

Sarah Brown

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Overview

Crime and military regulatory barrister Sarah Brown is a former solicitor with over a decade of criminal practice and Courts Martial experience.

Sarah provides advocacy in both the civilian criminal courts and military courts. She has experience in a broad spectrum of cases including serious sexual offences, offences against the person, dishonesty, AWOL and desertion.

Sarah has frequently been instructed to travel abroad to provide representation, especially to the Courts Martial in Germany and regularly represents service personnel in appeals of summary conviction.

Her belief in being approachable, clear and calm, is combined with a sensitivity for the individual client, a keen intellect and a subtle but robust attitude in court. She has a wealth of experience in defending the vulnerable, elderly and young, with considerable experience of the adjustments required to the trial process to accommodate such considerations.

Academic qualifications

- BVC, BPP Law School
- PgDL, BPP Law School
- BA (Hons), University of Durham

Scholarships

- Lincoln's Inn, Mary MacMurray Scholar

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Admitted as a solicitor, 2008

Professional bodies

- Lincoln's Inn

Expertise

Crime and Regulatory Crime

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Sarah understands the pressures of army life – both on those serving and on the family left behind. She has developed an excellent working relationship with the Military Courts Service and Service Prosecuting Authority, a relationship which assists in progressing matters as effectively as possible through the Courts Martial system.

Notable cases as Defence Advocate in Courts Martial

R v L: Male soldier accused of Sexual Assault by Penetration on another male soldier - Trial - Acquitted.

R v H: Handling stolen silver Mess property - Trial - Acquitted.

R v A V: Negligently performing duty as Range Officer by failing to ensure troops were wearing Enhanced Combat Body Armour - one soldier was shot with live ammunition - Sentence.

R v M: Sexual Assault and Gross Misconduct through alcohol. WO2 defendant accused of sexual assault of young soldier while on training exercise - Trial - Acquitted.

R v K: Defence of an army sergeant accused of Affray and Assault on two soldiers. Not guilty verdict - case was reported nationally.

R v B: Defence of an army sergeant accused of raping his wife. Not guilty verdict.

Notable cases as Defence Litigator in Crown Court and Courts Martial

R v B: Defendant footballer accused of a nightclub glassing - widely reported in the national press.

R v B: Male soldier accused of attempted rape of a fellow Private soldier.

R v H: Defendant accused of multiple counts of sexual activity with a child. The defendant was a teaching assistant at a school for pupils with behavioural and emotional difficulties and the complainant was a pupil.

R v F: Defendant with significant vulnerabilities was accused of ABH against his care workers.

R v S: Adult defendant, who had been sexually abused since the age of 12, accused of multiple counts of rape of a child under 13.

R v A: Extremely vulnerable defendant exploited through County Lines drug gangs. This matter involved Modern Day Slavery and Fitness to Plead issues.

R v B: Sexual assault by penetration trial where both the complainant and defendant were vulnerable. Both required intermediaries for the trial.