



## Practice

Helen is a specialist criminal defence practitioner with a broad range of jury trial experience in cases of murder (led junior), serious violence, sexual offences, blackmail, fraud, firearms offences, arson and offences of dishonesty. Helen has lead in multi-handed cases of conspiracy involving drugs and robberies.

Helen has particular experience in the sympathetic representation of mentally disordered offenders including fitness to plead issues and brings this approach to assist more vulnerable defendants generally in the trial process

Helen also undertakes the representation of families at inquests, particularly where the death occurs in custody. Judicial review arising from criminal proceedings also forms part of her practice.

Additionally, Helen has been an advocacy trainer for pupils at Middle Temple for over ten years and in 2008 qualified as a mediator.

## Publications

Criminal offences contribution in Supperstone and O'Dempsey on Immigration and Asylum.

## Notable Cases

**R v Hutchinson & others** - murder, Streatham Ice Rink shooting.

**R v Leon Ward & others** - conspiracy to rob; over 30 robberies of travel agents, acquitted.

**R v Vui & others** - conspiracy to cultivate cannabis

**R v Anderson** - murder, acquitted on re-trial after Court of Appeal quashed conviction

**R v Richardson** - manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility

**R v Ramsey & others** - murder

**R v Khan** - re-trial money laundering

Appellate

**R v Tinker** - murder conviction quashed, manslaughter substituted, fresh psychiatric evidence

**R v Dudley, Maynard & Clarke** - murder convictions quashed

## Societies

Amnesty International Lawyers Group, Liberty, JUSTICE and Criminal Bar Association.

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1992

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### Education

LLB (Hons)

### Languages

French (basic).

### Practice Areas:

Helen Curtis is a member of the following Practice Areas:

- Crime
- Extradition Law
- Fraud & Regulatory
- Inquests
- Mediation
- Mental Health
- Prison Law
- Public & Administrative Law

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