Kitan Ososami



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Specialist in:

- Criminal Law
- Prison Law
- Inquests & Public Inquiries Team
- Modern Slavery & Trafficking Team

Experience

Kitan is regarded as a tenacious, warm, and highly efficient advocate by lay and professional clients, peers, and the judiciary. She achieves favourable outcomes in difficult cases.

Kitan has particular interests in youth justice, protest, criminal justice system-related public law issues, and international human rights and criminal law.

Kitan also accepts instructions in inquests and inquiries. Her substantial experience enables her to provide dedicated representation to bereaved families and other interested parties navigating these complex and emotionally charged proceedings. Kitan's ability to meticulously analyse evidence, coupled with her compassionate approach, ensures that her client's interests are vigorously protected.

Prior to joining the Bar, Kitan gained a wealth of experience across the legal and third sector in varied areas of law and practice. She uses the knowledge and experience gained from these to provide a holistic defence to her clients.

As a paralegal at Simpson Millar, she drafted letters before claim for judicial reviews and worked on cases within the education and community care department.

Kitan also worked as a paralegal at Birds Solicitors where she gained experience across all

areas of prison law. She drafted representations to prisons and the Parole Board regarding recalls, recategorization, and parole hearings.

As a Legal Intern at JUSTICE, Kitan provided legal research and analysis to the Preventing Digital Exclusion from Online Justice, Innovations in Personally-Delivered Advice and Mental Health and Fair Trial Reports.

Kitan was a Youth Advocacy Worker for BLAM UK where she was responsible for managing the school exclusions project. She also provided training to schools and local authorities on incorporating anti-racist practices and diversifying the curriculum. Kitan was also invited to present to community groups and appear on a podcast about racism in the education system.

Kitan has a strong commitment to voluntary and pro-bono work. She has volunteered for APPEAL, Citizens Advice, Support through Court, Howard League for Penal Reform, and Mind where she developed excellent client care skills and experience in working with vulnerable individuals. She has provided pro-bono representation through Advocate and is a member of Unjust's Legal Group.

Kitan has provided legal consulting to television writers, producers and directors developing legal dramas. She is open to further opportunities in this space and across the wider creative media industry.

Education

Bar Professional Training Course – University of Law – 2021

Criminal Justice LLM – Queen Mary University of London – 2018

Law LLB (Hons) – University of Birmingham – 2016

Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Haldane Society

Human Rights Lawyers Association

Women in Criminal Law

Youth Practitioners' Association (committee member)

Bar Human Rights Committee

Languages

Spanish (intermediate)

Awards

Harmsworth Scholarship – Middle Temple – 2019

Blackstone Entrance Exhibition Award – Middle Temple – 2019

LLM Scholarship – Kalisher Trust – 2017

CEPLER Internship Award – Birmingham Law School – 2015

Cases

R v CN (Central Criminal Court)

Kitan Ososami represented a woman of good character charged with assaulting an emergency worker in the Central Criminal Court.

The allegation arose out of an incident at Notting Hill Carnival in 2024, where a police officer alleged that her hair was pulled by Kitan's client. The Complainant and two other police officers gave evidence.

Following robust cross-examination and forensic analysis of all officers' body-worn footage, Kitan made a half-time submission of no case to answer as the live evidence of hair pulling contradicted the body-worn footage.

The application was successful, and the Judge directed the jury to return a not guilty verdict.

Adam Abo-El-Ella of MTC Solicitors instructed Kitan.

R v LWS (Oxford Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami represented the first defendant on a six-handed indictment for wounding with intent and affray. Kitan's client was 16 years old when the incident occurred and turned 18 the day before trial.

The Crown's case was that Kitan's client and the second defendant (another child) were pursued by a group of adult males who continued to intimidate them from outside of a shop. CCTV showed Kitan's client and the second defendant running out of the shop with wine bottles, which were broken in the affray and used to cause really serious injury to one of the adult males.

The jury unanimously acquitted Kitan's client of wounding with intent and found him guilty of the lesser offence, unlawful wounding, and affray.

Whilst on bail for this case, Kitan's client was found guilty in the Youth Court for two charges of robbery and two charges of possessing a bladed article in public. The District Judge deferred sentence until the conclusion of his Crown Court case and then committed the matter for sentence.

Kitan's mitigation persuaded the Court to impose a two-year term of detention, suspended for two years, as it was agreed that Kitan's client had strong personal mitigation and a realistic prospect of rehabilitation in the community.

Kitan was instructed by Laura O'Brien and Denilson Marku of Hodge Jones and Allen Solicitors.

R v AF (Croydon Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami represented a woman charged with grievous bodily harm with intent, aggravated burglary, and possession of a bladed article in public.

The Crown's case was that Kitan's client acted as a "honey trap" by attending the victim's home with two other males, who stabbed the victim multiple times. All three stole various items from his property. After an altercation, the two males fled, but Kitan's client was detained by the victim and subsequently arrested at the scene. Later, in police custody, a concealed knife was found on her person.

On the first day of trial, Kitan's client pleaded guilty to possession of a bladed article in public.

Following the trial, she was unanimously acquitted of grievous bodily harm with intent and its lesser alternative, unlawful wounding. She was convicted of aggravated burglary alongside one of the males, who was also acquitted of grievous bodily harm with intent but convicted of unlawful wounding. The second male has never been identified.

In sentencing, the Judge acceded to Kitan's submissions that her client's psychological profile significantly reduced her culpability. He also cited her personal mitigation as a factor in sentencing her to 4.5 years' imprisonment. The Judge was persuaded by Kitan's submissions not to impose the mandatory minimum sentence for the knife offence, as exceptional circumstances were present. She received 4 months' imprisonment for this offence, which will run concurrently.

Kitan Ososami was instructed by Antoinette Woghiren of A&A Law.

R v SC (Woolwich Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with a section 18 GBH (wounding with intent) and possession of offensive weapons.

The Crown's case was that, during a fight, Kitan's client struck the Complainant with a mattock, causing two stab wounds and bruising. Following his arrest, he disclosed the location where he'd disposed of the mattock and a knuckleduster was found in his car.

Kitan's client accepted causing one stab wound but denied intending to do so. He maintained that he initially brandished and swung the mattock in an attempt to ward off the Complainant.

Guilty pleas were entered for section 20 GBH (unlawful wounding) and two counts of possession of an offensive weapon. A jury acquitted Kitan's client of section 18 GBH after a trial where they watched CCTV of the incident and heard live evidence from the Complainant, Kitan's client, and his partner.

Kitan was instructed by Sarah Moulange of Hodge Jones and Allen Solicitors.

R v RS (Lewes Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami represented a young man charged with multiple Class A drug supply and possession counts from 2020 to 2022.

Following a guilty plea on the first day of trial to three counts of being concerned in the supply

of class A (cocaine and heroin), he was sentenced to an 18-month Community Order with 20 Rehabilitation Activity Requirement Days and 80 hours unpaid work.

The Judge acknowledged that the case featured elements of 'significant' and 'lesser' roles, in accordance with the Sentencing Guidelines. However, the Judge was persuaded by Kitan's submissions regarding the imposition of a non-custodial sentence because of the time spent on remand and being subject to a qualifying curfew, the delay in proceedings, previous child criminal exploitation, and other substantial personal mitigation.

Further, no penalty was given for the breach of a Suspended Sentence Order he admitted to.

MTC Solicitors instructed Kitan.

R v AJ (Wood Green Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged alongside four others with false imprisonment, s.18, blackmail, conspiracy to blackmail, and theft.

The Crown's case was that Kitan's client arranged for the Complainant to attend an address. Upon arrival, the Complainant was attacked by the co-defendants, who blackmailed him and a family member. Kitan's client was locked in a separate room and later brought outside to witness the Complainant being attacked.

The co-defendants stole the Complainant's phone and left the address. Kitan's client called the emergency services and told the police an account that was contradicted by neighbours' CCTV footage; therefore, he was arrested and charged.

Kitan applied to dismiss all charges against her client. The Crown conceded to the application and offered no evidence.

Sarah Moulange of Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors instructed Kitan.

R v EH [2025] EWCA Crim 1101

Kitan Ososami appeared in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division after the Single Judge granted leave for an out-of-time application to appeal against sentence.

Kitan argued that the imposition of an 18-month Community Order with a 6-month Alcohol Treatment Requirement, 20 Rehabilitation Requirement Days, 100 days Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Tag, and 120 hours of unpaid work was manifestly excessive in light of the

Appellant's time spent on remand.

The Full Court reduced the Community Order length to 15 months and the Rehabilitation Activity Requirement to 15 days.

The judgment is available here: https://crimeline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/1101BbXPiRrj1756899913.pdf

R v MN (Southwark Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami represented a man charged with exposing himself in the Covent Garden area.

The jury heard from an eyewitness, saw video footage taken shortly after the alleged incident, and heard about a previous conviction for a separate sexual offence.

Kitan's client denied exposing himself and said that he had been scratching his thigh as he was suffering from scabies.

The jury unanimously acquitted.

Instructed by Elizabeth Andrewartha of Hodge Jones & Allen.

R v XX (Youth Court)

Kitan Ososami's client (who turned 18 during proceedings) was charged with grievous bodily harm and possession of a bladed article in public after he stabbed another male.

Despite this male not supporting the prosecution, the Crown initially pursued the case by relying on CCTV that showed the male following Kitan's client to his front door whilst Kitan's client repeatedly knocked on the door. Kitan's client stabbed this male five times before running away and handing himself into the police station the following day.

A defence statement raising self-defence for the grievous bodily harm charge and good reason for the knife charge was raised as this male had been bullying Kitan's client for a prolonged period and had recently threatened him with a knife. Expert reports were obtained in support of his defence, highlighting how Kitan's client's diagnoses of ADHD and Autism contributed to his reactions.

The Crown subsequently discontinued both charges.

Kitan was instructed by Ghislaine Sandoval of Hodge Jones & Allen.

R v CS (Kingston Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with intentional strangulation, racially aggravated ABH, and ABH.

A fight ensued where Kitan's client was alleged to have strangled and suffocated another woman whilst making derogatory comments about her nationality. She pleaded guilty to ABH, and the jury heard evidence from the Complainant, her friend, and an independent witness about the remaining counts.

Following a four-day trial, the jury unanimously acquitted Kitan's client.

Kitan was instructed by Sarah Moulange of Hodge Jones & Allen.

R v XX (Southwark Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with one count of possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis) and two counts of possession with intent to supply class C drugs (Etizolam and Alprazolam) following a stop and search in 2022 when he was 19 years old.

The s.45 Modern Slavery Act 2015 defence was raised as Kitan's client stated that an older male compelled him to sell drugs to pay off a debt accrued over the years.

Following review of the defence statement alongside further representations and evidence confirming his account of exploitation that was served after the first trial listing was vacated, the Crown took the view that it was no longer in the public interest to proceed and offered no evidence to all three counts. Subsequently, they also offered no evidence to three counts on a separate indictment for unrelated offences that Kitan's client also faced.

Kitan was instructed by Eldred Taylor-Camara of MTC Solicitors.

Kitan is regularly instructed to represent children and adult victims of modern slavery and human trafficking charged with a variety of offences, obtaining positive outcomes before and after trial.

R v MC

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with exposure and outraging public decency. He was seen masturbating in a fire exit stairwell by one member of the public.

In an interview, he gave a prepared statement saying that he intentionally went to a quiet place out of public view and denied the elements of the offences.

In cross-examination, the complainant confirmed that he was the only person who saw Kitan's client and that he was positioned in a way that only those on the stairwell would be able to see him.

Kitan made a successful half-time submission of no case to answer on the outraging public decency charge and, without giving evidence, he was acquitted of exposure.

Instructed by Rosie Worster and Marilyn White of Commons Law.

R v MK (Stratford Magistrates' Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with wilful obstruction of the highway following his involvement in a protest against the transportation of asylum seekers to the Bibby Stockholm.

The Crown opened its case and read a section 9 statement before applying to adjourn amid disclosure failings and witness non-attendance. The application was opposed by Kitan and the four co-defendants' advocate. The District Judge refused the application, and the Crown offered no evidence.

News coverage of the protest:

Al Jazeera, BBC, The Guardian.

Instructed by Zachary Whyte and Ruby Breward of Sperrin Law.

R v AB (Harrow Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine), simple possession of class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine) and simple possession of class B drugs (cannabis) whilst on a suspended sentence for the same offences.

Police officers alleged to have seen him throw an item into a front garden and, upon retrieval, the item was confirmed to be class A drugs.

Kitan drafted a defence statement on behalf of her client who denied throwing any item and accused the police officers of racial targeting. Extensive disclosure requests were made and,

following review, the Crown offered no evidence to all class A charges. He was fined for simple possession of class B and the Court did not activate his suspended sentence.

Instructed by Ghislaine Sandoval and Priya Pandya of Hodge Jones and Allen Solicitors.

R v ZZ (Youth Court)

Kitan Ososami's 17-year-old client of good character was charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin).

Following a search at his home address for an unrelated matter, police found a large quantity of drugs, cash, and phones. In interview, he raised the s.45 Modern Slavery Act defence stating that older males were forcing him to hold the drugs and money.

A modern slavery expert and psychologist report were obtained in support of the defence. Kitan drafted written representations which referenced the experts' findings alongside social services records noting her client's vulnerabilities and ongoing concerns about child criminal exploitation.

The Crown subsequently discontinued the proceedings.

Instructed by Daniel Ankama of MTC Solicitors.

R v KA (Southwark Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with having a bladed article in public, namely a knife. He raised the defence of good reason as he was a chef and had been at a trial shift earlier in the day.

The jury unanimously acquitted Kitan's client. Therefore, he avoided a minimum term of six months imprisonment as someone with a previous relevant conviction.

Kitan was instructed by Tony Burton of JS Defence Lawyers.

R v RR (Southwark Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client of good character was charged with assaulting an emergency worker by beating. It was alleged that she threw a cigarette at a police officer during a solidarity march for Gaza.

Despite police witnesses saying they saw the cigarette hit with the complainant, the body-

worn footage did not corroborate this.

Following Kitan's submission of a written application to dismiss, the Crown offered no evidence.

Instructed by Zachary Whyte and Ruby Breward of Sperrin Law.

R v MP (Inner London Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's 17-year-old client was found guilty in the Youth Court for possession of a bladed article in public, robbery, and criminal damage. They were sentenced to a 6-month Detention and Training Order. On appeal to the Crown Court (after the client's 18th birthday) this was replaced with a 12-month Youth Rehabilitation Order with various requirements.

Instructed by Ellie Bird of Birds Solicitors.

R v PB (Inner London Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged, along with four others, for causing significant damage to JP Morgan Chase's premises as part of an action under the banner of Extinction Rebellion.

The trial lasted for two weeks and was one of the last criminal damage trials where the defence of consent was left to the jury before the Court of Appeal's ruling in Attorney General's Reference (No1 of 2023) [2024] EWCA Crim 243.

All defendants were convicted and Kitan's client was sentenced to 9 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months.

News coverage before the trial: Bloomberg, Business Insider, Financial Times.

News coverage during the trial: The Guardian, EuroNews, The Guardian.

News coverage following sentence: Financial Times, Sentencing remarks.

Kitan was instructed by Raj Chada and May Spencer of Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors.

R v DS (Wood Green Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with two counts of possessing class A drugs with intent to supply (heroin and cocaine).

He was seen by the police in a suspected drug deal but not arrested because urgent medical

attention was required. After leaving the city, he was arrested many months after and brought back to London for an interview.
Later in proceedings, he raised the s.45 Modern Slavery Act 2015 defence and provided, what he believed to be, the name of his exploiter.

In cross-examination by Kitan, the OIC accepted that police intelligence confirmed the existence of a drug line with the same name in the area where he was stopped.

The jury unanimously acquitted Kitan's client of both counts.

Instructed by Patricia Gaskin of Powell Spencer & Partners.

R v AA (Youth Court)

Kitan Ososami's 17-year-old client was charged with affray, possession of a bladed article in public, and threatening with a bladed article in public.

The offences date back to October 2021 when her client was just 14 years old.

CCTV captured a fight in which the boy alleged to be her client brandished a large zombie knife and attempted to stab another person. He was arrested the next day and later identified by the police officer attached to his school.

He maintained that he was at home.

Kitan challenged the investigation and the police officer's identification of her client. He was found not guilty of all charges.

Kitan was instructed by Antoinette Woghiren and Demi Azzopardi of A & A Law.

Kitan is highly experienced in representing children and young people and has secured not-guilty verdicts for charges of robbery, possession of an offensive weapon, and possession with intent to supply controlled drugs. She is knowledgeable on best practices and has written about youth justice issues for The Barrister Magazine and Youth Justice Legal Centre.

R v YY (Youth Court)

Kitan Ososami's 15-year-old client was charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine), simple possession of class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine) and simple possession of class B drugs (cannabis).

He was stopped and searched by police and found in possession of drugs, a burner phone, and cash. The Section 45, Modern Slavery Act 2015 defence was raised in his police station interview for the class A charges.

Expert reports were obtained from a clinical psychologist in support of his defence.

Three days before trial, the Crown discontinued proceedings citing that it was no longer in the public interest to proceed.

Kitan successfully applied to vacate his guilty plea to simple possession of cannabis and he received an out-of-court disposal instead.

Instructed by Sadique Al-Hakeem of Tuckers Solicitors.

R v LO (Croydon Magistrates' Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with assaulting an emergency worker.

The day before the trial, the CPS discontinued proceedings as they were unable to comply with their statutory disclosure obligations. Eight weeks later, the CPS reinstated the charge under the Victims' Right to Review scheme.

Kitan argued that this was an abuse of process as it would offend the court's sense of justice and propriety.

The District Judge agreed that it would be unfair to try Kitan's client under these circumstances and stayed the proceedings as an abuse of process.

Kitan was instructed by Zachary Whyte and Ruby Breward of Sperrin Law.

R v GB (Isleworth Crown Court)

Kitan Ososami's client was charged with robbery.

The incident occurred within a supermarket and was captured by various angles of CCTV. He stole two bottles of alcohol and was alleged to have threatened staff with violence and death whilst indicating that he had a weapon on him.

Whilst accepting that he stole the goods, her client denied making threats or suggesting that he had a weapon.

He was unanimously acquitted by the jury.

Kitan was instructed by Antonia Kim Charles and Adam Abo-El-Ella of MTC Solicitors.

R v AZV [2023] EWCA Crim 818

Kitan Ososami provided research assistance in this successful appeal against sentence. The Court quashed a sentence of imprisonment for public protection and substituted it with a determinate sentence of 30 months. Having spent more than 15 years in and out of custody, the Appellant was granted immediate release.

The judgment is available here.