



FER CHINNER

YEAR OF CALL 1998



Overview

With over 20 years of trial experience Fer is a highly skilled jury advocate who specialises in cases of serious violence including sexual violence. She has particular expertise in examining and cross-examining children, vulnerable witnesses and medical experts. Her practice has seen her instructed in a wide spectrum of the most serious criminal offences both defending and prosecuting. She is proficient at adopting different tactics to meet the specific requirements of the case which coupled with a meticulous eye for detail makes her an advocate with a proven track record for providing excellent representation to her clients. Her hard work and sharp intellect means she is regularly sought after by her professional clients to advise on sensitive or challenging cases involving complex matters of disclosure, PII, anonymity and media interest. Fer has experience in criminal confiscation; search and seizure orders and civil recovery under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Her personable approach and natural charm make her an obvious choice for jury trials and cases attracting media attention.

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Professional Panel Appointments:

CPS Advocate Panel Member Level 3
Rape and Child Sexual Abuse Specialist Panel Member

Professional Memberships:

Honourable Society of The Inner Temple
Criminal Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit

Other:

Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer 2001
Accredited advocacy trainer for the 'Questioning of Vulnerable Witnesses'.

Education:

Bar Vocational Course – 1998
City University (Diploma in Law 1997 (Hons))
English BA (Hons 2:1)

Notable Cases

Serious Sexual Violence:

R v N

Abduction and knife point rape of a Dutch tourist by an Uber driver who had an obsession with blonde women.

R v C

Repeated rape and sexual grooming of a young girl with severe mental incapacity, over a 3 year period, by her fathers' friend in a strict Muslim community.

R v O

Rape of a 3 year old by her father. The child became mute as a result of the abuse and the case was brought largely on the medical evidence that was available of her internal injuries.

R v M

Repeated sexual abuse and psychological torture of a young girl by her step-father who forced her to go to school whilst threatening to send naked pictures of her to her friends and repeatedly anally raped her when she returned home from school.

R v C

Violent rape of a woman by her husband (both parties were autistic).

R v B

Undercover sting operation by police officers targeting paedophile rings who were hiring out children as young as 9 for sexual services.

R v L

Defendant was befriending single mothers on dating websites so that he could sexually abuse their children. The case included multiple jurisdictions.

General Crime:

R v Odulate

Offence under s.26 OAPA Act. D, in a fit of rage, threw acid over a Sainsbury's employee for 'getting in his way with a trolley'. The attack was witnessed by horrified shoppers who watched as the victims clothing and skin disintegrated.

R v K

A woman who was strangled in her bed by her husband after she asked him for a divorce. She was pregnant at the time.

R v Sanjeevan and Ors

Nationwide credit card cloning case involving the Tamil community. The conspiracy involved petrol stations across the UK with the obtained money being sent back to Sri Lanka to fund terrorist activities.

R v Slater

Cyber attack by a disgruntled ex-employee on his place of work which caused extensive damage to the business.

R v Mughal and Ors

Conspiracy to defraud. Employees of a high street bank were working together to steal over a million pounds from accounts held by their employers.

R v Bailey and Bennet

An elderly male in his 70's was beaten into a coma by 2 men after a robbery went wrong.

R v Rochester and Ors

Junior prosecution counsel in a conspiracy to kidnap case involving organised gangs. This was one of the few cases to be successfully prosecuted in the absence of a victim. (The victim was too scared to give evidence for fear of reprisals).

The case had significant media attention.

R v Trought and Ors

Junior prosecution counsel in a conspiracy to supply case involving 10 kilos of cocaine in a highly organised criminal enterprise. The drugs were brought into the UK from Albania and distributed in central London.