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Gaylene Coles was called to the Bar in 2023 having previously qualified as a solicitor in 2011. Since 2019, Gaylene has appeared as a Higher Court Advocate appearing daily in Crown Court. In 2023 Gaylene was granted a full exemption by the Bar Standards Board to practise as a barrister.

Gaylene has considerable advocacy defending in Magistrates Court, Youth Court and Crown Court on a wide range of offences including robbery; burglary; theft; stalking; harassment; violent offences; serious drug offences; public order offences; and sexual assault.

She has a reputation as being diligent and tenacious and has a particular interest in cases where care is needed with vulnerable and young defendants.

## Recent case examples:

- R v D Southampton Crown Court 2024: Allegation of sexual assault. Not guilty verdict.
- R v B Southampton Crown Court (2024): Allegations of assault occasioning bodily harm on three occasions in a domestic context. Not guilty verdicts.
- R v O Southampton Crown Court (2024): Allegation of intentional strangulation in domestic context. Not guilty verdict.
- R v N Winchester Crown Court (2024): Allegations of assault on emergency workers. Guilty plea and sentence under Mental Health Act.
- R v A Southampton Youth Court (2023): Allegations of sexual assault by penetration. Not guilty verdicts
- R v SA Portsmouth Crown Court (2023): Allegation of assault occasioning bodily harm by defendant protecting his home. A successful submission of no case to answer was made.
- R v W Portsmouth Crown Court (2023): Allegation of assault occasioning bodily harm in domestic context. Not guilty verdict.
- R v B (&others) Southampton Crown Court (2023): Allegations of possession with intent to supply Class A

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drugs. Guilty plea sentenced to a suspended sentence.

• R v S 2022 – Southampton Crown Court. Allegation of blackmail. Guilty plea sentenced to a suspended sentence order.

## Qualifications

BPP, London - HRA

The College of Law of England and Wales, Guildford - LPC (Commendation)

The College of Law of England and Wales, Birmingham - GDL (Commendation)

Queens University Belfast MSc(Ed) - CBL

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