



BETH CROCKER

YEAR OF CALL: 2006

“Beth is an extremely talented junior. She is a master tactician who knows her cases inside out and her written work is of the highest quality. She is also extremely persuasive in her submissions to judges and fantastic in cross-examination.” (Legal 500 – 2023)

Beth Crocker is building a reputation as a talented junior with a broad practice that includes murder, drugs, and serious sexual offences cases (Legal 500 – 2023)

Beth defends exclusively in serious and complex criminal cases across the full range of offences. She is a no-nonsense advocate who regularly appears alongside and against silks and leading juniors. Totally at ease in the courtroom, she is known for her engaging manner with juries and persuasive closing speeches. She combines this with a meticulous knowledge of her cases and tactical acumen. She is experienced in multi-handed, cut-throat cases and working with large amounts of material (used and unused), including telephone and banking data.

Beth’s particular strength is the rapport she builds with lay clients, especially young or vulnerable defendants. She is regularly instructed on a private basis to ensure her representation.

UPCOMING CASES

R v CM – Multi-handed kidnap and blackmail
Birmingham Crown Court 2024

R v SH - Multi-handed drugs conspiracy – multiple kilos
Birmingham Crown Court 2024

R v Z – Multi-handed, large scale violent disorder
Birmingham Crown Court 2024

R v PC – Rape
Maidstone Crown Court 2023

R v CB – Multi-handed drugs conspiracy and money laundering
Snaresbrook Crown Court 2024

R v LL – Multi-handed drugs conspiracy – multiple kilos
Wood Green Crown Court 2024

R v RS – Multi-handed drugs conspiracy – multiple kilos
Woolwich Crown Court 2024

NOTABLE CASES

MURDER

R v CG – Multi-handed murder of elderly vulnerable victim. Acquitted. Led Junior
Central Criminal Court

R v AY – Multi-handed murder of 18 year old victim. Led Junior.
Birmingham Crown Court 2022

R v JJ – Execution-style murder with machine gun. Led Junior.
Southwark Crown Court 2022

R v BK – Unanimous murder, manslaughter and attempted murder acquittals. Led Junior.
Basildon Crown Court 2021

R v MS – Attempted murder. (Junior alone). MS alleged to have thrown his girlfriend from a 4th Floor window causing catastrophic and life changing injuries.
Warwick Crown Court 2017

SERIOUS VIOLENCE & FIREARMS

R v DP – Firearms conspiracy
Northampton Crown Court 2023

R v RC – Multi-handed violent disorder following illegal Covid-19 lockdown rave
Inner London Crown Court 2022

R v JB – Multi-handed conspiracy – numerous car jackings with the use of firearms. Beth represented one of three defendants charged with in excess of 50 car jackings. Many of those were committed against lone females in broad daylight with the use of weapons including firearms. The case involved vast amounts of cell site material and the cross-examination of experts
Birmingham Crown Court 2020

R v DP – Multi-handed rival gang stabbing
Northampton Crown Court 2020

R v SL - Led junior in multi-handed child cruelty case. Case involved serious allegations spanning 3 years. The trial involved strict adherence to the questioning vulnerable witness guidelines and included cross examination via an intermediary and a renowned medical expert.
Gloucester Crown Court 2019

R v MH – Multiple attacks on lone strangers in the early hours of the morning. Includes s18 stabbing.
Birmingham Crown Court 2018

R v LP – Multiple stabbing, including 3 stab wounds to the back – acquitted of section 18
Birmingham Crown Court 2017

R v MM – Multi- handed child cruelty case. Unanimous acquittal
Woolwich Crown Court 2016

R v RA – Secures unanimous of acquittal of defendant charged with firearm offence.
Woolwich Crown Court 2015

R v SP - Represented a defendant on a retrial charged with multiple counts of arson, being reckless as to whether life was endangered. This case involved a complex abuse of process argument regarding a previous discharge of the jury. (Led Junior)
Northampton Crown Court 2012

SEXUAL OFFENCES

R v LH – Multiple counts of historic rape. Unanimous acquittal
Isleworth Crown Court 2023

R v SB – Attempted kidnap of a child. Unanimous Acquittal
Southwark Crown Court 2022

R v BK – Historic rape and sexual abuse in a familial setting
Wood Green Crown Court 2021

R v KW – 20 counts of historic rape and sexual abuse in a familial setting – unanimous acquittals on the entire indictment
Kingston Crown Court 2021

R v MD – Multi-handed. Rape and Kidnap
Warwick Crown Court 2021

R v IB – Numerous offences of attempting to incite a child to engage in sexual activity and sexual activity in the presence of a child
Warwick Crown Court 2020

R v AH – Rape of a family member. Case originally investigated when AH was convicted of other sexual offences but not pursued until he had served a custodial sentence for the original allegations.
Birmingham Crown Court 2018

R v JE – Numerous offences of Inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and attempting to meet a child following grooming
Birmingham Crown Court 2018

R v RL – Secures suspended sentence for grandfather convicted of sexual abuse of grandchild
Birmingham Crown Court

R v AS – Conspiracy to facilitate child prostitution. Successful submission of no case to answer
Hull Crown Court 2017

R v MJ – Secures unanimous acquittal in rape trial
Woolwich Crown Court 2017

R v SA – Multiple rape allegations involving the instruction and cross-examination of visual imagery experts in relation to CCTV
Nottingham Crown Court 2016

R v MB - Successfully defended in historic sexual abuse case. Acquitted on all 15 counts relating to two separate complainants.
Inner London Crown Court 2015

DRUGS

R v SH – Multi-handed conspiracy to supply Class A drugs
Birmingham Crown Court 2023

R v JD – Multi-handed Class A drugs conspiracy. Unanimous acquittal
Isleworth Crown Court 2021

R v CW – Multi-handed Class A drugs conspiracy
Warwick Crown Court 2021

R v RC – Multi-handed county lines drugs case. D was one of many defendants travelling around the country to enable to supply of Class A drugs to smaller towns. Investigation began following a high number of drug addict deaths in a small town.
Preston Crown Court 2019 – 2020

R v FT – Secures unanimous acquittal of woman found with 4.4kilos of cocaine in her suitcase
Birmingham Crown Court 2016

R v CH – Secures unanimous acquittal of cocaine courier who makes admissions in interview.

Central Criminal Court 2015

R v SB - Multi-handed conspiracy to supply cocaine between three organised crime groups across England. One of 27 defendants. (Led Junior). This case involved vast quantities of telephone material between all 27 defendants – both used and unused.

Northampton Crown Court 2013

FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME

R v AC – Computer Misuse offences – Infiltrating company networks and security settings in order to manipulate data and gain unauthorised access to material

Inner London Crown Court 2020

R v JS – ‘Smishing’ fraud – impersonating large corporations and government bodies in text messages in order to obtain personal data then used in financial fraud

Inner London Crown Court 2020

R v JJ – Led junior in multi-handed fraud. All defendants and a number of witnesses were profoundly deaf. The entire case, which consisted of circa. 100,000 pages of phone and email evidence was conducted with the use of sign language interpreters. The case involved the instruction of a deaf intermediary and cross-examination via a deaf ‘relay’ interpreter. This case made full use of the questioning of vulnerable witness guidelines. Acquitted.

Wood Green Crown Court 2018

R v TD – Sole defendant acquitted in multi-handed, cut-throat conspiracy to facilitate illegal immigration into a Member State. This case involved vast quantities of telephone and email data in excess of 200,000 pages.

Caernarfon Crown Court 2018

R v KT – Multi-handed conspiracy to defraud Southwark Council. Unanimous acquittal. This case involved large quantities of telephone and banking data.

Woolwich Crown Court 2016

R v SS - Multi-handed conspiracy to defraud in land banking fraud. Unanimous acquittal. (Led Junior)

This case involved vast quantities of telephone and email data spanning several years.

Southwark Crown Court 2015

R v ZA - Represented the ringleader of a 'sham marriage' ring designed to evade immigration controls. (Led Junior)

This case involved vast quantities of telephone and email data – circa 30,000 pages.

Birmingham Crown Court 2014

R v JN - multi-handed conspiracy to defraud the revenue of circa. £2m. The only defendant to be acquitted. This case involved vast quantities of telephone and email data spanning several years.

Derby Crown Court 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Former Young Barristers’ Committee Representative

Criminal Bar Association

Fraud Lawyer Association

Female Fraud Forum

Middle Temple

QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons) History – University of Sheffield
Graduate Diploma in Law – BPP School of Law
Bar Vocational Course – BPP School of Law