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Joanne Eley is a specialist Criminal Barrister, she prosecutes and defends at a senior level, and her practice covers a full range of criminal work.

She has particular expertise in cases involving serious sexual allegations including both recent and historic cases, and cases requiring specialist witness handling of vulnerable and child witnesses. In recent times she has conducted numerous section 28 cases where the cross examination of the witness has been pre-recorded.

With regards to defence work, she has a wealth of experience in representing defendants who have mental health and learning disabilities.

Those instructing her, recognise she has excellent witness and client care, and she has on many occasions been commended for the way she has dealt with the most sensitive and demanding of cases.

Over the past year she has been led in a murder trial, involving the killing of an 11-week-old baby, dealt with numerous serious assaults, and represented defendants accused of non-accidental injuries to children as well as prosecuting in complex drug conspiracies.

Miss Eley is instructed as both leading and junior counsel, she has a reputation for being hard working, and solicitors commend her attention to detail, demonstrating meticulous preparation and commitment to the case.

She has an extremely successful practice, and pleasant manner.

Expertise

Murder & Manslaughter

Miss Eley has experience with this type of work, as a led junior.

Within the last 2 years she has been led in a trial in which she prosecuted the killing of an 11-week-old baby.

In addition, she was Junior counsel in a murder where the defendant was convicted of murder, having deliberately driven at a female associate

Notable Murder & Manslaughter cases

[R v Kane Mitchell and Lucci Smith \[2021\]](#)

Led by Karim Khalil Q.C in the prosecution of the defendant's in a murder trial.

Kane Mitchell was convicted of killing his girlfriend's 11-week-old baby son.

[R v Simon Whittle \[2020\]](#)

Junior counsel in a murder where defendant was convicted of murder, having deliberately driven at a female associate.

Sexual Offences

Miss Eley frequently prosecutes and defends in cases involving serious sexual offences. She has a wealth of experience dealing with these types of cases. She is known for her calm and reassuring approach in cases where specialist witness handling is required for vulnerable and child witnesses.

With regards to defence work, she has experience in representing defendants who have mental health and learning disabilities.

In recent times she has conducted numerous section 28 cases where the cross examination of the witness has been pre recorded. These cases have to be expertly prepared well in advance of the trial.

Notable Sexual Offences cases

[R v Artez \[2018\]](#)

secured conviction in stranger attempted rape

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[R v Barnes \[2018\]](#)

successfully prosecuted man charged sex offender charged with violent rape.

[R v Grant \[2018\]](#)

Secured acquittal for a man charged with sexual assaults of school girls

[R v Dawson \[2018\]](#)

secured conviction in rape trial

R v Elton TOWNEND Jones [2022]

Successfully prosecuted a man charged with rape and sexual abuse of a child

R v Nicholas Bell [2021]

High profile case, prosecuted a security Officer accused of raping a patient at the Princess Alexander Hospital in Harlow.

R v Samuel James [2021]

Represented the defendant who was accused of humiliating and degrading rapes of his former girlfriend. Partial acquittal.

R v Trevor Monk [2021]

Successfully prosecution of man charged with rape

R v Burrows and Prewitt [2021]

Prosecuted a couple who systematically raped and abused 2 children. Both received an extended sentence comprising of 22 years custody and an 8 year licence. This was a case of huge sensitivity.

Historic Sexual Offences

Miss Eley has been prosecuting and defending in historic sexual cases for many years, she is well known for her meticulous preparation and attention to detail.

Notable Historic Sexual Offences cases

R v Shane Moore [2021]

Prosecuted non recent sexual abuse. The defendant accused of historic abuse of his niece, partial convictions secured.

R v Cantwell [2021]

Secured conviction of man charged with historic sexual abuse

R v Peter Moxon [2019]

represented a man charged with historic sexual offences and secured acquittal

[R v Hackman \[2017\]](#)

secured acquittal of man charged with rape

Gangs & Organised Crime Groups

In recent times Miss Eley has experience prosecuting these types of offences, usually in cases where there is a back ground involving drug supply.

Notable Gangs & Organised Crime Groups cases

[R v Henson and Lowe \[2022\]](#)

Prosecuted serious drugs conspiracy involving millions of pounds worth of cocaine.

[R v Khan, Khan, Rehman and others \[2020\]](#)

Was led successfully in prosecuting these individuals in a county lines drug operation, they received substantial prison sentences.

Sexual Harm Prevention Orders

This area of work features heavily within Miss Eley's practice.

Child Cruelty

In recent years Miss Eley has spent more time defending in these types of cases.

Notable Child Cruelty cases

[R v Loui Buttigieg \[2021\]](#)

Represented a young man charge with causing or allowing non accidental injuries to an 18-month-old child. The defendant was convicted of allowing one injury.

[R v Alex Redding \[2020\]](#)

Defending a man in a case where multiple injuries caused to a child.

Memberships

- Middle Temple

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Eat Anglian Bar Mess