



Audrey Archer

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Sexual offences

Audrey Archer's primary area of specialism is defending persons accused of serious sexual offences. She has considerable experience in defending persons accused of the gravest allegations of sexual misconduct. She is highly regarded within this area of criminal defence. She is frequently commended for her thorough and passionate approach along with her fearless determination. She has excellent client care skills and ensures every client feels confident that 'no stone has been left unturned' by the conclusion of their case. Her results illustrate her impressive competency within this area of criminal defence.

Some of Audrey's recent cases:

R v OC (2026) : Multiple rape charges and threats to kill : D acquitted on all charges after trial.

R v PV : (2026) : Four counts of rape, sexual assault, strangulation and false imprisonment : D acquitted on all counts after trial.

R v Z (2025) : Historic rape and sexual offences : Jury hung after trial.

Audrey's only client convicted of rape had his conviction quashed by the Court of Appeal as a result of Audrey, with the assistance of King's Counsel, successfully appealing his conviction: ***R v Beresford [2020] EWCA Crim 1674.***

Recommendations

Audrey Archer is ranked in the **Legal 500 2026**/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Audrey is an accomplished, fearless and highly effective advocate. She is meticulously well-prepared and presents with a secure grasp of all aspects of a case.'

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'I have observed Audrey on a number of occasions in her capacity as a barrister for some of our cases. She is friendly and warm, and always puts young people at ease. Her manner is non-judgmental and it is clear that she takes a child-first approach to her work with children in the Criminal Justice System – that is to say she treats them as children first and foremost. Her language is clear and she takes opportunities to check in with them regarding their understanding. Her language is child-friendly so that children can understand her, without confusing jargon. She also takes the time to catch up with families and carers in advance of hearings to ensure they have a full understanding of proceedings, what to expect, possible outcomes etc. I would say her manner is realistic but reassuring, and her knowledge and experience shine through. In Court Audrey's advocacy for the children she works with is admirable. She is very thorough and it is easy to see the diligence and effort she puts into working to achieve the best outcome for the children.'

On a more general note, Audrey's timely preparation and research of cases is clear, and I have noted that Judges seem happy that she has approached her cases in a meticulous manner. As a professional I have found it extremely helpful to work alongside a legal representative who is collaborative, responsive and communicative. When I share cases with Audrey it feels as though we are working as part of a team to ensure the best result for the young person as well as the public.'

Rosie Major, Youth Offending Officer, Southampton Youth Justice Service

Academic qualifications

- BVC: Very competent. (2004)
- LLB (HONS): 2.1 (2002)
- LLM (COMMERCIAL LAW) (2003)

Professional bodies

- Middle Temple
- Prisoners Education Trust
- Western Circuit
- Family Law Bar Association