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Crime

Crime and regulatory barrister Sarah Brown – a former solicitor – has 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 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.

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