



Felix Keating

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Felix has a broad practice across crime, regulatory and licensing law.

Crime

Felix regularly defends in both the Crown and Magistrates' Courts, dealing with a variety of offences including violent offences, sexual offences, drugs and motoring offences.

His cases include successfully arguing that a defendant convicted of misconduct in public office should, unusually, be given a suspended rather than immediate custodial sentence and securing the acquittal of a defendant in the Crown Court accused of assault and sexual assault on the basis of incomplete CCTV evidence.

Felix was also instructed in a case where proceedings were discontinued against a delivery rider accused of dangerous driving after the defence statement highlighted numerous evidential flaws in the prosecution's case.

Notable Crime cases

- **Fantasia Productions Ltd v London Borough of Redbridge [2026] EWHC 698 (Admin)**

Felix appeared for the appellant in this appeal by way of case stated from Snaresbrook Crown Court. The question for the High Court was where the burden of proof lay in a case where a travelling circus was accused of placing advertisements without relevant permission; on a defendant to show permission had been granted or on the prosecution to show it had not.

The appeal was brought on two grounds – statutory interpretation and the application of the 'licensing' authorities to

the issue of consent in placing temporary advertisements.

- **R v BOB & Ors [2024] EWCA Crim 1494**

Appeared in the Court of Appeal in a multi-handed case. The appeal was brought by the Crown against a decision by the trial judge to exclude hearsay evidence of deceased witnesses.

Regulatory & Professional Discipline

Felix has presented numerous cases on behalf of the Health and Care Professions Council, as well as other regulators including the Architects Registration Board, Teaching Regulation Agency and General Dental Council. He has dealt with a wide range of cases, including conviction cases, dishonesty cases and allegations of lack of competence. He has been instructed in complex cases including dealing with numerous vulnerable child witnesses in an allegation involving sexually motivated behaviour by a Registrant.

He has also defended in police discipline cases, including UPP Stage 3 hearings, misconduct hearings and accelerated misconduct hearings, as well as drafting grounds of appeal to the Police Appeals Tribunal. He has successfully applied to dismiss an allegation on the basis of procedural irregularities.

Licensing

Felix has represented a business at risk of losing its Premises Licence after a violent altercation involving a member of staff stabbing a member of the public resulted in a police investigation. He successfully persuaded the Licensing Sub-Committee to amend rather than revoke the licence.

Felix has appeared for the Metropolitan Police Service in licensing matters, including a case where a nightclub had its Premises Licence revoked after being linked to a serious sexual assault.

He has appeared for Transport for London in licensing appeals against decisions to revoke Private Hire Vehicle Licences and Operator Licences in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court. He has also appeared in the Magistrates' Court in a successful appeal against a decision by a council to refuse to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence to a client with a criminal conviction.

Felix has acted as a legal advisor to a London Borough's Licensing Sub-Committee, assisting in the drafting of decisions on the grant and variation of Premises Licences.

Civil Orders

Felix has been instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in applications for Closure Orders, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, Sexual Risk Orders and Stalking Protection Orders.

Felix has also defended a client against an application for a 10-year Sexual Risk Order; after a contested hearing, the order was imposed for 7 years.

Notable Civil Orders cases

- **R v NP (2021) (City of London Magistrates' Court)**

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Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Education / Professional Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, City University
- Graduate Diploma in Law, City University
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (BA), University of Oxford

Other Information

Felix spent time in the military before starting his career in law, deploying to South Sudan as part of a UN peacekeeping mission. Prior to joining Three Raymond Buildings, Felix volunteered at the North Kensington Law Centre and the School Exclusion Project, as well as doing work for the Fraud Advisory Panel.

Privacy Statement

I, Felix Keating, am a data controller and can be contacted at 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH or by telephone on 020 7400 6400 or by email at felix.keating@3rblaw.com. My Data Protection Policy can be found [here](#).

All personal data that I process is for the purposes of providing legal services, conducting conflict-checks, marketing, defending potential complaints, legal proceedings or fee disputes, keeping anti-money laundering records, training other barristers and pupils and when providing work-shadowing opportunities, and/or exercising a right to a lien. The types of data I process vary upon the nature of the legal matter in relation to which I am engaged to advise, but can include names, contact details, biographic details and 'special category personal data' (such as details of racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex life and criminal convictions and proceedings).

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the legal bases upon which I process personal data are (i) the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract, (ii) the processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations to which I am subject, or (iii) the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests set out above, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child. When I rely on (iii) legitimate interests, my 'Legitimate Interests Assessment'

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3. my lay and professional clients;
4. potential witnesses, in particular experts, and friends or family of the data subject;
5. solicitors, barristers, pupils, mini pupils and other legal representatives;
6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
7. current, past or prospective employers;
8. education and examining bodies;
9. business associates, professional advisers and trade bodies.

I retain personal data for no longer than 7 years after the case has come to an end or as otherwise required by law.

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