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Rachel specialises in criminal defence work. She has a busy practice in the Crown and Magistrates' courts, defending across a broad range of offences including violence, sexual offences and driving matters. Rachel is also experienced in representing youth clients and vulnerable individuals.

Rachel recently secured acquittals on all counts for a client charged with threats to kill and other offences, as well as acquittals on all counts for a client charged with supplying drugs and related offences. Rachel has also made a number of successful submissions of no case to answer. She regularly defends in complex youth cases, including allegations of serious violence.

Prior to joining Chambers, Rachel worked at a criminal defence firm where she specialised in criminal appeals. She has experience in a wide variety of criminal matters as well as challenging public bodies such as the Legal Aid Agency, the Ministry of Justice, and the Metropolitan Police Service. Rachel is a committee member of the Criminal Appeals Lawyers' Association. She was a recipient of the Gray's Inn Ann Goddard pupillage scholarship.

Expertise

Crime

Notable Crime cases

R v J [2023] Woolwich Crown Court

Acquitted of 2 counts of assault by beating on an emergency worker and racially aggravated s4A POA following a six-day trial. Represented the first of three defendants, successfully advancing self-defence.

R v M [2023] Reading Crown Court

Secured acquittals on all counts for client charged with threats to kill, battery and theft. The defendant was alleged to have threatened the complainant with a knife during a physical attack and stolen her bank card. A number of inconsistencies in the complainant's account were exposed through cross-examination.

R v O [2023] Holborn Nightingale Court

Secured acquittals on all counts for client charged with possession with intent to supply class B drugs, possession of class B drugs, possession of a bladed article and possession of criminal property.

R v B [2023] Margate Magistrates' Court

Successfully argued against activation of default POCA sentence on the basis of personal circumstances.

R v P [2023] Highbury Youth Court

Secured a conditional discharge for a youth client charged with robbery.

R v P [2023] Westminster Magistrates' Court

Secured a fine for a client charged with causing serious injury by careless driving on the basis of exceptional personal circumstances.

R v W [2023] Bromley Magistrates' Court

Secured acquittal for client charged with careless driving.

R v M [2023] Brighton Youth Court

Made written representations to CPS to review the prosecution of a youth charged with sexual assault on the basis of personal circumstances and delay, resulting in discontinuance of the matter.
