



Sarah Day

Year of Call: 2014



A committed and persuasive advocate with broad experience in all areas of criminal defence, as well as in international criminal law.

Instructed in a wide range of criminal work, including fraud, drugs, and violence, with experience of representing vulnerable defendants. Undertakes both legal aid and privately funded work as a led junior and junior alone.

Prior to joining Chambers, Sarah was part of the Ao An Defence Team at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. She has experience of genocide, crimes against humanity and joint criminal enterprise in an international context.

Sarah is involved with Chambers' pro bono project with the BPP Streetlaw programme.

Ann Goddard Scholarship from Gray's Inn (2016) and Overseas Scholarship from Gray's Inn (2015).

Member of the Criminal Bar Association, Young Fraud Lawyers Association and Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Fraud and Financial Crime

SFO Instructed as disclosure counsel, analysing large bodies of material in complex fraud pre-charge

R v B (Preston CC) – Instructed to represent defendant in application to vacate plea to fraud against County Council in respect of misappropriation of care package funds for severely disabled son

R v B (Inner London CC) – Secured a six-month suspended sentence for a client who pleaded guilty to possession of false identity documents with intent

R v A (Luton MC) – Secured a Compensation Order only for a vulnerable defendant who pleaded guilty to multiple counts of fraud by false representation

R v C (Croydon MC) – Secured a conditional discharge for defendant who pleaded to fraud by false representation and possession of false identity document

Organised Crime:

R v G (Southwark CC) – instructed as led junior in this multi-handed conspiracy to import and supply class A drugs. The Crown's case included covert surveillance Defendant acquitted having been found in possession of 10kg cocaine.

General Crime

R v K (Snaresbrook CC) – Instructed to represent defendant charged with stalking with fear of violence. After pressing for full disclosure of phone evidence and translations, Crown accept plea to simple stalking offence

R v F (Blackfriars CC) – Instructed to represent in assault occasioning actual bodily harm against neighbour, where the incident was recorded on CCTV

R v G (Inner London CC) – Represented defendant in trial for multiple counts of possession with intent to supply of both Class A and B drugs and possession of criminal property, following extensive legal argument on disclosure of phone evidence

R v C (Wood Green CC) – Represented Defendant who pleaded to a charge of voyeurism, where complainant had not been open about his sexuality. Defendant received a suspended sentence.

R v O (Harrow CC) – Case of theft and assault against a delivery driver dismissed at close of the Crown's case

R v M (Inner London CC) – After making lengthy representations that the decision to prosecute the charge of obstructing a drugs search under s23 Misuse of Drugs Act was inconsistent with the decision to discontinue a charge of possession with intent to supply Class A, the Crown offer no evidence on the day of trial

R v MH (Stratford YC) – Defendant and co-defendants acquitted of robbery following submissions that key parts of the Crown's evidence were inadmissible

R v KM (Ealing YC) – Secured a conditional discharge for possession of bladed article in prison

R v JM (Willesden MC) – Defendant acquitted of being a responsible person permitting/failing to prevent unnecessary suffering to an animal. Defendant had pleaded to being in possession of a fighting dog but Crown's application for a Destruction Order was successfully opposed in favour of a Contingent Destruction Order

R v LM (Croydon MC) – Defendant acquitted of assault by beating against her neighbour after robust cross-examination of the complainant, despite evidence of the Defendant's bad character (assaults against neighbours) being admitted into evidence

R v M and P (Staines MC) – Representing two Defendants acquitted of assault by beating after cross-examination of 14 year old complainant and grandmother

R v G (Uxbridge MC) – Dismissal at half time of a charge of assault by beating where there was a supposed 'confession' in interview after cross-examination of interviewing officer in respect of flaws in questioning. Defendant was deaf and accompanying gestures indicated his 'confession' was equivocal at best

R v C (Stratford MC) – Defendant acquitted of criminal damage (domestic violence) after legal submissions in respect of belief in consent

R v F (Highbury MC) – Charge of harassment dismissed at half time after submissions that the prosecution could not establish a course of conduct

R v FC (Willesden MC) – Charge of harassment dismissed at half time after submissions that there was no evidence to link the defendant to the alleged incidents

R v LC (City of London MC) – Successfully argued Special Reasons (spiked drink) for driving with excess alcohol resulting in no disqualification from driving for the defendant

R v R (Uxbridge MC) – Crown forced to offer no evidence on charge of driving with excess alcohol after opposition to their application to adjourn and objection to introduction of Crown's evidence which was served on the day of trial

International Criminal Law:

The Co-Prosecutors v Ao An (Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia) – Legal Consultant on the Ao An Defence Team. Ao An is charged with genocide and crimes against humanity including, *inter alia*, murder, extermination, imprisonment, and torture

Appeals and CCRC:

R v N (Croydon CC) – Successful appeal against conviction for defendant convicted of assault by beating of taxi driver

R v FA (Harrow CC) – Instructed in appeal against conviction for possession of Class A drugs

R v K (Maidstone CC) – Instructed in appeal against a Destruction Order for two bull mastiffs who had left a man severely injured after an attack. Appeal involved cross-examination of Crown's expert