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Appointments

- Category 4 Prosecutor for the Northern and South Eastern circuits
- Rape Panel Member
- Level 3 Specialist Fraud Panel (CPS)
- Serious Fraud Office (SFO) Counsel Panel member

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Female Fraud Forum

Education

- BA (Hons) Politics

Criminal CV

Overview

Jane Greenhalgh is known as an experienced and highly competent senior barrister with an extensive practice.

Called to the Bar in 2004, after a five year career as a solicitor and partner at Robert Lizar solicitors, Jane practises in general crime, fraud, serious sexual offences and organised crime. She has particular experience in complex fraud including MTIC, immigration fraud, agricultural fraud and trading standards.

Jane prosecutes and defends in equal measures and is a Grade 4 CPS Advocate, and a Category 3 Specialist Fraud Panellist.

In addition, she has a background in regulatory cases, being instructed on behalf of the GMC and representing defendants in GDC and HCPC cases at fitness to practice hearings.

Last year, Jane was junior defence counsel in *R v Reynhard Sinaga*, representing the most prolific sexual offender known in English legal history. She continues to represent this client in the upcoming Attorney-General reference proceedings, when the Crown will submit that the client should have been made the subject of a Whole Life Order.

Prior to that, Jane was Leading Prosecution counsel in *R v Muhammad Babar Bashir et al*, a lengthy immigration fraud instructed by the CPS Specialist Fraud Division. After a lengthy trial, the defence appealed against the convictions which Jane successfully argued against at the Court of Appeal.

Jane is known as a very capable junior and has a nationwide practice.

Cases

White Collar Crime/ Fraud

R v Jonathan Pickford (2019) – Birmingham Crown Court. Defended in an agricultural fraud, where a family of farmers were charged with fraudulently injecting their cattle with Tuberculosis-like reactor material in order to gain compensation from DEFRA. The preparation for this trial involved conferences with leading experts in this field and distilling their complex reports to ensure they were capable of presentation before the jury. On the first day of trial the prosecution indicated they would take pleas from the first defendant, having seen the defence reports showing the weaknesses in their case. The case was dropped then against the defendant.

R v Muhammad Babar Bashir et al (2018/19) – Manchester Crown Court – Leading Junior in a Home Office prosecution instructed by the CPS Fraud Unit in Manchester. Secured convictions in a complex case involving the manipulation of the Tier 4 rules system which allows non-EEA residents to come to the UK and study. Here the colleges were sham colleges, designed to sell their student places without any intention of providing an education and to profit financially as a consequence. The trial lasted five months and two defendants were convicted, one having earlier pleaded guilty.

R v Callum Clay (2018) - Defended in a complex trading standards case where it was alleged that the defendants had conned business customers into agreeing to business rates re-evaluations. The defendants would use telesales to generate business, allegedly targeting the vulnerable and those who could not understand English very well. They were convicted but the judge remarked on sentence that they were naïve and hardly experienced criminals.

R v Abid Hussain (2015) – Preston Crown Court. Defended the main defendant in a complex mortgage fraud involving solicitors and financial advisors.

R V Mohammed Munir (2015) – Manchester Crown Court. Prosecuted a £6.5million MTIC VAT Carousel Fraud

R V Geoffrey Auston – (2014) - Teeside Crown Court. Defended in a highly complex mining fraud and POCA.

R v Walton (2014) - Teeside Crown Court. Defending female client charged with conspiracy to commit fraud in a highly complex case of alleged fraudulent applications for government grants. All charges dropped at trial.

R v Ataur Talukdar et al (2013) – Manchester Crown Court. Prosecuted the largest ever prosecution by the UKBA involving eight defendants charged with fraud, immigration offences and money laundering.

General Crime

R v Philip Haigh (2018) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in a serious case of multiple armed robberies of taxi drivers. The defendant was lightly convicted and clearly had been ‘set up’ by a man who had asked to borrow his phone and booked the taxi in the defendant’s name. The police then charged the defendant with this robbery and all other like robberies in the preceding month. He was acquitted of all offences.

R v H & O (Aug 2017) - Manchester Crown Court. Successfully prosecuted drug dealer charged with possession with intent to supply heroin, cocaine, Spice and cannabis. This was one of Greater Manchester’s largest seizure of the Spice drug.

R v Benson (Feb 2017) – Kingston Crown Court. Successfully defended in a National Crime Agency undercover operation involving a conspiracy to supply class A drugs in central London. The defendant, a prominent member of the Nigerian community in London, was acquitted at Kingston Crown Court. Jane was instructed by Ashmans solicitors.

R v S, W and Y and R v P (Oct 2016) – Preston Crown Court. Prosecuted in an armed robbery and assault case involving 3 defendants convicted of robbing and assaulting a mother and her two young sons to obtain a large collection of legally owned firearms stored at the family home. Another defendant was also jailed for helping to organise the robbery. The defendants were made the subject of prison sentences in excess of 56 years. Jane Greenhalgh has been commended by Lancashire Constabulary for her work in this case.

R v Colin Kaler et al (2014) – Central Criminal Court. Defended in a high profile multi-handed Manslaughter case involving the deportation of Jimmy Mubenga.

R v Stuart Graham (2014) – Sheffield Crown Court. Defending in a large scale conspiracy to import Class a drugs involving the National Crime Agency.

R v Rumaal Ingram (2012) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in multi-handed gang murder case.

R v Szirbully (2012) – Manchester Crown Court. Defending Hungarian client charged with conspiracy to facilitate immigration by entering into a ‘sham marriage’.

R v Mark Postles (2012) – Nottingham Crown Court. Junior Counsel for the Defendant. Murder and Dismemberment case where there were complex arguments on Diminished Responsibility.

R v Stephen Slotwiner (2012) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in a historic sex offender case.

R v Dawn Chadwick (2012) – Manchester Crown Court. Instructed to defend a woman charged with supplying a noxious substance to her sister-in-law to bring about an abortion, causing the woman to die.

R v Nathan Halton (2012) – Minshull Street Crown Court. Instructed to defend in a case of child cruelty involving serious non-accidental injuries suffered by an 8 week old baby.

R v Clifton Cameron (2012) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in a gangland kidnapping, blackmail and torture case.

R v Jamie Smith (2011) – Manchester Crown Court. Junior Counsel for the Defendant. Murder case which involved complex hearsay arguments in a *voire dire* where none of the witnesses would attend court to give evidence.

R v Emma Noack (2010) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in a trial, and subsequent re-trial, in a £2.5 million drug importation through Manchester Airport.

R v Colin Joyce, Lee Amos, Aaron Campbell, Narada Williams, Ricardo Williams, Hassan Shah, Aaron Alexander, Kyle Wint, Ricci Moss and Tyler Mullings (2009) – Liverpool Crown Court. Junior Counsel in a 6 month gangland murder case.

Sexual Offences

R v Reynhard Sinaga (2019/20) – Manchester Crown Court. Junior for the defence in the largest rape trial in UK history and, it is believed, the world. For that reason, the case has been reported internationally and is influencing Government policy on the classification of GHB. Reynhard Sinaga was sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty of 159 counts of sexual offences against 48 different men. She continues to represent this client in the upcoming Attorney-General reference proceedings, when the Crown will submit that the client should have been made the subject of a Whole Life Order.

R v Robert Girdlestone (2018) Defended a 76 year old in the trial and then retrial of a man charged with raping and abusing his family, together with his by now deceased wife. Cross-examined both daughters. Hung jury in the first trial, but convicted in the retrial and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

R v Nguyen (2015) – Manchester Crown Court. Prosecuted a husband in a marital rape case.

R v Kadum (2015) – Bolton Crown Court. Prosecuted a rape of a child in a Romanian refugee camp.

R v Floyd et al (2015) - Leeds Crown Court. Defended in a gangland burglary and rape case.

R v Khalid (2015) - Harrow Crown Court. Prosecuted in a case of possession of extreme indecent images.

R v Eddison and Sutherland (2015) – Manchester Crown Court. Prosecuted two defendants charged with the rape of a drug addict.

R v Halloufy (2015) – Manchester Crown Court. Defended in a rape case where the events

were captured on CCTV.

Inquests

Re: Dawn Chadwick (2014) – Manchester Coroners’ Court. Representing Dawn Chadwick in a high-profile Inquest involving the death of a woman from the consumption of vinegar to bring about an abortion.

Recommendations

“She is very forceful and well respected.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“A robust and fearless advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Recent work includes immigration fraud, historic sexual offences and armed robbery cases.”

The Legal 500 2021

“She’s able to thoroughly master the brief, even in difficult circumstances. She manages witnesses and families with calm professionalism in traumatic situations.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Recent work includes immigration fraud, historic sexual offences and armed robbery cases.”

The Legal 500 2020

“A very good, very sound practitioner.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Prosecutes and defends in serious sexual offences, murder and fraud matters.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“She works hard for the defendant, making sensible admissions where possible, and is tenacious in cross-examination.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“A personable and effective advocate.”

Legal 500 2017

“Charming, down-to-earth and good with clients.” “Impassioned where her clients are concerned, she is a natural defender.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“She fights her clients’ cases with skill and charm.”

Legal 500 2016