

Kiera Oluwunmi

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Kiera Oluwunmi has a broad practice across Chambers' main areas of expertise, with a particular interest in crime and quasi-criminal matters.

Kiera accepts direct access instructions.

Extradition, INTERPOL & Mutual Legal Assistance

Kiera is regularly instructed by Judicial Authorities and Requested Persons in extradition proceedings. Kiera accepts instructions in Part 1 and Part 2 cases.

Kiera is regularly instructed in extradition hearings at all stages, from first appearances in the Magistrates' Court to substantive appeal hearings before the High Court. Kiera has significant experience in extradition matters involving complex areas of law, expert evidence, and country-wide thematic issues.

Kiera has defended in cases where a certificate for counsel has been granted due to the complex and serious nature of the issues raised.

Kiera is experienced in making submissions on new CPT reports, addressing the adequacy of assurances, and addressing complex medical evidence for Section 25 and Article 3 challenges. Kiera is also experienced in dealing with vulnerable clients and presenting Article 8 arguments compellingly.

Kiera completed an eight-month secondment at the CPS Extradition Unit in February 2024.

Notable Extradition, INTERPOL & Mutual Legal Assistance cases

- **Ireland v MM**

Successfully represented a requested person accused of violent disorder when a co-accused already had extradition ordered. Following arguments on complex mental health issues and the impact of extradition on continuity of care, the RP was discharged under Article 8 of the ECHR. The Judicial Authority initially appealed the decision, but the underlying warrant was then withdrawn.

- **Belgium v Q**

Represented the Requested Person in a multi-issue case raising Article 3 challenge to Belgian prison conditions, Section 12A lack of prosecution decision and Section 2/10 inadequate particulars of conduct in a human trafficking conspiracy.

- **Germany v S**

Representing the RP at renewal stage on a Section 2 point on the expiry of the limitation period for the offence in the warrant.

- **S v Poland**

Represented the Polish Judicial Authority in a substantive appeal on Article 8 involving medical evidence on the declining mental health of the Applicant's children.

- **B v Romania**

Represented the Romanian Judicial Authority at substantive appeal on Section 2 (particularisation) in relation to merged sentence that included other judgments in Romania and offences committed in Spain. Further information was admitted as fresh evidence and remedied the lacuna in the warrant.

- **D v Poland**

Represented the Judicial Authority at substantive appeal on Article 8 and Section 25 (mental health and suicide risk).

- **M v Poland**

Represented the Judicial Authority at substantive appeal on a re-issued warrant. Successfully resisted application to certify a question on appeal to the Supreme Court.

- **H v France**

Represented the Judicial Authority at substantive appeal on Section 14 following a 20-year delay from the first issue of the AW. Original offending was smuggling kilo amounts of cocaine across borders.

- **S v Poland**

Represented the Judicial Authority at renewal stage on Article 8 and Section 14.

Crime

Kiera represents defendants in the Magistrates Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal.

Kiera's current and recent instructions include: junior counsel in a firearms and terrorism trial in Seychelles (led by [Rachel Scott KC](#)), junior counsel in a joint enterprise murder, sole counsel for GBH, possession of offensive weapons, public disorder offences, drugs offences, sexual assault and motoring offences.

Kiera appeared in the Court of Appeal, where an ABH conviction was quashed and no retrial sought after material non-disclosure of the complainant's bad character from the Crown.

Kiera has experience dealing with vulnerable defendants and witnesses. She has made representations on fitness to plead and stand trial which have led to proceedings being discontinued where the defendants had complex mental health conditions or were in acute mental health crisis at the time of the offending.

Kiera is on the SFO's C Panel and is a Grade 2 CPS prosecutor.

Kiera has experience with disclosure exercises in the context of private prosecutions.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v H**

Represented a senior police officer acquitted of shoplifting, involving defence expert evidence on the reliability of metadata in a supermarket shopping application central to the Crown's case.

- **R v JC**

Following careful review of CCTV and written representations, persuaded the Crown to discontinue charges of racially aggravated public order.

- **R v B**

Secured suspended sentence for police officer charged with novel obscene publications offences relating to child sexual abuse and extreme sexual violence.

- **R v JB**

Secured suspended sentence for offences of threatening with a bladed article, dangerous driving and threats to cause criminal damage, persuading the court to not impose the minimum term of 6 months' immediate custody.

- **R v H, R v L**

Represented two drivers charged with speeding after a recent change to the signage on the A20. Following written representations and lengthy requests for disclosure, the Crown discontinued the case and offered no evidence in respect of another.

- **R v W**

Theft offence withdrawn after written representations in respect of police officer with acute mental health difficulties at the time of the offending.

- **R v H**

Represented a police officer acquitted of possession of indecent images of children, raising the statutory defence under Section 160(2)(b) CJA 1988, involving defence expert evidence on the location of cache images and submissions on the meaning of possession in R v Okoro [2018] EWCA Crim 1929.

- **R v S**

Prosecuted a defendant who pretended to be an immigration solicitor and received fees without qualification to do so.

- **R v TB**

Represented a defendant acquitted of murder alongside two co-defendants.

- **R v MM (2022) (Harrow Crown Court)**

Represented a defendant initially charged with aggravated burglary and being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs.

Financial Crime/POCA

Kiera appears in and advises on matters across the spectrum of financial crime and POCA, for both the defence and prosecution, including in complex and high-value forfeiture and restraint proceedings.

Kiera has been appointed to the SFO General Crime C panel (2024).

Kiera has assisted in advisory work for the National Crime Agency and the Financial Conduct Authority on complex Fraud Act 2006 offences.

Kiera has experience successfully challenging AFOs. Kiera has acted for parents whose savings were at risk of being forfeited due to their son's alleged criminal activity. Following a full forfeiture hearing and analysis of bank transactions over many years, the court was not satisfied that the money in their account was recoverable property and the AFO was lifted.

Kiera has experience in civil contempt of court proceedings arising from the breach of a Restraint Order, securing the discharge of the order for imprisonment pursuant to Section 45 Senior Courts Act 1981.

Kiera is the co-author (with [Rachel Barnes KC](#) and others) of 'UK financial sanctions enforcement and the developing role of OFSI' in [The Guide to Sanctions](#) (GIR, 2024).

Licensing

Kiera has appeared for Transport for London in licensing appeals and prosecutions in the magistrates' court and at the Old Bailey.

Kiera has dealt with complex issues of data analysis and obtaining evidence from experts based in the US on the reliability of data collected by ride-hailing apps. The application to adduce evidence via live link was granted. As a result, the appeal against TfL's decision was dismissed.

Kiera has appeared for the Metropolitan Police Service in licensing matters, including an application to revoke a Premises Licence following the serious sexual assault of child made vulnerable through alcohol on the premises.

Regulatory & Professional Discipline

Kiera has presented numerous cases on behalf of regulators including the Health and Care Professions Council, Architects Registration Board, Teaching Regulation Agency and Nursing and Midwifery Council. She has dealt with a wide range of cases, including conviction cases and dishonesty cases. She has particular experience in presenting cases relating to grooming and sexually motivated behaviour in the pupil/teacher context.

Kiera also defends in police discipline cases. Kiera has successfully had proceedings discontinued following service of the Regulation 31 Notice in a case following an acquittal in criminal proceedings in relation to harassment, and following CCTV analysis in relation to an allegation of sexual assault by a colleague. Kiera has an interest in representing dentists before the GDC.

Teachers Regulation Authority

Kiera frequently presents cases for the TRA, including:

- proceeding in absence when a primary school teacher had been convicted of possession of extreme pornographic images
- securing findings of UPC in relation to a teacher being incapacitated through alcohol during a school trip
- allegations of grooming and sexual activity with a pupil on school premises

Health and Care Professions Council

Kiera acts Presenting Officer for the HCPC. Kiera drafted legal argument in a case where the Registrant was accused of undermining government guidance and lockdown rules through her use of Twitter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nursing and Midwifery Council

Kiera has acted for the NMC in a case involving fraudulent entry into the Register, where the Registrant forged the signatures of colleagues and used her supervisor's PIN number without her permission on her Revalidation forms. Following careful cross-examination, the panel made a finding of deliberate and premeditated dishonesty.

Public Law

Kiera was involved in Post Office inquiry working on a range of time sensitive matters between March 2022 – 2023, including document review and narrative drafting.

Civil Preventative Orders

Kiera is frequently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service both to advise on and appear in applications for civil preventative orders, including:

- Stalking Protection Orders,
- Sexual Harm Prevention Orders,
- Sexual Risk Orders,
- Forced Marriage Protection Orders,
- Closure Orders

These applications often involve complex and serious allegations and legal submissions on necessity and proportionality.

Kiera has also appeared on behalf of the National Probation Service in breach proceedings in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts.

Notable Cases

Extradition

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R v K (2024)

Challenged identification of the defendant by the complainant on a 999 call immediately following a GBH assault. Successfully admitted evidence of the complainant's previous racist interactions. Acquitted.

R v S (2023) (Warwick Crown Court)

Prosecution counsel in a case where the defendant represented herself as an immigration solicitor despite not being registered with the SRA or having OISC authorisation to provide immigration advice. One victim paid over £2000 in "fees" for unregulated advice. Following trial, the defendant was convicted of fraud by false representation (Section 2, Fraud Act 2006) and providing immigration advice when not qualified to do so (Section 84 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999).

R v MM (2022) (Harrow Crown Court)

The defendant was sentenced to 15- and 12-months imprisonment (concurrent) for offences of burglary and being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs respectively, alongside three co-defendants. Initially charged as aggravated burglary, following discussions with the Crown a plea was accepted to the Section 9 offence and a basis of plea was accepted in relation to being concerned. As a result of submissions on the defendant's age and vulnerability, a further 20% reduction in sentence was applied.

R v TB (2022) (Central Criminal Court)

Represented a defendant charged with murder alongside two co-defendants. All defendants denied participation in a joint enterprise. Following a four-week trial at the Old Bailey, the Defendant was acquitted of all charges. (Led).

R v Head (2022) (Court of Appeal)

Conviction overturned on appeal to Court of Appeal on basis of fresh evidence prosecution failed to disclose, establishing it is a 'short step' from concluding that non-defendant bad character fresh evidence would have been admissible under s100(1)(b) CJA 2003 to satisfying the test for appeal against conviction. Reported [here](#)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Education / Professional Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
- University of Law, LLM in Bar Practice (Distinction)
- Queen's University Belfast, LLB Law with Politics (Upper Second-Class Honours)

Scholarships / Prizes

- Major Scholarship, Inner Temple (2018)
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- Finalist, LSE-LGBT Featherstone Moot (February 2019)
- 1st place, BPTC Advocacy Allocation Moot, University of Law (2018)
- Quarter-finalist, Essex Court Mooting Competition (2016/17)
- Winner, QUB Open Moot (2016)
- Winner, UKLSA National Mooting Competition (2015/16)
- Winner and Best Individual Mooter, QUB Novice Moot (2015)

Appointments

SFO Prosecution Counsel – C panel
CPS Panel (General Crime) Level 2
CPS Panel (Extradition) Level 3

Other Information

During pupillage, Kiera assisted in drafting submissions for an inquest on the effect of the decision in [R \(Morahan\) v HM Coroner for West London \[2021\] EWHC 1603](#) and when an enhanced investigative duty under Article 2 ECHR arises automatically, where the deceased had a known history of drug abuse and was an involuntary psychiatric patient.

Kiera also produced a research note on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the landscape of post-Brexit Mutual Legal Assistance, particularly in relation to EIOs, EAWs and the Schengen Information System.

Before coming to the Bar, Kiera was a Parliamentary Assistant for a member of the House of Lords. During this time, she helped to set up a think tank on immigration reform, submitted questions on the rise in hate crime against East Asians as a result of Covid, and the availability of British passports for Hong Kong citizens. Kiera has also completed numerous international internships, including at a national labour union in Washington D.C and a legal aid centre for asylum-seekers in Sofia, Bulgaria where she developed 'Know Your Rights' guides to immigration procedures and US labour law.

Kiera also volunteers with her local church, in particular with the homeless community and vulnerable women. Kiera has participated in numerous leadership programmes with a focus on cross-community relations in Northern Ireland, including the Washington Ireland Programme and the Ulster Project. Whilst at university, Kiera taught debating skills to schoolchildren from Protestant and Catholic communities in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Privacy Statement

I, Kiera Oluwunmi, 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 kiera.oluwunmi@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' can be found [here](#). When I process data which has not been obtained directly from the data subject (e.g. personal data contained in evidential materials), it will have been supplied to me as part of my instructions in circumstances covered by legal professional privilege.

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, I may share the personal data with:

1. my Chambers, which supplies professional and administrative support to my practice;
2. Courts and other tribunals to whom documents are presented;
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.

I do not intend to transfer data to any country which is not either within the European Union, or otherwise permitted by UK data protection legislation.

Under the UK GDPR, data subjects whose personal data I process have the right to request from me access to, and rectification or erasure of, their personal data, the right to the restriction of processing concerning them, the right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ico.org.uk).

In cases where there is a contract between me and the data subject, the provision of personal data is a contractual requirement and the data subject is obliged to provide the personal data in order that I can supply legal services. A failure to provide such data may mean that I will not be able to provide those legal services.

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[Data Protection Policy](#)

[Legitimate Interests Assessment](#)

Direct Access

Kiera Oluwunmi 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](#).