

# Sean Poulter

Higher Court Advocate **2007**  
Admitted to Roll **1992**

## Education

State School education, London  
LLB (hons), London  
Law Society Finals, Guildford

## Employment

Galbraith Branley Sols, London - Articles, and Solicitor specialising in crime	<b>1990 - 1997</b>
Sean Poulter & Co, London - started own firm	<b>1997- 1998</b>
Needham Poulter and Partners, London - Founded 4 partner firm	<b>1998- 2014</b>
Independent Higher Court Advocate	<b>2014 – 2021</b>
CPS, East of England - District Crown Prosecutor	<b>2021- 2023</b>
Public Defender Service – Higher Court Advocate	<b>2023 – current</b>



## Profile

Sean qualified as a solicitor in 1992 and has practiced as a solicitor-advocate specialising in criminal law since that time. Throughout his career his work has included offences across the criminal spectrum including Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO). As a partner in Needham Poulter and Partners Sean had the conduct of a large number of RASSO cases including a number of high-profile rape allegations. Because Sean was formally a litigator he is well placed to understand the needs of the solicitors who instruct him and deliver on those needs. In 2007 Sean concentrated solely in Crown Court advocacy. Sean's practice involved high level criminal allegations including historic rapes and allegations involving child complainants.

As a manager in the CPS Sean was a 'disclosure lead' and directly involved in disclosure processes relating to RASSO cases.

Here at the Public Defender Service Sean has been instructed in a number of rape cases and is properly referred to as one of our specialists in this area of work.

Sean is highly respected by fellow advocates and judges and is valued for his ability, integrity and powerful work ethic.



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## Notable Cases (Since Sean joined the PDS)

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### **R v SA (2024) Snaresbrook Crown Court**

Multiple rape by defendant who met complainant at nightclub and who was alleged to have raped her several times before letting her go.

### **R v AS (2024) Inner London Crown Court**

Defendant met complainant through friends on a night out. He is alleged to have followed her home before dragging her into an alley and raping her

### **R v PS (2023) Wood Green Crown Court**

Historic rape alleged to have been committed by a defendant who was already serving a life sentence for multiple offences of rape. Defendant regarded as very difficult to deal with, but case passed without issue.

### **R v AA (2023) Manchester Crown Court**

D, who had a previous conviction for rape indicted for raping a minor who was intoxicated. Case involved calling complainant to give live evidence notwithstanding she had already given evidence via Section 28 protocol.