

Reka Hollos

Call: 2014



Reka Hollos's practice encompasses a broad mixture of crime, regulatory and public law, with a particular interest in cross-border crime, extradition and public inquiries.

Crime

Reka is regularly instructed for both the prosecution and defence before the Magistrates' and Crown Courts.

Reka is experienced at representing defendants with learning difficulties or mental health conditions and is able to advise and examine experts, provide representation in fitness to plead proceedings and deal with intermediaries/appropriate adults. She has completed specialist training on dealing with vulnerable witnesses.

Reka provides advice to individuals in cases arising out of their involvement with the criminal justice system, even where no criminal proceedings have (yet) been brought including applications for details to be removed from the Police National Computer database and letters of representation to prosecuting agencies to dissuade them from continuing proceedings.

Reka is able to advise on appeals against sentence and conviction.

Notable Crime cases

- **R v P (2019)**

Instructed on behalf of a defendant charged with possession of firearms and ammunition when prohibited involving expert evidence as to the defence of antique firearms.

- **R v RJ (2018)**

Secured a suspended sentence for a defendant charged with making over 50,000 indecent images of children of categories A-C.

- **R v D (2017)**

Instructed on behalf of a defendant in a multi-handed fraud by false representation and money laundering in a cross-border 'phishing' scam.

- **R v A & H (2017)**

Represented two defendants in an allegation of sexual assault and ABH which resulted in the CPS offering no evidence after an application to adduce the complainant's bad character.

Public Law

Reka is developing an extensive practice in public and administrative law with a particular focus on inquests and public inquiries.

She has had significant involvement in a number of public inquiries. She is currently instructed as junior counsel for the Metropolitan Police Service in connection with the Inquiry into Undercover Policing and is providing legal advice and representation for a school in connection with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. She has previously carried out a disclosure review instructed by the London Fire Brigade in connection with the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Reka is well-versed in advising a range of lay and professional clients, including on sensitive issues raising matters of public interest immunity and legal professional privilege.

Reka also acts on behalf of interested persons in inquest proceedings and is able to advise on potential liabilities arising from coronial proceedings.

She accepts instructions on behalf of the government, public bodies, and individuals.

Notable Public Law cases

- **Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing (2016-)**

Instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service.

- **Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (2018-)**

Acting on behalf of a school as part of the residential schools inquiry.

- **Inquest into the death of S (2019)**

Acting on behalf of a school in an inquest into the death of a young boy.

Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

Reka appears on behalf of requested persons and judicial authorities in extradition cases, at both first instance on appeal to the Administrative Court.

Notable Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance cases

- **S v Poland (2019)**
Appeal against extradition on s.10 (dual criminality) grounds.
- **B (2018)**
Provided legal advice to an individual who was the subject of a request for MLA in connection with criminal proceedings abroad. Following representations, the individual's assistance was no longer required.

Regulatory Law

Reka undertook a secondment to Kingsley Napley LLP as an Associate Barrister presenting fitness to practice cases on behalf of the Health and Care Professions Council. Reka was responsible for the presentation of cases involving a range of allegations from dishonesty, sexual misconduct and fraud to poor record-keeping and previous convictions/cautions.

Civil Law

Reka acts and advises in civil matters, often arising from criminal or coronial proceedings.

Reka is currently instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service as second junior led by Andrew Warnock QC and Sarah Le Fevre in a civil claim arising out of the death of Mark Duggan.

Reka also appears in applications for civil preventative orders including Closure Orders, Forced Marriage Protection Orders, Domestic Violence Protection Orders and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, both in the Magistrates' Court and on appeal to the Crown Court.

Notable Civil Law cases

- **Duggan et al v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis (2019)**
Junior counsel instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in a civil claim for damages arising out of the death of Mark Duggan.

- **K v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis & Another (2019)**

Junior counsel instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service in a claim for damages before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

Advisory Work

Reka is regularly instructed to carry out disclosure and legal professional privilege reviews. She has been instructed as independent counsel by the Metropolitan Police Service and HMRC.

Reka also provides written advice on other matters within her areas of practice.

Professional Memberships

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

Education and Professional Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
- LL.M. in Public International Law, Leiden University (Distinction)
- LL.B in English Law and French Law, King's College London (First Class Honours)
- Maîtrise en droit, Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Ann Goddard Scholarship (Grays Inn, 2015)
- Prince of Wales BPTC Scholarship (Grays Inn, 2013)
- Internship Award for Vocalise (Grays Inn, 2013)

Publications

- The Requirement of Specific Direction in Aiding and Abetting in the Stanišić and Simatović Trial Judgement 9 Bedford Row International Blog
- The International Criminal Court: Legal Maxims: Summaries And Extracts From Selected Case Law Global Community Yearbook of International Law & Jurisprudence (2012-I) (co-author)

Professional Appointments

- CPS Panel (General Crime) Level 1
- CPS Panel (Extradition) Level 1
- Security cleared to SC level

Other Experience

Before coming to the Bar, Reka gained considerable experience in the field of public international law. She has worked as a research assistant advising on such matters as diplomatic immunity, law of the sea and arbitrary detention. Prior to this, she served as a law clerk to Judge van den Wyngaert at the International Criminal Court on the cases of Prosecutor v Germain Katanga and Prosecutor v Laurent Gbagbo working in both English and French.

While undertaking her legal training, Reka volunteered for the Media Legal Defence Initiative assisting in the drafting of a communication to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights concerning the arbitrary detention of journalists imprisoned under Ethiopia's Anti-Terrorism Proclamation.

Languages:

- French
- Hungarian