

Katherine Goddard

QC

An outstanding advocate who sensitively handles the most serious criminal cases, often those attracting significant national attention, including child cruelty, sexual offences, drugs and murder.

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Crime

Katherine Goddard is a CPS Grade 4 and RASSO-approved prosecutor, and has extensive experience in representing vulnerable defendants with or without intermediaries. She connects effectively with judges and juries, bringing an empathy and sensitivity to her work with defendants and witnesses which is underpinned by a keen eye for detail and a tenacity which is most often observed in her thorough cross-examinations. Read the 2019 Yorkshire Post feature article about her.

“One of the finest advocates of her generation.”
– Retired senior circuit judge

Katherine is expert at marshalling high volumes of complex paperwork, and finding the most attractive and efficient way of presenting it to a jury. She is highly regarded for her mastery of detailed medical, forensic and other specialist areas of evidence and for her sensitive, robust and thorough conduct of the most challenging of cases.

“A very solid performer. She’s very good and very thorough.”
– Chambers and Partners 2020

“She is just a brilliant jury advocate and an outstanding lawyer... a very thoughtful and persuasive advocate.”
– Chambers & Partners 2019

Katherine is joint head of chambers and has taken the lead on equality, diversity and wellbeing. She has been appointed by the CBA as one of their circuit liaison officers with particular reference to wellbeing.

Called: 1987
Silk Date: 2019

Appointments:

Joint head of chambers
Grade 4 prosecutor
RASSO panel
Circuit liaison for wellbeing
for the Criminal Bar
Association

Education:

B.Soc.Sc

Significant expertise in serious sexual offences, often involving complex medical and forensic evidence. She is a Grade 4 prosecutor and is routinely instructed by the CPS to prosecute in the Crown Court and Court of Appeal.

Chambers and Partners 2020

Significant Cases

R v G (2019) – Cut-throat defence murder with complex issues of admissibility of a purported confession to the offence during a prison conference. Murder weapon found only after the jury was sworn, and the defendant's DNA then found on the trigger of the weapon.

R v W, Lincoln Crown Court (2019) – Prosecution for murder, in which the defendant claimed to have been the driver of a vehicle used to transport the murderer to the scene of a brutal machete attack but – during cross-examination – confessed to being the person who had carried out the attack, resulting in a quick conviction for murder.

Further information

How much will Katherine Goddard QC's services cost?

Katherine mostly works on a fixed-fee basis for the main hearing, with a daily refresher rate for any subsequent date of hearing, although this depends on the type of work you request. If you'd like a quotation for her legal services in a particular matter, please contact our clerk using the details below and we'll be very happy to help. Please also refer to Bank House Chambers' standard terms & conditions.

What might influence the timescales of the services Katherine offers?

Katherine would normally expect to arrange a preliminary conference with your client within 7 days of first contact from you. After that, despite our best intentions, we can't always control timescales or the amount of time we spend on a case. These can be affected by factors such as urgency; complexity; your own (or your client's) availability; Katherine's availability and that of any third parties; the volume of documents she needs to review or must request; and the court's availability.

Can you have confidence in Katherine's work?

She is regulated by the Bar Standards Board.

How can you contact Katherine Goddard QC?

In the first instance, please contact our senior clerk, Wayne Digby, on 0114 275 1223 or email him at w.digby@bankhousechambers.co.uk.