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Crime

Laura Deuxberry prosecutes and defends in all areas of general crime including; drugs (possession and supply), offences against the person, arson, burglary, fraud, sexual assaults, child offences (images, contact offences and child neglect), 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. She also spent time shadowing a prosecutor from the SPA.

Criminal Defence

Recent defence cases include:

- R v GC (2022): successful appeal to the Court of Appeal regarding the imposition of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order. Order removed.
- R v BD (2022): Newport IoW Crown Court, not guilty verdict of GBH after trial advancing self-defence.
- 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.
- R v FS (2022): Portsmouth Crown Court, suspended sentence for a client who pleaded guilty to child neglect x 3.
- R v DH (2022): Newport IoW Crown Court, not guilty verdicts after trial relating to charges of ABH and having an offensive weapon in a public place
- R v MS (2022): Portsmouth Crown Court, not guilty verdict after trial of ABH
- R v SM (2022): Newport, IoW Crown Court, not guilty verdict after trial of assault by beating of an emergency worker
- R v FD (2022): Newport, IoW Crown Court, not guilty verdict after trial of ABH on a prison officer.
- R v JS (2022): Swindon Crown Court, not guilty of GBH and witness intimidation after trial.
- R v L (2022): Bournemouth Crown Court, breach proceedings withdrawn after evidence of a reasonable excuse was presented to the NPS.
- R v MN (2022): Bournemouth Crown Court, not guilty verdict in respect of a breach of a non-molestation order, the jury were hung on the second charge and no retrial sought by Crown, not guilty verdict entered.
- R v AS (2021): Salisbury Crown Court, dishonestly retaining a wrongful credit, successful submission of no case to answer, not guilty verdict entered.
- R v ZA (2021): Crown persuaded to offer no evidence in respect of a charge of being concerned in the supply of class B,

guilty plea to having a knife in a public place, suspended sentence imposed, mitigation described as focussed and methodical.

- R v LT (2021): Portsmouth Crown Court, successful application to dismiss charges of having an offensive weapon in a public place, affray and a public order offence.
- R v JH (2021): Newport IoW Crown Court, not guilty verdict after trial for a client with Asperger's who had acted in self-defence but had been charged with ABH.
- R v SC (2021): Newport (Wales) Crown Court- Section 4A stalking causing serious alarm or distress, hung jury, no retrial sought, not guilty verdict entered.
- R v MK (2020): Southampton Crown Court- drove with excess alcohol (118mg in 100ml breath) and two charges of child neglect (children in the car when drove with excess alcohol), avoided custodial sentence and obtained suspended sentence.

Criminal Prosecution

Recent prosecution cases include:

- R v SB (ongoing): Portsmouth Crown Court, section 18 wounding with intent to cause GBH and section 20 wounding.
- R v GH (2022): Weymouth stalker tried sell former partner home and firebombed neighbours car, case attracted widespread publicity including [the Times](#) and [Dorset Echo](#).
- R v SC (2021): assault of woman in Bournemouth hotel; the case was covered in the press including [the Gazette](#).
- R v AS and IL (2021): Portsmouth and Bournemouth Crown Court, ABH x 2, guilty verdicts after trial: press coverage included the [Dorset Echo](#)

Motoring offences

Laura prosecutes and defends in such matters. She represents both publicly-funded and privately paying clients.

Recent cases include:

- R v NV (2022): Staines Magistrates' Court, speeding and driving with no insurance, successful exceptional hardship argument, disqualification reduced from 6 months to 4 weeks for a client who was a dentist and needed to drive for work.
- R v VR (2021): Bournemouth Crown Court, successful appeal against conviction, s.172 offences x 2 (failure to provide information).
- R v VD (2020): Thames Magistrates' Court, driving with excess alcohol, (99 mg in 100ml breath) avoided a community order and received a curfew
- R v JG (2020): Northampton Magistrates' Court, careless driving, the Defendant had hit an elderly lady causing her to suffer two leg fractures, after strong mitigation the client received a fine and 6 points avoiding disqualification.
- R v RW (2019): Poole Magistrates' Court, careless driving, the CPS offered no evidence after weaknesses in the case were highlighted
- R v DP (2019): City of London Magistrates' Court, careless driving and failure to stop - successfully defended a London taxi driver at trial.
- R v EP (2019): Southampton Magistrates' Court, speeding and s.172 offence, CPS offered no evidence in relation to both offences after documents were produced supporting the client's defence

Recommendations

Recommendations from instructing solicitors

"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."

"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".

"The result for Mr KD was a good one (I had told him to take a bag with him)... Not an easy sentencing hearing and no mistake! Mr KD has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks, and as the real disruption of a custodial sentence was avoided."

From an elderly female client, "Laura is a lovely young woman, ideal for ladies, she is softly spoken and very easy to talk to."

"That's fantastic news Laura - thank you for letting me know & for all you did on this case, I bet JS was over the moon.'

"Thank you very much for this and for looking after JM so well. Simply a brilliant result! Thank you so much'

"Thank you very helpful, excellent result very well done".

"Thank you so much for your assistance in this case. Great result!!"Thank you very much for your help in this matter, kind call yesterday and comprehensive note - first class."

"Laura, that is an absolutely amazing outcome!! Thanks so much."

"Thank you for getting your attendance notes over so quickly and thank you for your work on these, my instructing client is always extremely complimentary of you!"

"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."

"Thank you for your excellent representation & prompt & detailed attendance note. A very good result!"

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 2- CPS Advocate Panel-General Crime