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 work also extends to areas of information law including disclosure, privilege, data protection and the freedom of information.

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, firearms offences, theft, and high-value criminal damage. She has experience being led in the prosecution of a murder and a conspiracy to convert blank-firing weapons, and is currently being led by a silk in a case of prolific blackmail. Her defence work encompasses a range of general criminal matters and she has particular

experience acting on behalf of vulnerable defendants.

Recent Defence cases

- *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

- *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 B: Prosecution of a multi-day trial of several firearms record-keeping offences, following a sophisticated police and MOD operation at a large private weapons storage facility.*
- *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:

- 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.

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.

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 also 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.

Kate is a contributing editor of a segment on Data Protection in Harvey on Industrial Law, which touches on the DPA 2018 and UK GDPR in the context of employment law, and she has also been instructed in relation to stand-alone claims under the UK GDPR / DPA 2018.

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 Compensation Authority, and has advised on judicial review claims relating to the exercise of police powers. She has been instructed by attorneys in Trinidad & Tobago to assist in the formulation of 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