



Practice Profile

Catherine Farrelly is specialist criminal practitioner with a wealth of experience in cases of organised crime, homicide and sexual offending.

Catherine's career to date has seen her involved in numerous cases involving large-scale and complex cases of fraud and deception charges, conspiracies involving money, multi-handed offending in relation to kidnap and drugs and she is frequently instructed in cases of serious sexual assaults against women and children.

Catherine is regularly instructed in cases as a leading junior advocate, often leading junior members of Chambers or in-house advocates in cases that require forensic skill and the ability to assimilate huge amounts of served and unused material. Additionally, Catherine is regularly instructed in cases that require sensitivity and particularly those involving young defendants and witness and those considered to be vulnerable. Catherine's regulatory experience includes prosecutions brought by local authorities in respect of housing and benefit fraud, health and safety, trading standards and environmental act proceedings.

Areas of Practice

- Fraud & Financial Crime
- General Crime
- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Prosecution
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Cyber Crime
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Public Access

Other Languages:

Italian

Recent Cases

R v. Hussain [Snaresbrook] 2017

Series of Sex Attacks by Uber Driver

Catherine Farrelly prosecuted this Uber driver whom was sentenced to 12 years for rapes and sexual assaults. Hussain lay in wait outside popular London bars looking for drunken women to rape, preying on women leaving pubs in Shoreditch, in the east of the capital before attacking them as they slept.

Daily Mail report [here](#).

R v. Defontaine [Croydon] 2017

Sexual Assaults on own family members

Catherine Farrelly prosecuted this "persistent and manipulative" paedophile who carried out a series of sexual assaults on 6 of his own family members. He was sentenced to 18 years.

Evening Standard report [here](#).

R v. Khan & Barclay [C.C.C.] 2017

Revenge Stabbing

Catherine Farrelly was prosecution Counsel in this trial of two defendants for the pre-meditated revenge stabbing of another in connection with a drug-deal gone awry. The case involved the analysis of a significant amount of telephone evidence in addition to expert cell site and voice recognition evidence.

Guardian News report [here](#).

R v. Rehman [Snaresbrook] 2017

Rape & False imprisonment of 16 year old girl

Catherine Farrelly was instructed for the Prosecution of this defendant for false imprisonment and three counts of rape involving a daytime attack on a 16 year old girl.

Evening Standard Report [here](#).

R v. Beveridge [I.L.C.C.] 2016

Historic Sexual Assaults

Catherine Farrelly led Paul Jackson in the prosecution of a defendant who, over the course of a number of years, had sexually abused five very young children who suffered from various learning disabilities. The case involved the review of a significant amount of social services and educational material and close liaison with the appointed intermediary. The defendant was sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment with an extended licence of 6 years.

R v. Leppard [Maidstone] 2016

Rape

Catherine Farrelly was instructed in the defence a young man charged with two counts of rape.

News Report here.

R v. N.A. [Snaresbrook] 2016

Rape of daughter

Catherine Farrelly was instructed for the Prosecution of a defendant who had raped his daughter from the ages of 13 to 15 years, using sex toys and other implements during the course of the abuse. The case involved very sensitive handling of the complainant. The defendant was subsequently sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

R v. Anwar & ors [C.C.C.] 2016

Attempted Murder

Catherine Farrelly leading Senghin Kong in this prosecution of 6 defendants on charges including attempted murder, possession of a firearm with intent to commit robbery and conspiracy to rob. At the close of the prosecution case the learned Judge upheld submissions of no case to answer on the charges of attempted murder and possession of a firearm with intent to commit robbery. As a result the prosecution appealed this at an expedited hearing. The Court of Appeal allowed the prosecution appeal and the trial continued on all charges. Leveson LJ gave the judgment of the court reported here. The 6 defendants were eventually convicted of possession of a firearm with intent to commit robbery and conspiracy to rob. The case involved complex cell site evidence and legal argument. Guardian report here.

R v. Rahman [Snaresbrook] 2016

Rape & Kidnap of 15 year old girl

Catherine Farrelly was instructed for the Prosecution of a defendant who kidnapped a 15 year old girl off the street and then repeatedly raped her.

Operation Tineid [Blackfriars] 2015

Fraud

Catherine Farrelly led Ben Holt for the Crown. Defendants were charged with arranging co-defendants to take driving test on behalf of other people. NCA investigation, instructed by the Organised Crime Group at the CPS.

News report here.

R v. MN & ors [Wood Green] 2015

Gangland stabbing

Catherine Farrelly led Valeria Swift instructed by the prosecution, in this 6 handed conspiracy to commit GBH, which included a premeditated attack on another youth, his stab wounds close to his heart which were very nearly life ending. This case required expert analysis of telephone evidence which equated to over 20,000 pages. Defendants convicted of conspiracy.

News report here.

R v. Alasow [Snaresbrook] 2015

Possession of loaded firearm with intent

Catherine Farrelly was instructed in this Prosecution of a defendant who was charged with possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life and possession of ammunition. He had been stopped by police shortly after climbing over garden fences in east London and then disposing of a loaded firearm, fitted with a "silencer". The case involved protracted legal argument over the admissibility of DNA and GSR expert evidence, all of which was ruled admissible.

News Report here.

R v. Castano & ors [Snaresbrook] 2015

Supply of Cocaine

Catherine Farrelly was instructed for Prosecution in this cases involving four defendants in relation to the supply of 1 kilogram of cocaine with an estimated street value of £100,000.