

Janet Ironfield

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Education

Bolton School
St Hilda's College, Oxford
Inns of Court School of Law
BA (Oxon)

Professional Associations

Member Northern Circuit
Member Criminal Bar Association

Appointments

Approved Falkland Islands Advocates Panel

Areas of Specialism

Crime

Drug importation and Supply

Firearms

Fraud

General Medical Council (Prosecution)

Homicide

Overseas Territory Law

Money laundering, Confiscation & Asset Forfeiture

Motoring Offences

Sexual Offences

Business Crime & Regulatory

Profile

Janet Ironfield specialises in criminal defence advocacy. Janet's principal areas of practice are: offences of violence (including murder and manslaughter); armed robbery and firearms offences; drug importation, production and supply (local or regional); arson; large-scale public disorder; driving offences (particularly those resulting in death or serious injury).

Janet's practice also places an emphasis on serious sexual offences: historic and familial offences; offences against and committed by children or young persons; rape and gang rape; the making of indecent images. Her work also includes offences of people trafficking and sexual offending arising in the context of such conduct.

Janet also has an interest in the law of the British Overseas Territories. She has appeared in Court in the Falkland Islands, and has defended in the trial of a Chilean national charged with violent and sexual offences. The resulting acquittal withstood a subsequent appeal by the Crown.

In addition to general criminal practice, Janet also undertakes prison law and regulatory work. She appears at Court

Martials and has represented many Service personnel in relation to Crown Court matters.

Notable Cases

Murder

R-v-Wilson

42 stab wounds, successfully contested trial – Defendant admitting manslaughter (Defence junior).

Murder

R-v-Tait

murder charged, result –manslaughter (Defence Junior).

Manslaughter

R-v-Cochraine

defended granddaughter/carer of dementia-suffering deceased whose true cause of death was covered up for 4 years - locally reported as 'granny-killer walks free'.

Serious Violence

R-v-Thomas

Defendant acquitted of multiple counts of S.18 (GBH with Intent) in respect of allegations that he caused numerous fractures to the ribs and skull of his 4 month old daughter which experts confirmed were both non-accidental and inflicted on a number of separate occasions.

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Sexual Offences

R-v-Holmes

broad daylight kidnap of random 10 year old from public street – acquitted of rape, sexual assault admitted.

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Sexual Offences

R-v-S

teenager charged with series of rapes and sexual assaults of his sisters under 12 years old – rapes not proved.

Sexual Offences

R-v-Bates & another

gang rape.

Sexual Offences

R-v-Teale & another

gang rape by 14 year old of 14 year old - rape not proved.

Sexual Offences

R-v-Credson & another

gang rape of juvenile by juvenile and another, rape not proved at trial.

Sexual Offences

R-v-F

13 year old boy falsely accused of raping 9 year old boy.

Drugs Offences

R-v-McInnes & others

regional conspiracy to supply Class A drugs from Liverpool to Lancashire towns.

Drugs Offences

R-v-Hales

industrial production of cannabis.

Drugs Offences

R-v-Nguyen & others

industrial production of cannabis.

International Law

R-v-J Cancino Contreras

Falkland Islands - Non-English speaking Chilean national acquitted of violent sexual offending against partner.

Money Laundering & Fraud

R-v-Dawkins

high value 'Streamline' machine fraud, proceeds laundered.

Money Laundering & Fraud

R-v-Onobrara

internationally organised lottery fraud; confiscation of £860,000 successfully resisted.

General Crime

R-v-Drage

defending teenager for failure to disclose key to computer encryption to police; thought to be first prosecution under S 53(1) RIPA 2000. Case result provoked extensive reporting and debate on Internet.

General Crime

R-v-Glasscodine

HGV overturned, crushing pedestrian, when driven (dangerously) under low bridge – undiagnosed eye condition - suspended sentence imposed.

General Crime

R-v-Sweeney

excessively drunk and abusive airline passenger necessitated aborting of flight – suspended sentence imposed.

General Crime

R-v-Daly

armed robbery of shop; firearm and knife used.

General Crime

R-v-Carter & another

armed robbery of bookmakers – sentence successfully reduced in Court of Appeal.

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