DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

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Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
Bolton School	Member Northern Circuit	Approved Falkland Islands Advocates Panel
St Hilda's College, Oxford	Member Criminal Bar Association	
Inns of Court School of Law		
BA (Oxon)		

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
- Contempt & Private Prosecutions
- Professional Discipline and Regulation

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

R-v-Wilson

Practice Area: Murder

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

R-v-Tait

Practice Area: Murder

Murder charged, result –manslaughter (Defence Junior).

R-v-Cochraine

Practice Area: Manslaughter

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'.

R-v-Thomas

Practice Area: Serious Violence

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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R-v-Holmes

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

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

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R-v-S

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

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

R-v-Bates & another

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

Gang rape

R-v-Teale & another

Practice Area: **Sexual Offences**

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

R-v-Crewdson & another

Practice Area: **Sexual Offences**

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

R-v-F

Practice Area: **Sexual Offences**

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

R-v-McInnes & others

Practice Area: **Drugs Offences**

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

R-v-Hales

Practice Area: **Drugs Offences**

Industrial production of cannabis.

R-v-Nguyen & others

Practice Area: **Drugs Offences**

Industrial production of cannabis.

R-v-J Cancino Contreras

Practice Area: **International Law**

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

R-v-Dawkins

Practice Area: **Money Laundering & Fraud**

High value ‘Streamline’ machine fraud, proceeds laundered.

R-v-Onobrara

Practice Area: **Money Laundering & Fraud**

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

R-v-Drage

Practice Area: **General Crime**

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.

R-v-Glasscodine

Practice Area: General Crime

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

R-v-Sweeney

Practice Area: General Crime

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

R-v-Daly

Practice Area: General Crime

Armed robbery of shop; firearm and knife used.

R-v-Carter & another

Practice Area: General Crime

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