



# Tracy Ayling QC

Call 1983

Silk 2006

Tracy Ayling is a highly regarded specialist criminal silk whose practice focuses on prosecuting and defending some of the most serious, and high profile, multi handed murder and sexual offence cases. She is also frequently instructed in Health and Safety and Criminal Negligence Manslaughter cases.

A specialist in matters of PII and Disclosure, she has co-authored the chapter on Disclosure in “Vulnerable Witness and the Criminal Justice System” (OUP). As a Special Advocate (appointed by the Attorney General) she is also experienced in cases concerning International Security. It was in this capacity she was instructed in the Terrorism Case, Operation Lanosity.

Between 2015 – 2017 she was Head of Advocacy Training at the Inner Temple. She is now Chair of the CBA Education and Training Committee.

## Practice Areas

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### Appeals

#### Notable appeals cases

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##### **R v Goldstein & Rimmington**

Sending salt through the post pretending it to be anthrax.

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##### **R v Davis-Jones**

Solicitor murder of wife.

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### Confiscation

#### Notable confiscation cases

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##### **R v Jarvis**

Largest confiscation on paper.

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## Murder & Manslaughter

### Notable murder & manslaughter cases

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#### **R v O**

Gang gun murder.

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#### **R v D**

Gang knife murder.

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#### **R v U**

Stabbing.

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#### **R v H**

Drug related shooting.

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#### **R v M**

Gang related stabbing by juvenile.

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#### **R v T**

Stabbing.

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## Serious Sexual Offences

### Notable serious sexual offences cases

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#### **R v Karrar & Others**

Asian gang grooming young girls in Oxford.

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#### **R v Maule & Others**

Human Trafficking and controlling prostitution.

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**R v Moliere**

Alleged Sexual abuse of three year old girls.

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**R v Malcolm**

Historic Sexual abuse 38 years previously.

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**R v Wright**

Defended soldier of the Blues and Royals for rape in Green Park.

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**Prosecution**

**Notable prosecution cases**

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**R v Padmanabha**

Mother convicted of Manslaughter and cruelty of her seven month old baby girl.

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**R v Blundell**

Shooting of John Pordage in Chelmsford.

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**R v B**

Allegation that Headmaster of approved school caned boys in 19 complainant case.

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**R v Thurston & Thurston**

Two defendants who operated a bouncy castle which blew away, were convicted of Gross Negligence Manslaughter of a 7 year old girl.

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**Operation Director**

Conspiracy to Murder.

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**Operation Manila**

Aggravated Burglary where the victims had boiling water poured on them.

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## Defence

### Notable defence cases

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#### R v M

Double murder. Defendant accused of stabbing two men in a flat. Acquitted in relation to one deceased.

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#### Operation Bullfinch

One of the first cases concerning a gang of Asian men committing child sex offences by grooming and abusing very young girls over a period of many years in Oxford. Also appeared in more recently linked cases of Operations Sabaton 2016 and Operation Silk 2018. Child sex offending, grooming, and human trafficking.

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#### R v Maule

Human trafficking case at Wood Green.

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## Memberships

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- Special Advocate for the Attorney General
- Standing Counsel to HMRC (1998 – 2005)

## Qualifications

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- Advocacy Trainer, Inner Temple

## Directory Quotes

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- “Tracy is tenacious and has excellent judgement. She is well prepared, thoughtful and measured. Moreover, she is a master tactician and is always evaluating and anticipating the tactics of the opposition. Moreover, no matter how difficult the tribunal or formidable the opposition, she remains undaunted and always fights her corner.” **Legal 500 2022**
- “Her strengths are her ability to focus on key issues, her organisation, her passion and the authority she brings to her appearances.” **Chambers & Partners 2022**
- “She has extensive knowledge in her subject areas and is widely recognised as an expert in sex and

sexual grooming cases.” **Legal 500 2020**

- “Excellent with defendants and takes time to explain all matters clearly – thus gaining their confidence. Her legal knowledge is right up to date and she makes cogent, persuasive, succinct, focused submissions at all times.” **Legal 500 2020**
- “She has a tactical brain that not only considers her own case but the other cases around her. She is an all round top performer.” **Legal 500 2020**
- “Unflappable under pressure, her judgement is always spot-on.” **Legal 500 2018**
- “A pre-eminent silk, who undertakes the most serious criminal work.” **Legal 500 2017**
- “Her advocacy is punchy, focused and succinct.” **Legal 500 2016**
- “An amazing advocate in court.” **Legal 500 2015**