

Katie Porter-Windley

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Katie Porter-Windley practices in all areas of crime in publicly and privately funded cases, receiving praise from both Judges and clients.

Katie prosecutes and defends in the Magistrates' and Crown Court, achieving success in a wide range of criminal law, including sexual offences, drug offences, and serious violence. She has also obtained acquittals on appeal to the Crown Court and produced grounds of appeal for the Court of Appeal during her practice.

Katie joined chambers in April 2024 after a successful pupillage. Prior to this, Katie worked for Amicus as a caseworker, where she assisted with death penalty cases in the United States, through document analysis to develop alternative case theories. Katie later moved her focus to Life Without Parole (LWOP) and examined the impact of LWOP and youth sentencing. Katie used this experience to write her Clinical Legal Education report; critically comparing the death penalty with LWOP, including the exploration of social and economic death, achieving a distinction for her work. She also worked with the Schools Consent Project, teaching young students about the law surrounding consent.

Expertise

General Crime

Notable General Crime cases

R v SL [2023] Isleworth CC

Secured an acquittal after a two-day Appeal Against Conviction in the Crown Court for a youth faced with TWOC, No

Licence and No Insurance through demonstrating that the Police Officer's identification of the driver was inconsistent.

R v TVA [2024] Peterborough CC

Secured a 12month Conditional Discharge for Robbery, Aggravated Vehicle Taking and Non-Dwelling Burglary by citing numerous delays by the police in mitigation as the incident had taken place four years prior when TVA was a youth and conveniently was only prosecuted once he had turned 18.

R v GV [2024] Thames MC

Out of Court Disposal achieved for Theft of £1000 dog and defendant travel costs awarded due to the Police delays in administering the caution.

R v EC [2023] Highbury MC

Absolute Discharge for 2 x Assault Emergency Worker charges secured after entering a guilty plea on a reckless basis on the day of trial which was contested by the Crown.

R v FC [2024] Highbury MC

Secured a sentence of a 12month Community Order with 9-month DRR for Non-Dwelling Burglary, with 56 previous convictions for theft and dwelling/non-dwelling burglaries, arguing in mitigation that FC had not received the opportunity for rehabilitation

R v KB [2023] Chelmsford MC

Successfully cited exceptional circumstances for a second knife offence where the minimum immediate term applied, receiving a 6 month custodial term suspended for 12months.

Road Traffic

Notable Road Traffic cases

R v MC [2024] St Albans MC

Successfully argued for a Suspended Sentence of 6weeks custody for 12months for Driving whilst Disqualified, with notable previous conviction context of Death by Dangerous Driving where MC had caused the death of two school children.

Drugs

Notable Drugs cases

R v SW [2024] St Albans MC

Successfully persuaded the Magistrates Court to find SW acted as a 'Lesser Role' in PWITS Class B against the Crown's placement of significant role, receiving a 12 month Community Order with UPW.

R v DS [2024] Chelmsford MC

Mitigated to achieve a Fine for breach of Suspended Sentence after expiry with probation recommendation of activation of 8 weeks custody after DS was 'at large' for 18months, citing his mental health difficulties.

Education

The City Law School, London Sep 2021 – Sep 2022

LLM Bar Vocational Studies (with Advanced Criminal Practice)

Grade: Distinction

The City Law School, London Sep 2020 – July 2021

Graduate Diploma in Law

Grade: Commendation

University of Plymouth

BSc Business Management (International Operations)

Grade: 2:1

Awards:

- Amicus Casework Clinic: City Law School Academic Team Award – 2023
- Middle Temple Inn: Certificate of Honour – 2023
- Middle Temple Inn: Access to the Bar Award Winner – 2021

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- Women in Criminal Law
- Amicus
- Schools Consent Project