an 18 month police investigation, the Crown alleged the defendant was part of a gang of males grooming girls from a West London care home. At the conclusion of the 4 week trial, the defendant was acquitted of rape.

R v O

Successfully defended a care home worker accused of having sexual intercourse with a mentally ill in patient. The victim was in her mid 40s but had the mental age and voice of a young girl. The case included the use of an intermediary and a successful application to adduce previous false complaints. The defendant was acquitted.

R v N

Acted on behalf of a 14 year old boy accused of raping his 17 year old sister who suffered from learning disabilities. Exceptionally, the Court was persuaded to impose a non custodial sentence.

R v P

Defended a South London football coach accused of 2 violent acts of rape on 2 separate complainants. Both cases involved the imprisonment of the complainants in the defendant's home and involved the defendant and his co-accused performing sexual acts of a violent and degrading nature over a number of hours.

R v C

Acted for a schizophrenic accused of subjecting a single mother to a variety of serious sexual assaults including anal rape. Successfully overturned the conviction in the Court of Appeal. The defendant was acquitted at his retrial.

R v J

Acted at both the trial and re-trial of a man accused of repeated sexual assaults perpetrated against his stepdaughter over approximately 15 years. The aggrieved reported the matter in the 1980s and there followed a police investigation and social services intervention. The defendant made partial admissions to social services who eventually allowed him to return home. Two decades later, the aggrieved reported the matter and alleged that the defendant had continued to abuse her after he returned to live with the family.

Publications

- Recorder (2016)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Female Fraud Forum
- South Eastern Circuit