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Abigail Robinson joined Drystone Chambers in September 2025. She has a busy practice on the South Eastern circuit, prosecuting and defending in equal measure. Abigail is a CPS Grade 3 Prosecutor and also appointed at Level 2 on the CPS Serious Crime Panel and a member of the CPS RASSO Panel.

Abigail has extensive experience in cases involving serious violent, sexual and multi-handed offences. Her work includes prosecuting and defending matters such as sexual assault, section 18 wounding, complex multi-handed trials, and cases raising issues of modern slavery. She also has significant experience in the Youth Court covering a range of offences.

Abigail has developed particular expertise in cases involving defendants who are unfit to plead or otherwise highly vulnerable. She has both prosecuted and defended a number of Section 4A "Do the Act" trials. In addition, she regularly represents defendants who are fit to plead but present with significant vulnerabilities, requiring a high level of client care. Her experience on both sides of the courtroom enables her to support vulnerable clients sensitively, while ensuring their cases are advanced effectively and without causing unnecessary distress to any party involved.

She is also experienced in dealing with child witnesses as well as cases involving interpreters and intermediaries, including those in a section 28 format.

Expertise

Sexual Offences

Notable Sexual Offences cases

R v Alfano [2025] Huntingdon Crown Court

Defence of male accused of repeated assault by penetration of his partner over the course of their 9-month relationship.

Once the relationship was over, he was accused of having persistently stalked her, including whilst subject to non-contact bail conditions, over a number of months. The jury brought back unanimous not guilty verdicts after a 5-day trial.

R v Skeggs [2025] Huntingdon Crown Court

Defence of a male accused of sexually assaulting a police officer during the course of his arrest. The jury returned unanimous not guilty verdicts after a 2-day trial.

R v Norris [2025] Peterborough Crown Court

Prosecution of a male accused of having recorded his partner during intimate and sexual moments over the course of their relationship without her knowledge. She discovered the recordings on the day after celebrating their wedding when she was contacted by another woman he was also in a relationship with asking if he behaved in the same manner with her. The jury returned unanimous guilty verdicts after a 3-day trial.

R v Tahiri [2025] Peterborough Crown Court

Defence of a male accused of having falsely introduced himself as a police officer to a 14-year-old girl in order to force her to enter a relationship with him and sexually assaulted her on a number of occasions over a four-month period. He was also said to have sexually assaulted her friend. The trial involved cross-examination of child witnesses via the section 28 procedure with the assistance of intermediaries. The jury returned not guilty verdicts to all charges after a 9-day trial.

R v Turner [2023] Peterborough Crown Court

Defence of a male accused of having sexually assaulted the daughter of his partner. The jury returned a not guilty verdict following a 4-day trial.

Violent Offences

Notable Violent Offences cases

R v Beason [2025] Peterborough Crown Court

Defence of a male accused of assault occasioning ABH and intentional strangulation in a domestic context in the presence of children. The jury returned not guilty verdicts to all offences following a 3-day trial.

R v A (Youth) [2025] Cambridge Crown Court

Defence of a youth who pleaded guilty to knife-point robbery of a lone female at night of her vehicle. Despite the judge indicating a sentence of 8 years for an adult, successfully mitigated to a YRO.

R v Ferguson [2024] Cambridge Crown Court

Defence of a male accused of intentional strangulation in a domestic context. The jury returned not guilty verdicts following a 5-day trial.

R v Cruttenden [2024] Cambridge Crown Court

Prosecution of a male accused of having assaulted his grandfather causing GBH level injuries. The Defendant had been found unfit to plead and the matter therefore proceeded to a Section 4A trial where the Defendant was found to have done the act in respect of the Section 18, GBH with intent charge by the jury.

R v Pretlove [2024] Peterborough Crown Court

Prosecution of a male charged of having strangled and assaulted his partner causing actual bodily harm level injuries over a sustained attack during which he pinned her to the bed, strangled her, assaulted her with a suitcase and punched her. The Defendant was found guilty following a 6-day trial.

R v Dodds [2024] Peterborough Crown Court

Prosecution of a male charged with Coercive and Controlling Behaviour during a relationship where he forced the victim to become addicted to drugs and assaulted her causing GBH level injuries. The defendant was convicted by the jury following an 8-day trial.

General Crime

Notable General Crime cases

R v Batchelor, Mills and Kulesza [2026] Huntingdon Crown Court

Ongoing prosecution of three defendants charged with importing multiple kilograms of cocaine from Costa Rica and exporting substantial quantities to Australia.

R v Nguyen, Nguyen, Hoang & Hoang [2025] Peterborough Crown Court

Prosecution of four Vietnamese males for production of cannabis in respect of two neighbouring properties found to contain cannabis with a street value of £1.8 million. Two defendants pleaded guilty, with the remaining two being convicted following trial.

R v Quinn-Gadjar [2024] Cambridge Crown Court

Defence of a Mother who pleaded guilty to having perverted the course of justice within the context of a rape investigation into her son by assisting with the contact of the Complainant. Mitigated to a suspended sentence.

Qualifications

- LLB Hons: University of East Anglia
- BPTC: BPP University
- LLM: BPP University

Memberships

- Honourable Society of The Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Cambridge and Peterborough Bar Mess (Secretary)