



# Rebecca Wade

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## Overview

Rebecca Wade is a Barrister specialising in Criminal law. She is an established member of the Criminal group having joined Chambers in 2012. Rebecca is Head of the St Ives Criminal Group.

She is a Level 4 on the CPS Advocates Panel, Level 4 on the Serious Crime Group Panel and also a member of their Rape Panel.

She has a very strong Criminal practice with an emphasis on cases of a sexual nature, both Prosecuting and Defending. She has secured acquittals when defending Rape cases, and has an exemplary rate of conviction when prosecuting.

## Practice Areas

### Criminal

Rebecca is known to be hardworking and committed in any case in which she is instructed.

She has been led in a number of cases and has also acted as Leading Counsel. She is trusted to deal with cases of the utmost seriousness, and arguably has expertise beyond her level of call.

She is a committed member of the Midland Circuit having previously been granted the honour of being Junior to the Circuit.

#### Notable Cases

##### **R v Thompson (2019)**

Defending county lines drug supply.

##### **R v Gilbertson (2019)**

Defence of a woman charged with stealing over £160,000 from two elderly men. Secured a favourable basis of plea, and suspended sentence after a successful mitigation.

##### **R v Williams (2019)**

Defence of a man charged with possession with intent to cause fear of violence after producing a firearm in a nightclub. Secured a suspended sentence notwithstanding previous convictions.

**R v Woollery (2019)**

Defence of a man charged with county lines drug supply.

**R v McNutt (2019)**

Defence of a man charged with violent rape of his ex-partner.

**R v Westwood (2017-2019)**

Defence of a man charged with murder by stabbing his mother to death. Required thorough assessment of medical records. Prosecution ultimately accepted a plea to manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility.

**R v Barrister (2018)**

Defence of a man charged with causing the death of two people by dangerous driving. Secured a favourable basis of plea.

**R v Jurkevicius (2018)**

Defence of a man accused of attempted murder. Secured a plea to Section 18 wounding with intent as an alternative.

**R V DB (2018)**

Defence of a man charged with historic indecent assault. Unanimous acquittal.

**R v RC (2018)**

Defence of a 14 year old boy charged with multiple joint enterprise robberies.

**R v DS (2018)**

Defence of a man charged with serious sexual assault of his 5 year old niece.

**R v AG (2018)**

Prosecution of a man accused of rape and false imprisonment from the 1980s following a DNA hit. The case involved complicated scientific evidence.

**R v DW (2018)**

Defence of a man accused of rape at a family party. Not guilty verdicts entered after jury failed to reach verdicts.

**R v BN (2018)**

Prosecution of a man accused of anal rape in a nightclub.

**R v Powell (2018)**

Defence of a young woman accused of kidnap. Not guilty verdict entered after the Prosecution offered no evidence part way through the trial.

**R v Hamilton (2018)**

Defence in a case involving possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

**R v Burns and others (2017)**

Operation Emboss. Multi-handed Prosecution case, led by David Jackson. A conspiracy to supply cocaine, with all defendants being convicted.

**R v GB (2017)**

Defence of a man accused of multiple historic sexual offences of his step-daughter. Acquitted on all counts.

**R v PL (2017)**

Prosecution of a man accused of buggery and indecent assault of a younger child. Convicted on all counts.

**R v Glemao (2017)**

Defence of a man accused of importing indecent images of children into the country from the Philippines. Acquitted.

**R v DB (2017)**

Prosecution of a 19 year old man for rape of a woman with significant mental health issues whilst she was asleep on New Years Eve. Convicted.

**R v Coates and others (2017) – Operation Orchard**

Multi-handed Prosecution case, led by David Jackson. A conspiracy to supply cannabis and launder the proceeds (worth in excess of £1million), with eight out of nine defendants being convicted.

**R v AP (2016)**

Defence of a soldier accused of having sexual intercourse with a 15 year old girl after having allegedly “smuggled” her into his army barracks. Acquitted on all counts.

**R v Campbell and others (2016)**

Operation Absolver – Multi-handed Prosecution case. The seven defendants were tried at Birmingham Crown Court in a trial lasting three months in respect of a conspiracy to import and supply 44kg of heroin (worth in the region of £5million), with six of the seven defendants being convicted.

**R v SA (2016)**

Defence of a 19 year old man accused of raping a friend at a house party. Acquitted on all counts.

**R v SA (2016)**

Prosecution of a teacher for sexual assault of a pupil and former pupil. Defended by a QC.

**R v DC (2016)**

Prosecution of a man for attempting to rape his brother’s partner whilst she was asleep. Convicted.

**R v SY (2016)**

Prosecution of a custodian at a stately home for historic sexual offences against a child whilst at his work premises. Convicted.

**R v O’Brien and others – Operation Griffin (2015-16)**

Prosecution of 14 men for conspiracy to steal rhinoceros horns and precious Chinese artefacts (worth in excess of £17 million) from museums and auction houses across the country. All defendants convicted.

**R v NA (2013-2016)**

Prosecution of a man accused of serious sexual abuse of his foster daughter. Convicted after trial. Successfully resisted an appeal against conviction based on fresh evidence, namely retraction by the complainant.

**R v MR (2015)**

Defence of a man accused of multiple historic rapes of his adopted daughter. Acquitted on all counts.

### **R v JR (2015)**

Prosecution of a man accused of rape and indecent assault of his sisters. Convicted on all counts. Successfully appealed as an unduly lenient sentence.

[R v T \[2011\] EWCA Crim 729](#)

## **Qualifications**

LLB (Hons)

BVC – Very Competent

## **Appointments**

Recorder Midland Circuit (2019)

## **Memberships**

Midland Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

## **Recommendations**

**Chambers and Partners 2021:** "She has a very good grasp of the law, is very approachable and is someone who is able to convey information clearly." "A good forensic lawyer."

**Legal 500 2021:** "A forceful but fair advocate who fights hard for her clients."

**Legal 500 2019:** "Always demonstrates a mastery of her brief."

**Legal 500 2018:** "She has extensive expertise in sexual offences cases."

**Legal 500 2017:** "Efficient, effective and likeable."

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Rebecca Wade prosecutes in the case of a man jailed for targeting the elderly. To read more click [here](#).