

## EXPERTISE

Julie is a highly sought after and skilled barrister with a busy and successful Crown Court practice; specialising in serious crime, particularly sexual offences, and cases with vulnerable witnesses or defendants. She has a wide ranging practice including offences of child cruelty, harassment, violence against the person, especially in domestic or family circumstances, gang related crime, drug offences, and road traffic law.

Julie has a pragmatic and practical approach to her cases which has resulted in repeated instructions on behalf of the CPS to prosecute rape and sexual assault cases involving children, those with learning difficulties or mental health issues, and matters with cultural sensitivity. Having been involved in intermediary training, she has an in-depth knowledge of how to facilitate communication, and gain the best evidence from witnesses in stressful situations. This experience has been reflected in a successful prosecution of a 12 year old for the rape of a 5 year old. Julie's prosecution practice includes interfamilial rape and sexual assaults, both historic and recent, marital and date rape, where the issue in the case is consent, cases where alcohol or drugs remove the ability to consent, and stranger rape. Julie successfully prosecuted in an honour crime, including blackmail, rape and sexual abuse. In addition to prosecuting care workers for sexual matters, she has experience in handling cases of long term theft and financial abuse, where the complaints were elderly, or had severe learning, and physical difficulties.

When defending Julie fearlessly represented her clients, and is known for her ability to build a rapport with those who are difficult, or have difficulties comprehending the situation they face. Such cases include an adult with learning difficulties accused of sexual assault, marital rape, harassment and domestic violence.

CPS Grade 3 prosecutor  
Rape Specialist

Pupil Supervisor  
Lead Advocacy Trainer Lincoln's Inn

Direct Access

Julie sits as an Associate Judge in Cyprus.

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

**R v A** - Successfully prosecuting a young muslim who had groomed a teenage relative over the telephone, and on her arrival in the UK raped and filmed this. He then used the footage of this and later rapes to facilitate sexual abuse, blackmail and physical assaults over a two year period. His threat was to expose her sexual activity to her family and the muslim community, putting her life, and reputation at risk.

**R v C** - Successfully prosecuting a Bollywood film producer, for the sexual repeated sexual assaults of his wife's two younger sisters, [16 and 14] whilst they were resident in the UK, along with the physical assaults and attempted rape of his wife. The giving of evidence for the three young muslim ladies was cultural difficult and sensitive, in addition, there were cross allegations in respect of the family court and immigration tribunal.

**R v J** - The successful prosecution of J, who raped, and held a young girl in his flat, after she missed the train home, following the Notting Hill Carnival

**R v A A** - Was a prostitute and drug user, she was enticed to a dealers flat where she was repeatedly raped. She had contacted the police, and part of the conversation and threats between them was

captured. The case turned on identification evidence, and witness credibility. A was sentenced to 8 years.

**R v K** - The prosecution of a pub landlord who raped a customer, whilst she was drunk and sleeping it off. The defendant unsuccessfully argued the issue of consent.

**R v B** - The prosecution of B, who raped a girl, whilst she was intoxicated. B denied intoxication and argued consent.

**R v S** - Successful prosecution in the Youth Court of a 12 year old who orally raped a 5 year old. Both boys required intermediaries,

**R v Taylor** - Arson with intent to endanger life. Ms Taylor was accused of pushing burning rags through a neighbours letterbox. Her defence was that her son, who had learning difficulties, had committed the crime, as he was obsessed with fires.

**R v M M** - Had been a care worker for S who was 80 years of age, she had access to his bank cards, and accounts, although the terms of her contract specifically prevented this. She was a friend of H, who had cerebral palsy, learning difficulties and a personality disorder. H gave her access to her bank card, but only for limited use. The savings accounts of H and S were systematically emptied over a 12 month period. M argued she had not removed any money other than that which she was permitted to, and others, unknown must have had access, due to the frailties of S and H. S was unable to attend court and Julie successfully argued his evidence was admissible under the hearsay provisions. H gave evidence in court, assisted by an intermediary.

### **Examples of reported cases**

**R v Povey** - The leading sentencing case for possession of a knife or bladed article.

**R v Fogel** - Julie represented the prosecution at the first instant trial and subsequent unsuccessful appeal by Mr Fogel. This was the second breach of a restraining order, following a lengthy period of continual harassment by a TV producer of a colleague from school. He received a custodial sentence of 2 years for the breach which he argued was manifestly excessive. The sentence was upheld.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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