

# Kate Davies

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## Overview

Kate is a criminal barrister based in 3PB's Winchester office. She accepts instructions from across the Western Circuit in crime and court martials. Kate is a Level 2 Prosecutor on the CPS Advocate Panel General Crime List.

Kate completed her pupillage with a set of Chambers in London. During her pupillage, Kate appeared in a wide array of cases for both defence and prosecution in the Magistrates Court, Crown Court and Court Martial. She also appeared in County and Family Courts.

Prior to undertaking pupillage, Kate studied at the University of Portsmouth and graduated with a first-class law degree in 2021. Kate studied the Bar Training Course at the University of the West of England (UWE) and received an Outstanding. She won the prize for highest-performing student in 2021-2022. During her time at UWE, Kate won the St John's Chambers Mooting Competition, was the runner-up in the Guildhall Chambers Mooting Competition and was a finalist in the Albion Chambers Mooting Competition.

Alongside her studies, Kate worked as a Crown Court caseworker at a criminal defence law firm.

Outside of work, Kate enjoys horse riding, clay shooting and running.

## Military/Courts martial

Criminal barrister Kate Davies has a strong expertise in acting for members of the armed forces facing criminal charges, such as:

**R v R (Court Martial) (2024):** Kate represented a Corporal in the Royal Marines who was accused of sexual assault. The Prosecution called nine witnesses, all of which Kate cross examined extensively. Kate secured a not guilty verdict after trial, with the Board returning their verdict after just 30 minutes of deliberations.

**R v B (Court Martial) (2023):** successfully defended a young Lance Bombardier in the Army who was accused of sexual assaults. A successful submission of no case to answer was made after the Prosecution case. This case involved careful attention to detail, and after Kate cross-examined the witnesses, the Crown dropped the case on the grounds that there was no realistic prospect of conviction.

**R v S-P (Court Martial) (2023):** successfully defended a Sergeant in the Army charged with fighting, contrary to s21(1) Armed Forces Act. The Crown offered no evidence on the second day of trial after extensive cross examination of the complainant.

## Recommendations

"It was well structured, methodical, clear with a good firm but polite tone. You had obviously thought about it really carefully and it was well prepared. I am extremely impressed! I had hoped to catch you after the trial to comment on your cross-examination." **District Judge (in R v P 2024 after her cross-examination of two children aged 10 years old)**

"She is tenacious, determined, and hardworking and displays a calm manner in court which inspires confidence. Her advocacy is measured and persuasive. I watched Kate present a third strike burglary sentence in the Crown Court, which she did with ease and a natural flair." **Supervising barrister, 2024**

"I would like to say from the bottom of my heart, from my family and friends as well, thank you for all the work you have done for me. Not only from what you did in the court room but also for all the behind the scenes work we didn't get to see. You are an amazing lawyer. Again I can not express how thankful I am to you for everything you've done." **Lay client (2023)**

"Our client called yesterday and said he was very happy and that 'Kate was amazing'." **Instructing Solicitor (R v W 2023)**

"We are really impressed with Kate; she gets on with the clients really well." **Instructing Solicitor (2023)**

"Brilliantly argued, Miss Davies." **Chair of Magistrates (2023)**

"I want to praise you for your dealings with this case and your sensitive cross examination of the complainant." **District Judge (2023)**

## Academic qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, University of the West of England, Outstanding (top performing student at UWE 2021-2022)
- LLB (Hons) Law, University of Portsmouth, First Class

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- Level 2, CPS Advocate Panel, General Crime
- Vulnerable Witness training, Middle Temple
- LexisNexis Certification
- WestLaw Certification

## Professional bodies

- Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn