



## Rosaleen Collins

Solicitor: 1978

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### **Practice: Crime**

Rosaleen is the most senior female criminal specialist in Guildhall Chambers, with extensive experience in all areas of serious crime. She has particular experience of cases involving serious sexual allegations, and cases involving children. She is highly praised for her outstanding ability to deal with vulnerable defendants and witnesses. Professional clients value her incisive but sensitive approach to all lay clients and her ability to explain all aspects of the case against them. Lay clients find her approachable and professional. She gains their confidence that she will represent them to the highest standards.

Significant cases for Rosaleen last year include:

- Prosecuting a father for long term sexual abuse and rape of his natural daughter and a number of her friends and relatives.
- Defending a 75 year old man who faced allegations of serious sexual abuse of a child 30 to 40 years ago.
- Prosecuting a 'cold case' stranger rape of 3 women by a serial rapist.
- Defending a man for attempted murder of his wife.
- Prosecuting a convicted murderer who attempted to recreate his crime shortly after his release on life licence.

### **Reported cases:**

*R v Heath* 2000 C.L.R. 109 – Duress

*R v Maybury* [2003] EWCA Crim 783 – Criminal procedure

*R v Hooper* [2003] EWCA Crim 2427 – Abuse of process, severance, historic sex offences

*R v P* [2005] EWCA Crim 960 – Manslaughter – unlawful act – horseplay

*R v Ely* [2005] EWCA Crim 3248 – Abuse of process, severance, fresh evidence.

*R v Jones* (Rodney) AG – Reference on serious sex offences

*R v Webb* (Mark) AG – Reference on serious sex offences

**Education:**

BA (Hons) Law

**Pupillage:**

Guildhall Chambers

**Appointments:**

Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate 1992 - 1997

Recorder (June 2005)

**Professional memberships:**

CBA

**Directory recommendations:****Chambers UK 2011**

Crime

Another with extensive experience of handling serious sexual offences is Rosaleen Collins. Solicitors favour her as she is "*exceptionally skilful in dealing with female victims of crime.*"

**Chambers UK 2010**

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Rosaleen Collins is "*very good on difficult cases, such as sex offenses, where clients could feel awkward,*" reported interviewees. She is the most senior female criminal specialist in Guildhall Chambers.

**Chambers UK 2009**

Crime

Rosaleen Collins impresses instructing solicitors with her "*knack for putting people in big trouble at ease.*" Her "*natural approach to advocacy, unassuming presence in court and reassuring manner in conference*" all hit the right note.

**Legal 500 2010**

Crime

Rosaleen Collins has '*excellent interpersonal skills and is well respected by judges*'.

**Legal 500 2009**

Crime

Rosaleen Collins handles a steady stream of serious criminal cases.

**Legal 500 2008**

Crime

Rosaleen Collins, "*effortlessly persuasive in court*".

**Clerk:**

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