Patricia May

Junior Counsel - Above 15 Years
CALLED 1965



Patricia May is renowned for her expertise in the criminal field, as both a prosecutor and defence counsel.

Background and Expertise

Patricia specialises in sexual offences and is in particular demand in cases involving vulnerable people , both defendants and witnesses, where her communication skills stand her in very good stead.

She is a Grade 4 Prosecutor and is on the CPS Specialist rape list.

Her experience has been augmented by her having sat as a Crown Court Recorder, with authority to try rape and other cases concerning serious sexual offences.

Notable Cases

Driving

R v P, 2018

Defending man charged with Wounding with Intent and causing Serious Injury by Dangerous driving – identification issues.

Basildon Crown Court

Driving

Financial Crime

R v D and D, 2018

Prosecuting £200,000 fraud where the victim with mental health issues was defrauded of his inheritance by family members.

Harrow Crown Court

Financial Crime

General Crime

R v D and others, 2019

Prosecuting as Leading Junior an armed gang who kidnapped and held hostage a fifteen year old boy. Interpretation of Cell site evidence a substantial feature in proving case against the defendants.

Croydon Crown Court

R v D, 2018

Prosecuting mother of four on charges of Child Cruelty and Administering Noxious Substances to her young son.

Canterbury Crown Court

R v A, A, D and S, 201*

Prosecuting in Aggravated Burglary and Attempted rape of a 16 year old girl.

Woolwich Crown Court

R v P

Snaresbrook Crown Court Case of child cruelty – allegedly Munchausen's syndrome by proxy.

Crime

Murder and Manslaughter

R. v. R and others, 2020

Prosecuted five defendants for affray at an inquest. The death was that of a very young child and all defendants were family members necessitating particularly sensitive handling of witnesses and defendants.

Maidstone Crown Court

R v M and others

'Witchcraft' case at Central Criminal Court Torture of young girl and conspiracy to murder.

Murder and Manslaughter

Rape and Sexual Offences

R v K, 2020

Prosecuted defendant for stranger rape against traumatised teenage victim.

Harrow Crown Court

R. v. B, 2019

Represented defendant charged with sexual offences against a four-year old child whose evidence was adduced with the support of an Intermediary.

Maidstone Crown Court

R v W, 2019

Representing male defendant who was charged with sexual offences against a young female but who

had since the offences trans-gendered into a female.

Northampton Crown Court

R v R, 2019

Blind man charged with historic rape and other sexual offences against children.

Isleworth Crown Court

R v S, 2018

Defending young Bulgarian female against charges of sexual assault against another young girl.

Blackfriars Crown Court

R v R, 2018

Defending man accused of multiple Rape and False Imprisonment.

Inner London Crown Court

R v T-S, 2018

Defending 16 year old boy with mental health issues on charge of raping a 12 year old girl.

Canterbury Crown Court

R v H

Case of multiple serious sexual offences against young boys.

Kingston Crown Court.

R v S

Reading Crown Court Historic allegations of child sex abuse against young boys.

R v O

Central Criminal Court Allegations of serial rape.

Violence

R v H and others, 2020

Prosecuted a series of linked cases against five defendants for offences of GBH with Intent, Violent disorder etc. The victims were subject to attacks with knives and axes and suffered life-changing injuries.

Snaresbrook Crown Court

Violence

Achievements

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Medico-Legal Society

Appointments

- CPS Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS RASSO Panel

Education

- King’s College, London
- Woodford County High School

Activities and Interests

- Patricia is interested in skiing, golf, aerobics and travelling