



## Megan Rhys

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Year of Call: 1994

Megan read law at the University of Sheffield achieving both LLB (Hons) and LLM (with distinction). She was called to the Bar in 1994 by the Inner Temple. She practises in criminal law, undertaking both prosecution and defence work. She has also recently returned to family law.

Megan taught advocacy and conference skills on the BVC course at BPP Leeds for 4 years as a part time tutor. She has also been involved in providing training to the South Yorkshire Police in relation to the conduct of ABE interviews.

### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

### Appointments

- CPS Grade 4 prosecutor
- CPS Rape Panel Specialist
- Accredited ATC Advocacy Trainer
- External Advocacy Assessor for the CPS
- Accredited for Direct Public Access instructions

## EXPERTISE

### Crime

Megan is a senior criminal law barrister and regularly appears before the Crown Court. She deals with

all types of serious offences but has a particular specialism in cases involving serious sexual offences and child cruelty.

Megan is a grade 4 prosecutor and a member of the CPS Rape and Serious Sexual Offences panel.

Megan acts on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence and always ensures that advice is given at an early stage.

Megan has extensive experience of dealing with vulnerable witnesses, both children and adults with difficulties. She has conducted many cases where witnesses have required the assistance of intermediaries. She is firm but sensitive in her manner and is often praised on her ability to put people at ease.

## Cases

**R v B:** prosecuted a young man for raping his sister.

**R v S:** prosecuted a sports coach who had sexually abused a number of young female students.

**R v S:** prosecuted a man who had groomed vulnerable young girls from all over England and Scotland and had caused them to engage in sexual activity with him online.

**R v M:** prosecuted a man for raping his wife. The parties were Pakistani and there were cultural issues within the case.

**R v C:** prosecuted a man for using controlling and coercive behaviour towards his partner in a sexual manner.

**R v J:** prosecuted a 14-year-old boy who had learning difficulties for sexually assaulting a 4 year old child. Both the Complainant and the Defendant required the assistance of intermediaries.

**R v R:** defended a man charged with raping a female friend who was said to be unable to consent due to her level of intoxication.

**R v M:** defended a mother jointly charged with her partner with cruelty towards her children.

**R v T:** defended a man charged with stabbing his cell mate in prison.

## Family - Children

For the first 12 years of her practice, Megan did a balanced mix of family and criminal law. Thereafter, she has practised exclusively in criminal law with a particular specialism in serious sexual offences and child cruelty cases.

Megan has recently returned to family law and has acted for Local Authorities, parents and children.

Megan has a wealth of experience in dealing with vulnerable people, both children and also adults with difficulties. She is firm but sensitive in her manner and strives to achieve the best results for clients. Through her criminal practice, she is used to dealing with allegations of sexual, physical and emotional

abuse against both children and adults within a family context, including allegations of controlling and coercive behaviour.

Megan is able to undertake both private and public law children cases.

## Public Access

Megan is accredited to receive instructions directly from members of the public through the Public Access Scheme.

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