

## Rachael Woods

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### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

### Criminal CV Overview

Rachael is a specialist criminal advocate regularly instructed by defence and prosecution in serious and complex cases involving:

- Armed robbery
- Homicide
- Drug conspiracies
- Fraud
- Serious sexual offences including allegations of a historic nature and child cruelty and neglect

She has been a Grade 4 Prosecutor for a number of years. Rachael has practised at the Bar for over 14 years and prides herself on being approachable and providing advice and representation in a direct and robust manner.

## Cases

### HOMICIDE

**R v Lin & others** (1996) (prosecution) – manslaughter of 21 Chinese cockle-pickers on Morecambe Bay – advised on all aspects of disclosure working with the investigation team a year prior to trial.

**R v Fisher** (2007) (defence) – Ten Defendant murder arising from a serious incident of public disorder, issues of joint enterprise and cut throat defences.

### ARMED ROBBERY

**R v Knight** (2010) (defence) – armed robberies of Securicor vans with evidence based on cell site analysis – successful application of no case to answer.

**R v Grant & others** (2009) (prosecution) – armed robbery of a taxi driver – case rested on vulnerable eye witness & chronology of phone evidence.

### DRUG CONSPIRACIES

**R v Manzoor & Ibrahim** (2010) (prosecution) – £1 million conspiracy to supply heroin operation investigated by SOCA.

**Operation Walrus 3** (2012) (prosecution) – money laundering arising from multi-million pound drugs ring.

**R v Craven** (2010) (defence) – large scale drugs importation – successful application made to dismiss the case.

**R v Wisdom** (2011) (defence) – money laundering of £140,000 cash found hidden under the bed with traces of heroin.

**R v Lendiak & Aktar** (2011) (prosecution) – conspiracy to supply cocaine with issues of sensitive disclosure/PII which potentially assisted one Defendant but incriminated the other.

## SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES

**R v Bates** (1998) (defence) – multiple teenage victims (paperboys) subjected to sexual grooming and serious assaults.

**R v Lines** (2010) (prosecution) – historic rape against family members including extended family members who made additional disclosures following the first set of allegations coming to light.

**R v Head** (2011) (prosecution) – advised CPS & Police Discipline & Complaints re repercussions of behaviour of OIC – approved by DPP.

## CHILD CRUELTY

**R v Mahmood** (2010) (defence) – mother jointly charged with husband of assault and neglect of young child who was admitted into hospital with multiple injuries including fractured ribs.

**R v Newstead and Roseshaw** (2009) (prosecution) – baby shaking case causing brain injuries.