



## Catherine Purnell

Barrister

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Catherine is an experienced jury advocate, with expertise in sexual and violent offences, and healthcare regulatory work.

| “My client felt at ease straightaway, in safe hands.”

| “Extremely approachable for clients, great with a jury”

### Specialist areas

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Crime

Fraud, Business and Financial Crime

Professional Regulation

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Catherine defends serious criminal cases including rape, sexual assaults, drug importation and supply and cases involving serious violence and dishonesty. She has also been instructed as junior counsel in murder cases. A highly skilled advocate with an unflappable demeanour, she is noted for her adept handling of vulnerable and difficult witnesses. She is a Grade 3 prosecutor, and a member of the RASSO Panel of prosecutors.

Catherine is instructed to represent professionals facing disciplinary proceedings. She has been instructed several times on behalf of the General Osteopathic Council in Committee proceedings and appeals. Her experience as a criminal

advocate enables her to take a thorough and expeditious approach to disciplinary work.

Catherine has been instructed by the Federation Against Copyright Theft and Media Protection Services and has also travelled the UK prosecuting Trade Mark and Trade Descriptions cases for several Local Authorities.

## Notable cases

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Defended serious sexual allegation concerning assault in a hotel room, Reading Crown Court

Defended prison drug smuggling allegation, Croydon Crown Court

Defended Money Laundering allegation, Croydon Crown Court

Defended historic rape allegations, Isleworth Crown Court

Prosecuted s18 stabbing, Luton Crown court

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