



Rachel Webster

Call 2016



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Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association

Education

- Higher Rights of Audience (Civil), 2016
- Legal Practice Course, 2009-2010
- Law LLB Hons, Manchester Metropolitan University, 2006-2009
- A-Levels, Allerton High School

Criminal

Rachel qualified as a solicitor in 2015. Having joined Exchange Chambers in 2016, Rachel has developed a busy criminal practice, who regularly appears in both the magistrates' and crown court.

She receives instructions in a broad range of criminal cases including:

- Drugs
- Sexual offences including assaults and images
- Theft, burglary and robbery
- Grievous bodily harm and other serious assaults
- Fraud offences
- Motoring offences

Rachel has experience in road traffic matters, successfully advancing arguments involving exceptional hardship and special reasons.

She also represents a large number of Defendants who have complex mental health difficulties. Rachel adopts a sensitive approach in these cases and has extensive experience defending where a Defendant has been found to be unfit to plead. She also has experience assisting the Court with considering Hospital Orders with Restrictions under s.41 Mental Health Act 1983.

Rachel has excellent advocacy skills and prides herself on her ability to forge excellent client relationships and offer a fast turnaround of work.

Cases

R v CW & JS. Successful prosecution of a robbery and attempt armed robbery of a child. Both Defendants convicted on their respective counts.

R v SP Sheffield Crown Court. Operation Jaguar. 9 handed defence trial violent disorder, representing 1 defendant. Secured unanimous acquittal of the Defendant.

R v SD Leeds Magistrates Court. Successful acquittal of D charged with section 47 ABH and criminal damage.

R v IQ York Crown Court. Secured suspended sentence on a guilty plea to a section 18 offence.

R v GS Leeds Crown Court. Secured a 2 month suspended sentence on a guilty plea to pervert the course of justice.

R v MM. Prosecuted handling stolen goods recovered worth in excess of £100,000

R v HK. Led by senior counsel on a 2 week baby shaking trial. Secured unanimous acquittal of the Defendant.

Disclosure junior 2023.

Recommendations

Rachel Webster is the best counsel I have worked with in 25 years of practice. She cared, was easily contactable and responsive, thoughtful and prepared to fight hard and skilfully in court. As a result, she obtained a favourable outcome for our client against the odds and made me proud of our profession. I highly recommend her.
Solicitor testimonial September 2023

R v Q – Example of Rachel's pure brilliance, determination, and exquisite advocacy.
Solicitor testimonial April 2023

You have been a total rock not only for me but you... took time to explain the case to my son so he was also clear on certain aspects. The way you defended me on my trial was outstanding, the work you do is amazing.
Client testimonial December 2022

Rachel was amazing throughout the whole process. She handled every aspect of the 3-week trial with the utmost professionalism.

Client testimonial December 2022

You could see all of the jury members listening to every word that she said. Rachel really stood-out when she spoke and seemed to capture everyone in the room.

Client testimonial December 2022

She consistently made me feel at ease and confident in the case we presented. Simply put, she was excellent.

Client testimonial December 2022

“You have gone above and beyond also in light of my financial limitations and it is a testament to your character. I have felt in very good hands, supported and reassured and had every confidence in you having my best interests at heart whilst dealing with my case and being my representation.”

Client testimonial December 2022

“I would also like to say how brilliant Rachel Webster was, she was amazing on the court zoom meeting. Completely understood the case. I would highly recommend her (I would have said this even if I hadn’t won, she was great)”

Client testimonial December 2022

“Thank you very much for you expert work. My faith in barristers has been restored. Thank you very much.”

“Highly recommended.”

“[Rachel] did an absolutely amazing job and got our points across very well and articulately.”

“I commend the work by Miss Webster, whose judgement was impeccable. She was really positive and supportive throughout, and took a very forthright line with the claimant and his barrister.”