

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 areas of the civil and public law relating to criminal activity (including commercial fraud, proceeds of crime, civil claims against the police and prisons, and human trafficking & modern slavery compensation).

Her client-focussed and attentive approach to case preparation is complemented by a persuasive and compelling style of 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

Crime & Regulatory

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 G*: Client acquitted of assault occasioning ABH in the context of a landlord/tenant dispute.
- *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 Rigby*: Junior Prosecutor – conviction of two defendants for conspiracy to commit voyeurism / conspiracy to produce and distribute indecent images of children by filming more than 5,000 girls and women in swimming pool changing cubicles.
- *R v B*: Junior Prosecutor – conviction 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*: Junior Prosecutor – conspiracy to convert and sell blank firing weapons.
- *R v D*: Junior Prosecutor – murder.
- *R v P*: Conviction of a Class A drug dealer who victimised vulnerable women and drug addicts and coerced them into carrying out drug supply activity on his behalf.

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 as part of an investigation of fraud and money laundering;
- Assisting in an 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.

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.

Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Kate is on the CPS Extradition Panel at Level 1 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.

Data Protection, Information & Disclosure

Kate accepts instructions in matters involving data protection, information and disclosure, especially as they pertain to her other areas of practice.

She appeared, led, in the High Court and Court of Appeal for the appellant journalist in a widely-publicised case involving an application for disclosure of documents in a set of care proceedings. She has also acted (both for parties and the police) in care proceedings where disclosure is sought from the police and resisted on grounds of public interest immunity, and has also represented the interests of the CPS in care proceedings where material relating to ongoing prosecutions is sought. She has been instructed as independent counsel to review material obtained pursuant to POCA production orders which is said to attract legal professional privilege. She is currently assisting with research and drafting in a judicial review claim arising from the Freedom of Information Act in Trinidad & Tobago. She is currently instructed as junior counsel in an appeal against the Information Commissioner's Office in connection with a FOIA request for disclosure of material relating to a bombing in Northern Ireland during the Troubles.

Public Law

Kate's public law practice sits at the intersection of her other areas of expertise. 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 Compensations Authority, and has advised on judicial review claims relating to the exercise of police powers. She has been instructed by attorneys in Trinidad & Tobago in judicial review claims relating to the interception of communications, bail, and malicious prosecution. Kate is well-placed to advise and act in matters which relate to or combine elements of child protection, police powers, criminal activity and compensation for victims, and local authority liability.

Modern Slavery

Kate's mixed practice positions her well to achieve justice and redress for victims of modern slavery and trafficking via a number of legal routes. In the criminal courts she has prosecuted modern slavery offences and defended victims of trafficking / modern slavery who have been forced to commit criminal acts. She regularly advises and acts in appeals to the First-Tier Tribunal in relation to applications for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. Through her past experience in personal injury and employment/equality law, she is able to represent victims in civil claims for compensation where injury has been caused, and in the Employment Tribunal .

Education

- 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