

# Laura Deuxberry

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## Crime and Regulatory Crime

Laura Deuxberry prosecutes and defends in all areas of general crime including; drugs (possession and supply), violence offences, arson, burglary, fraud, rape and sexual assaults (both historic and recent), child offences (images, contact offences and child neglect/ill-treatment), weapons offences, public order offences, breach proceedings, harassment and stalking.

Laura also acts in Youth Court proceedings. Her reassuring and approachable manner means that youth clients and their parents/carers are put at ease. Laura has defended in court martial hearings and is a keen supporter of military charities.

## Recent cases include:

R v Damien Heaven [2024] EWCA Crim 88: appeal against conviction in the Court of Appeal regarding a conviction for witness intimidation. Miss Deuxberry, defending Mr Heaven, argued that the Crown Court Judge made an error when they rejected a submission of no case to answer. The Court of Appeal upheld the appeal and the conviction was quashed.

R v HC (2023) Newport Crown Court: not guilty verdicts after trial, charges of sexual assault and assault by penetration.

R v AC (2023) Bournemouth Crown Court: not guilty verdicts after trial, charges of section 18 (intentional GBH) and the alternative charge of section 20 (GBH).

R v HR (2023) Portsmouth Crown Court: not guilty verdict after a trial regarding a client charged with causing ABH level injuries using a bottle.

R v AS (2023) Bournemouth Crown Court: suspended sentence imposed for a client who pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs, possessing of class B with intent to supply and converting criminal property.

R v MS (2023) Bournemouth Crown Court: not guilty verdicts regarding two charges

R v MS (2023) Bournemouth Crown Court: not guilty verdicts regarding two charges of assaulting emergency workers, the defence was self-defence.

R v GC (2022): successful appeal to the Court of Appeal regarding the imposition of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order. Order removed.

R v EC (2022): successful in persuading the Crown to withdraw the case against a client with serious mental health difficulties who had assaulted paramedics and police in the midst of a mental health crisis.

## Recommendations

"Mr X has called me this morning to thank me for sending him such a wonderful barrister. He described Laura as "absolutely golden" and was very grateful for her patience and support in dealing with his case to secure an outcome that he was absolutely delighted with. For the record, I wanted to again express my gratitude for how expertly and professionally you've been able to deal with all of these cases that have required a considerable amount of patience and cross-referencing. Mr X would not have had such a good result without you having dealt with everything in such detail all the way through this!"

**(instructing solicitor)**

"Thank you very much for your excellent conduct of this trial, which led to very good result. Your calm and professional manner in how you handled the case and your thorough grasp of the detail assisted greatly in reassuring our client during what was no doubt an incredibly stressful time for him and his family." **(instructing solicitor)**

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the work you went to in relation to this case and it goes without saying that the outcome was an extremely good one." **(instructing solicitor)**

"Laura is a lovely young woman, ideal for ladies, she is softly spoken and very easy to talk to." **(elderly female lay client).**

"Thank you very much for your help in this matter, kind call yesterday and comprehensive note – first class." **(instructing solicitor)**

"Many thanks for your help in all of this which has to be said, to be very difficult circumstances and of course your representation and expeditious notes." **(instructing solicitor)**

## Academic qualifications

- BPTC, The University of Law, 2013 – Very competent
- LLB (Hons), The University of Bristol, 2012 – 2:1

## Scholarships

- President of the Bar Society, 2011-2012
- Benefactors' Scholarship, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, 2012

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- Level 3 – CPS Advocate Panel-General Crime