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Details of practice

Jane Humphryes is an expert barrister with extensive experience specialising in all aspects of serious crime.

Jane has acted in numerous cases involving serious sexual offences including rape, child abuse and historic allegations. In addition she has frequently defended in murder cases of all kinds including contract killings, gangland murders, street murders and domestic killings. The defences have ranged from identification, intent, participation, mental health, self-defence and mercy. She also has many years of experience in particular in cases involving fraud, drugs, money laundering, corruption, and offences of violence. Where she has expertise in both prosecuting and defending, her practice recently has been almost exclusively defending.

Jane has considerable experience in fraud matters where she has defended in corporate, VAT, banking, mortgage, local authority, legal and patent frauds. She was instructed on the first trial of a Land Banking Fraud where four defendants were accused of setting up a series of companies intended to be used as vehicles for fraud aimed at defrauding investors out of tens of £ millions and indeed since then the first test case of a land banking fraud coupled with charges of breaches of Collective Investment Scheme regulations.

Jane is particularly known for her tactical approach to cases whilst displaying a meticulous attention to detail. She is fearless and effective when cross-examining and is reputed to leave no stone unturned. Her speeches have become legendary attracting compliments from her colleagues, the co-accused and even alleged victims of crime. She is known for pulling the rabbit out of the hat whilst others are charmed into relaxing their guard. She instils great confidence in her clients. She has been described as "truly a professional's professional".

Directory recommendations

"Has a flawless ability to understand all the relevant details in a case. She gives the utmost confidence to her clients and immediately gains respect and credibility from both the opposing side and the judge and jury." **Chambers UK 2019: Crime**

'Her great strength is to make clients feel wholly at ease, even when giving difficult advice.' **The Legal 500 2019: Crime**

'A fearless advocate who is extremely diligent. She has vast experience of all areas of serious crime.'
'Thorough, conscientious, passionate about defending her clients and extremely hard-working.'
'Extremely approachable and has a real knack with lay clients.' **Chambers UK 2017: Crime**

Education/professional qualifications

BA Hons Law
Called to the Bar 1983

Appointments

Recorder of the Crown Court - 1999
Authorisations: Appeals and Serious Sexual Offences
Queen's Counsel 2003

Other information

In 2007 Jane starred in a BBC 2 programme called The Verdict, which brought together twelve celebrities that formed a jury for a fictional rape case. Jane represented the first defendant, where the jury reached a 'verdict' of either unanimous or majority verdicts of not guilty on all counts.

Direct access

Jane Humphryes is qualified to accept instructions direct from clients under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme. This means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to her. In addition, she welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme.

For further information please contact our Clerks.

Notable cases

R v D 2016

Southwark Crown Court

Confiscation proceedings – issues involve when it is lawful and proportionate to make a confiscation and compensation order where accused acquitted of main fraud but convicted of regulatory offence.

R v H 2016

Isleworth Crown Court

Allegation of rape following meeting in well-known Mayfair restaurant – issues of toxicology and memory loss.

R v O Onafowokan 2016

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation - joint enterprise murder, s18 GHB, conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and in the alternative violent disorder.

R v Babur Karamat Raja 2016

Birmingham Crown Court

Attempted murder, attempted child destruction, assault, unlawful wounding and possession of weapon
An allegation of a knife attack in a public street targeting the heavily pregnant girlfriend and their unborn child. Passers-by also injured in the fracas.

R v B 2016

Lewes Crown Court

Allegation of rape of two women by professional man following potentially administering a date rape drug – toxicology and memory loss caused by drugs/alcohol particularly explored.

R v Cooper 2016

The Central Criminal Court sitting at Kingston-Upon-Thames

Assassination/Contract murder by way of shooting in London street.

R v Johnson 2015

Chelmsford Crown Court

Murder committed in the course of a drugs robbery.

R v B-C 2015

Northampton Crown Court

Allegation of murder of a baby by mother suffering from post-natal depression
Manslaughter accepted by Crown resulting in non-immediate custodial sentence.

R v Daley 2014

Southwark Crown Court

Allegation of land banking fraud and operating an unauthorised Collective Investment Scheme - involving sums in the region of £5m.

R v C 2014

St Albans Crown Court

Allegations of multiple rape by gap year student on fellow gap year student at an English private school.

R v B 2014

Croydon Crown Court

Allegations of serious sexual assaults by senior Company Director on members of staff following a night of drinking – issues of memory loss/toxicology.

R v S 2014

Cambridge Crown Court

Allegations of serious sexual assault (contemporary) on defendant's niece.

R v F 2014

Kingston-Upon-Thames Crown Court

School master at well known London boys school – allegations of possession and making of indecent images by way of photographs and moving images.

R v Brennan 2014

The Central Criminal Court

Joint enterprise murder by shooting in a London street.

R v D 2014

Blackfriars Crown Court

Recent allegation of rape. Issue – capacity to consent and/or consent following consumption of large quantities of alcohol – Crown relied upon possibility of date rape drug. Toxicology/memory loss explored.

R v P 2014

Portsmouth Crown Court

Historic allegations of serious sexual assault both within and outside the jurisdiction involving a close family member who was a child at the time. False memory syndrome was explored.

R v W June 2013

Guildford Crown Court

Historic allegations of rape and other sexual offences against a complainant aged between 3 and 7 at the time. Potential issues of false memory syndrome.

R v R 2013

Maidstone Crown Court

Catastrophic injuries caused to a new born baby by his father.

R v Eshpari 2012

Isleworth Crown Court

First prosecution of an allegation of a multi £m land banking fraud.

R v Vian

Jan 2009 – March 2011

The Central Criminal Court

The 'Golden Wonder' murder - the oldest and largest investigation ever to take place into a murder in the United Kingdom spanning nearly 30 years.

The complex Abuse of Process arguments resulted in the prosecution finally offering no evidence. The case occupied 2 years of court time and preparation.

R v Anderson 2011

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of 'contract killing' of the mother of a child allegedly organised by persons in Turkey and UK.

R v H 2011

Basildon Crown Court

Allegation of a serious sexual allegation against a Muslim Imam allegedly taking place during the course of an exorcism ritual.

R v Jimmy Ayres 2010

Winchester Crown Court

Allegation of murder – the ruthless killing of a Big Issue salesman in Bournemouth.

R v Berkan Kart 2010

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of murder – the killing of a man allegedly caught on CCTV

The case required detailed preparation and cross-examination of experts in this ever-expanding field of evidence.

R v Anthony Barrett 2009

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of attempted murder/grievous bodily harm - a double shooting in the street caught on CCTV.

R v Tristan Walker 2009

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of murder – the shooting of a young girl in a club again recorded on CCTV.

R v Gian Lon 2009

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of murder – the killing of a young Chinese girl involving decapitation and dismembering of corpse before dumping body parts in the Thames.

R v Lisa Mounsey 2009

Leicester Crown Court

Allegation of large scale money laundering involving multiple defendants (in excess of one trial).

R v DS 2009

Lewes Crown Court

Allegation of attempted murder – defence of sleep walking.

R v Thompson 2009

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of murder – by way of stabbing.

R v Tubasam 2009

The Central Criminal Court

Allegation of murder – allegation of control/torture murder of wife – defence provocation – religious links.

R v Suchedena 2008

Southwark Crown Court

Allegation of money laundering - large scale multi-million pound money laundering case spanning 2001 – 2007

Defendant convicted then conviction over-turned and re-trial ordered. The allegation Involved international money laundering on a huge scale using International Bureau to Change operations.