

# Kiera Oluwunmi

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Kiera practises across Chambers' main areas of expertise, with a particular focus on crime and quasi-criminal matters.

## Crime

Kiera regularly appears in the criminal courts. She has both prosecuted and defended in cases involving a range of offences including assault, battery, theft, possession of offensive weapons, public disorder offences, motoring offences and drugs offences.

Kiera recently appeared in the Court of Appeal, where the 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.

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

## Notable Crime cases

- **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)**

Led by Trevor Burke KC, 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.

- **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.

## 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 forfeiture and restraint proceedings.

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

## Licensing / regulatory

Kiera regularly appears for Transport for London in licensing appeals and prosecutions in the Magistrates' Courts. She 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. 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.

## Extradition

Kiera is keen to develop a practice in this area and is due to commence the CPS Extradition Unit Secondment in June 2023.

## Public Law

Kiera has been involved in Post Office inquiry working on a range of matters since March 2022.

## 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 Closure Orders and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders. She also regularly appears on behalf of the National Probation Service in breach proceedings in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts.

## Notable Cases

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## 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 (September 2018)  
Quarter-finalist, Essex Court Mooting Competition (2016/17)  
Winner, UKLSA National Mooting Competition (2015/16)  
Winner, QUB Open Moot (March 2016)  
Winner and Best Individual Mooter, QUB Novice Moot (November 2015)

## **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.

### **Professional Memberships**

Criminal Bar Association  
Young Fraud Lawyers Association

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6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
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