

## KATE TEMPLE-MABE

Year of call  
2018



Kate Temple-Mabe has a rapidly growing practice with a focus on crime (including general crime, financial crime, extradition, mutual legal assistance, and investigations) and public law, particularly as it relates to criminal activity and the criminal justice system.

Her client-focussed and attentive approach to case preparation is complemented by a persuasive and compelling style of written and oral advocacy. Her practice is informed by experience across all of chambers' areas of expertise, meaning she is well-placed to advise and act in matters which sit at the intersection of different practice areas.

She is a dual UK and USA national.

### LEGAL EXPERTISE

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#### Crime

Kate is regularly instructed by both the Prosecution and Defence in Crown Court trials. She is a Level 3 Prosecutor, and has prosecuted and defended a variety of offences including serious assaults, drugs offences, fraud, sexual offences, firearms offences, theft, and high-value criminal damage. Her defence work encompasses a range of general criminal matters, often against grade 4 prosecutors. She has particular experience acting on behalf of vulnerable defendants. She is regularly led in complicated multi-handed cases and those involving the most serious charges.

#### Recent Defence cases

- *R v B*: Case dropped against client who was accused of committing arson with intent, in the context of

*a serious mental health breakdown.*

- *R v H: Case dropped against client who had been accused of fraud by her ex-partner.*
- *R v S: Client acquitted of a joint enterprise s.18 GBH.*
- *R v A: Being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. Client had burner phone and was driving a car in which drugs were found. Convicted on re-trial (after a hung jury) and given a suspended sentence.*
- *R v M: Acted for a vulnerable defendant charged with possession of an offensive weapon in a public place.*

## Recent Prosecution cases

- *Op Reprefer: Led junior – prosecution of a large-scale people smuggling operation involving the movement of migrants across Europe.*
- *Op Rigby: Led junior – prosecution of two men who covertly filmed more than 5,000 girls and women in swimming pool changing cubicles.*
- *R v B: Led junior – prosecution of a man who blackmailed and threatened more than 32 women in order to obtain sexual images and videos, and who incited online child sexual abuse.*
- *Op Promont: Led junior – conspiracy to convert and sell blank firing weapons.*
- *R v D: Led junior – murder.*
- *R v P: Junior alone – prosecution of a Class A drug dealer who victimised vulnerable people and coerced them into carrying out drug supply activity on his behalf.*
- *R v S: Junior alone – s.18 wounding in the context of a domestic burglary.*

## Financial Crime

Kate is developing a financial crime practice which has thus far included:

- Defending allegations of fraud in the Crown Court;
- Prosecutions of corporate bodies under the Company Law Act;
- Acting as independent LPP counsel in relation to material obtained pursuant to a POCA production order during investigations into fraud and money laundering;
- Advising in a large-scale offshore investigation of fraud, corruption and money laundering, involving the gathering and sifting of evidence obtained from multiple jurisdictions via mutual legal assistance frameworks;
- Acting on behalf of individuals, financial institutions and the police in civil proceedings surrounding the freezing and forfeiture of proceeds of crime.

She accepts instructions to investigate, review material, advise, prosecute and defend in relation to allegations of financial crime including fraud, bribery/corruption, and money laundering.

## Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Kate is on the CPS Extradition Panel at Level 2 and regularly appears on behalf of judicial authorities at

Westminster Magistrates' Court. She also accepts instructions to act on behalf of requested persons and is able to provide advice and representation at short notice.

Kate also acts in investigations and prosecutions involving mutual legal assistance and collaboration between different investigating/prosecuting authorities. She is currently instructed in an ongoing offshore investigation where MLA requests have been made to a number of jurisdictions, and where careful consideration has had to be given to the human rights implications in making requests to certain foreign authorities.

## Offshore and Investigations

Kate is instructed to advise on and review material in offshore investigations and prosecutions of financial crime, money laundering, fraud, bribery and corruption. She also advises on actions in commonwealth jurisdictions and accepts instructions to appear in matters on appeal to the Privy Council. She has done a significant amount of work on public law and constitutional claims arising from criminal law and procedure in Trinidad & Tobago, and is instructed in investigations and prosecutions in Jersey and the Channel Islands.

## Public Law

Kate has a domestic and commonwealth public law practice, and is frequently instructed in matters touching on criminal activity, criminal investigations and the criminal justice system. She appears in the First-Tier Tribunal on behalf of victims of human trafficking in appeals against the refusal of compensation by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, and has advised on judicial review claims relating to the exercise of police powers. She has also appeared in the First-Tier Tribunal in appeals under the Freedom of Information Act.

She is regularly instructed by attorneys in Trinidad & Tobago in judicial review and constitutional claims relating to a wide range of matters in Caribbean jurisdictions including the interception of communications, bail, detention, and malicious prosecution.

## Selected Cases

### [Jaiwantie Ramdass v The Minister of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago & Another \[2025\] UKPC 4](#)

Acted for the Auditor General of Trinidad and Tobago in an application for judicial review of an executive-led investigation into her conduct.

### [Keros Martin & others v Director of Public Prosecutions \(Trinidad and Tobago\) \[2025\] UKPC 2](#)

Acted for the applicants in a constitutional action relating to the right to appeal bail decisions.

## Ciaran MacAirt v The Information Commissioner & Another EA/2023/0115

Acted for the Applicant in an appeal under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to a request for material connected to the McGurk's Bar bombing in Belfast.

## Education

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- Queen Mary University of London (LLB, 2017 – First Class, top result in both years of study)
- BPP Law School (BPTC, 2018 – Outstanding)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA in English Literature, 2009 – *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)
- King's College London (MA in English Literature, 2011)
- Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Advocacy Award and Excellence Award Scholarships, BPP Law School
- Sir Roy Goode Prize for best final result, Queen Mary, London
- Drapers' Company Prize for academic achievement, Queen Mary, London
- Roger Crane Medal for contribution to the life of the Law School, Queen Mary, London
- Old Square Chambers prize for best Labour Law mark, Queen Mary, London
- Oxford University Press prize for best Equity & Trusts mark, Queen Mary, London
- Sweet & Maxwell Prize for best result in year, Queen Mary, London
- Dechert Contract Prize for best Contract Law mark, Queen Mary, London
- Law Department Prize for best Land Law mark, Queen Mary, London
- Principal's Prize for academic achievement, Queen Mary, London