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A Message from the Heads of Chambers

The end of any year is, almost inevitably, a time both for reflection on the passing of one year, and for looking forward, in anticipation of the year to come.

It is an enormous privilege, as Heads of Chambers, to note the success of Chambers and our members in the course of the year just gone, as well as the promise of what is to come in the future. A particular pleasure is watching the progress of some of our most junior members as they establish themselves in their career, starting on the journey that all of us in Chambers have made and continue to make.

In any successful Chambers, it is always about the people. The success of our members is reflected in our Band 1 and Tier 1 status in the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners and the acknowledgement of individual members. Though they are too numerous to mention, the following are worthy of particular note this year:-

- We are delighted to note that the year ends with Jason Pitter KC, being named “Silk of the year” in Crime, by Chambers and Partners, a well-deserved accolade. It happens to coincide with the end of his three year term as Leader of Circuit. He has served Circuit and its members with unswerving integrity, industry and his usual good humour, and these Chambers are incredibly proud of him. Jason started as a pupil in Chambers. Last years pupils, Lea Levine, Freddie Adams and Miah Nath, now tenants, can have no better example, in their careers, both personally and professionally, we wish them well.
- Geraldine Kelly was appointed King’s Counsel in January, a very well deserved honour which delighted, not just those of us in Chambers, but all who know her across circuit. We have no doubt that Geraldine Kelly KC will continue to flourish in Silk.
- Tom Moran has been appointed a Circuit Judge, His Honour Judge Thomas Moran will sit in Newcastle. Whilst we will miss him from Chambers, we wish him every success.

- Emma Hughes has set a wonderful example to others with her commitment to pro bono work, assisting those who may not otherwise have representation. Emma’s commitment resulted in her being “Highly Commended” for the Pro Bono Excellence Award at the Bar Pro Bono Awards.
- We have also been joined in the last year by Helen Chapman, Jessica Heggie and Gurjot Kaur, who have joined us as tenants. We are delighted to welcome them. Similarly Professor John Cooper KC and Iain Simkin KC have joined us as door tenants.

Last year we received the accolade of being named Chambers of the Year at the British Legal Awards and this year we were named LexisNexis Chambers of the Year 2025. Such awards coming in such quick succession demonstrate, not just our success on circuit but our success on a national basis and the commitment and dedication of members and staff.

Finally, our Leeds premises, has undergone a programme of decoration and refurbishment, the first stage is nearing completion and our “grand old lady” as we like to think of our wonderful building, is looking much improved following her facelift!

We wish you all a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and wish you and your families the very best for 2026.



Left: Nicholas Lumley KC, Claire Anderson, Amber Walker, Teresa Pugh and Kirsten Frankland at the Lexis Nexis Legal Awards 2025



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Chambers Appointments and Achievements in 2025

We are delighted to be able to celebrate the many appointments and achievements of our people over the course of the year. Recognising and celebrating success is an important part of who we are. So congratulations to:

- Geraldine Kelly on her appointment as King's Counsel.
- Tom Moran on his appointment as a Circuit Judge.
- Jason Pitter KC on being named Crime Silk of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2025.
- Nicholas Lumley KC on his shortlisting for Crime and Extradition Silk of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2025.
- Ashleigh Metcalfe on her appointment as a Fee-Paid Judge of the First-Tier Tribunal.

Right: Jason Pitter KC, collecting his award for Crime Silk of the year at Chambers UK Bar Awards 2025

Below: Rob Wagg, Teresa Pugh, Jason Pitter KC, Nicholas de la Poer KC and Paul Greaney KC





Chambers Appointments and Achievements in 2025 (cont..)

- Helen Chapman, Jessica Heggie and Gurjot Kaur joined our chambers as tenants and Professor John Cooper KC and Iain Simkin KC joined chambers as door tenants.
- Freddie Adams, Miah Nath and Lea Levine accepted offers of tenancy following successful completion of their pupillages.
- Samantha Brown, Oliver Kilvington and Caitlin Smith who joined us for pupillage.
- Richard Holland (Panel B), Danielle Gilmour (Panel C) and Ben Whittingham (Panel C) on their appointments to the Attorney General's list as Junior Counsel to the Crown.
- Lee Fish (Grade A), Adam Birkby (Grade A), Jade Bucklow (Grade A), Claire Anderson (Grade B), Richard Holland (Grade B), Ashleigh Metcalfe (Grade B), Ryan Donoghue (Grade B), Danielle Gilmour (Grade B), Oliver Connor (Grade B), Amber Walker (Grade C) and Ben Whittingham (Grade C) on their appointments to the list of Specialist Regulatory Advocates.
- Lee Fish to the CPS Specialist Fraud Panel (Level 3), Marte Alnaes (General Crime Level 4), Oliver Connor (General Crime Level 3) and Daisy Wrigley (General Crime Level 2) on their successful CPS appointments and regradings.



Winners...

In **March**, we were beyond delighted and proud to be awarded the prestigious title of Chambers of the Year at the LexisNexis Legal Awards 2025.

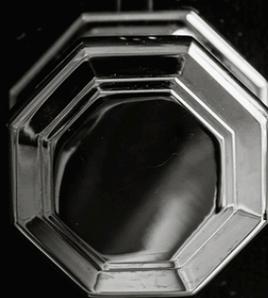
We thoroughly enjoyed the evening which was held at the Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel in London.

In their commentary, the judges praised not only our exceptional specialist legal services but also our ambition to be recognised as a holistic 'force for good' and to show that the Bar can be something more. The judging panel also commended our diversity initiatives, environmental sustainability, commitment to wellbeing and standard setting across the profession.

We are very grateful to our clients for their excellent testimonials and outstanding feedback.

Thank you.





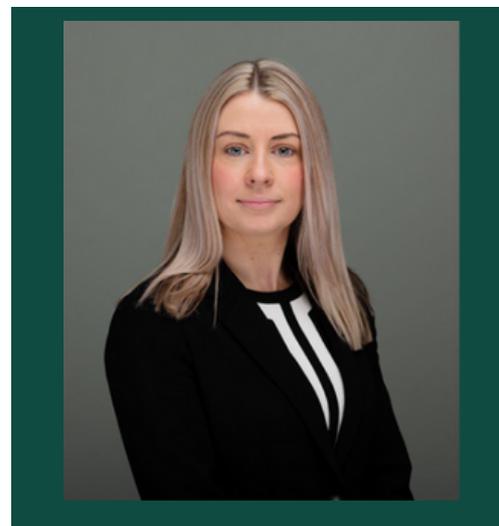
A Celebration of Women at the Bar

In **March** and in celebration of International Women's Day, Jessica Slaughter was invited to speak at two events.

At the first event Jessica joined St John's College Law Society, University of Cambridge, for a panel session entitled Exploring Domestic Abuse through the lens of Criminal and Family Law. Jessica was specifically selected due to her knowledge and experience of domestic abuse cases in both Criminal and Family Law proceedings.

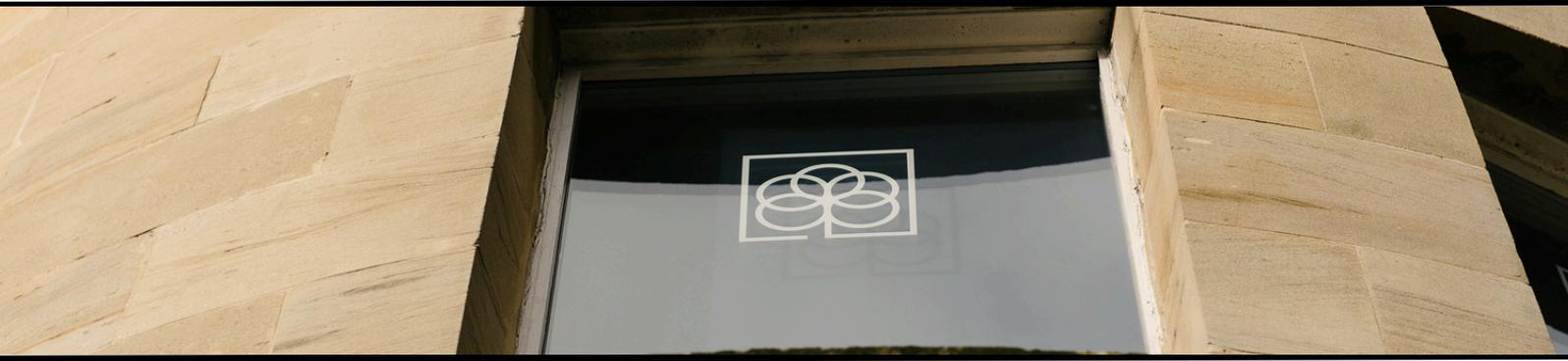
The second event was hosted by a number of University Collaborating Societies: Ladies in Law (ULaw), LSE Women in Law Society, Liverpool Diversity in Law Society, Durham Women in Law and Warwick Future Female Lawyers.

The event celebrated Leading Women in the Legal Sector. Jessica took part in a panel discussion and led a separate workshop on Criminal Law. The event gave a valuable insight to female students considering a future career in Law.



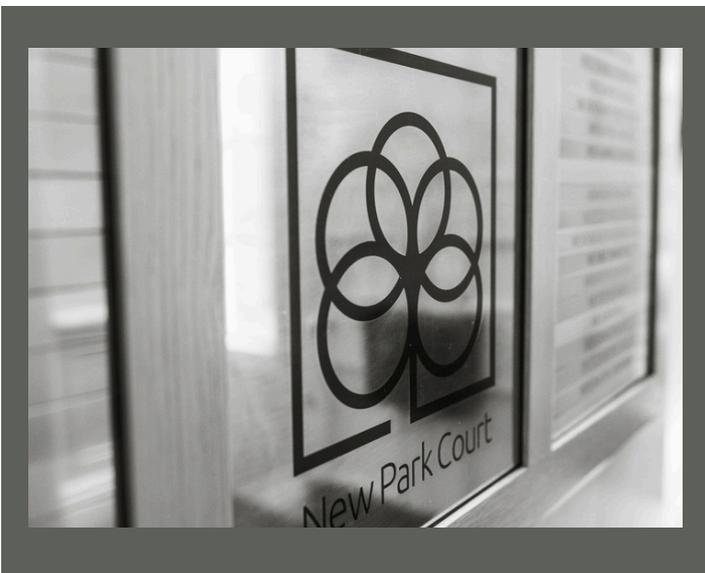
Also in **March**, we welcomed to Chambers the Chair of the Bar, Barbara Mills KC. The Chair met with our members, future pupils and members of staff to discuss and share insights on a variety of topics from the condition of the court estate, the future of family law, challenges within the criminal justice system and ending violence against women and girls, one of the Chair's priorities.





In **June**, we welcomed the Durham University Women in Law (DUWIL) Society to our Newcastle Chambers to share an insight into both New Park Court and life at the Bar.

The event began with Miah Nath and Antonia Adie speaking about Pupillage and becoming a new Tenant, respectively. Gurjot Kaur shared her experiences of the CPS, the Employed Bar and transitioning into Chambers. Jessica Slaughter spoke about the Family Bar and Claire Anderson gave an insight into Criminal Law. Rob Wagg and Claire Anderson wrapped up the day by giving the attendees an insight into our Pupillage recruitment process and how to make an application stand out.



In **April** we hosted our second North Eastern Circuit wide Men's Mental Health Seminar, led by Sharon Beattie KC and moderated by Alistair MacDonald KC.

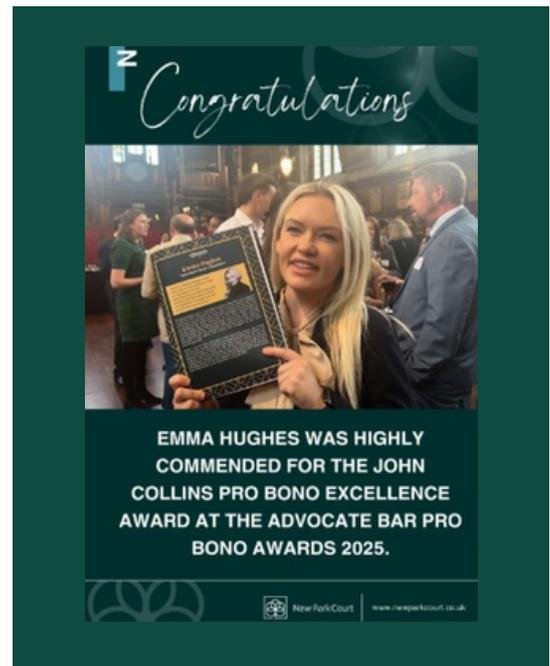
Ian Wootton, a registered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and Chartered Psychologist, gave a talk on 'over control' and potential impact this can have on wellbeing. Wendy Showell Nicholas, a BACP Accredited Psychotherapist, spoke about how to spot mental health warning signs and techniques for overcoming them.



Corporate Social Responsibility at New Park Court in 2025

In **May**, we were proud to congratulate Emma Hughes, who was Highly Commended for the John Collins Pro Bono Excellence Award at the Advocate Bar Pro Bono Awards 2025.

Emma was recognised for her outstanding commitment to pro bono work, alongside her busy criminal and family law practice. Her recognition being testament to her dedication to access to justice and the role of advocacy in supporting the vulnerable.



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In **June**, we once again took part in the 10,000 Black Interns Programme, offering an internship for a week shadowing one of our barristers. Our placement was awarded to a current law student and offered them a valuable insight into life at the Bar. Having been one of the first sets of Chambers at the Bar to sign up to the initiative, we are pleased to share that we have committed to provide further placements in 2026 and beyond.



In **December**, we were pleased to congratulate Oliver Kilvington who was awarded a Gray's Inn Senior Scholarship. The Senior Scholarship is Gray's Inn's most prestigious scholarship and is only awarded to Pupils of exceptional merit who demonstrate excellent written and oral ability.



In **June**, we raised money for the Access to Justice Foundation by completing the Legal Walks in Leeds and Newcastle. We raised a total of £665 for the Foundation, who work tirelessly to support and enable the delivery of free legal advice to those most in need.

This is a great charity and one which we are very proud to support.





In **October**, we once again welcomed **The Diversity Trust** to join us to deliver our Race Awareness Training.

This year our training focussed on contextualising the Race at the Bar Report (2021), Race at the Bar Report: 3 Years On (2024) and the recommendations from the recently published Harman Report.



As a Bar Council Wellbeing Certified set of Chambers we embrace the responsibility of supporting our members and staff.

We were very pleased in **June** to extend our collaboration with Bupa Healthy Minds which provides all of our people and their immediate families with 24/7 confidential access to counsellors and specialist advisors.



Reaching out to the Future Bar

Throughout 2025 our unique University Outreach Programme has been in full flow.

We have met with students and academics at a number of Law Careers Fairs as well as meeting and lecturing law students on life at the Bar and The Business of Chambers. These have included events at the University of Cambridge, the University of Durham, Northumbria University, University of York, University of Sunderland, University of Law and Leeds Beckett University to name a few.

Members and staff also attended the first Pupillage Fair North (jointly run by the North Eastern Circuit and the Northern Circuit) in Leeds, where our members delivered talks, assisted with CV clinics and spoke with potential applicants.

In **January** we also hosted our own annual Pre-Pupillage Open Events for prospective pupils in both Leeds and Newcastle, allowing students to meet us and learn more about Chambers.





In **June**, Chloe Hudson was invited by the Johannesburg Society of Advocates to speak as part of an International Panel on success in pupillage and early years of practice. Along with David Hay KC (Westwater Advocates) and Bibi Badejo (4 Paper Buildings), Chloe delivered a seminar and question and answer session on building a practice and being a success at the criminal bar to 80 delegates from across South Africa.



Also in **June**, our Chief Executive, Rob Wagg, and our Deputy Head of Chambers Newcastle, Lee Fish, appeared on separate episodes of the Call to the Bar podcast.

Rob gave listeners an insight into The Business of Chambers and his role as CEO of New Park Court Chambers. Lee shared his expertise on rape trials and the busy life of a criminal barrister.





Working and collaborating with our partners

Throughout 2025 we enhanced and extended our partnerships with local law societies, including Leeds Law Society, Sunderland Law Society and Newcastle-upon-Tyne Law Society.

We delivered a range of CPD seminars across our key practice areas of Family, Regulatory and Crime. All of which were supplemented by a regular drum beat of thought leadership based articles from our members.

We were also very pleased to sponsor and attend a wide variety of events, some of which are highlighted below.



Left: Sharon Beattie KC and Nick Lane presenting a seminar on Coercive and Controlling Behaviour and disclosure between the family and criminal courts for the Sunderland Law Society.



Above: Valerie Sterling and Sally Terris delivering an insightful session on Private Law Children and a Financial Orders Update co-hosted with the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Law Society.

Section.22 POCA Applications - when POCA comes back for a second bite - webinar with

Richard Holland

Date: 19th March 2025
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Where: On-line only
This event is hosted by:



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Developments in Disclosure

webinar with

Nick Murphy

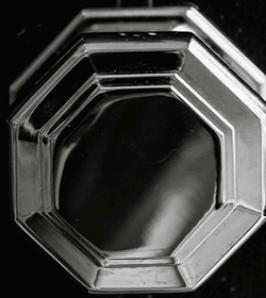
Date: Monday 14 July 2025
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Where: On-line only
This event is hosted by:



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Richard Holland and Nick Murphy delivered online training for Leeds Law Society POCA and Developments in Disclosure.



In **June**, we had the pleasure of being invited to attend the President's Summer Charity Party, hosted by Newcastle Upon Tyne Law Society.

We had a wonderful evening and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and socialising with peers and colleagues from the legal community in the North East and all in support of a very worthy charity – The Child Brain Injury Trust.

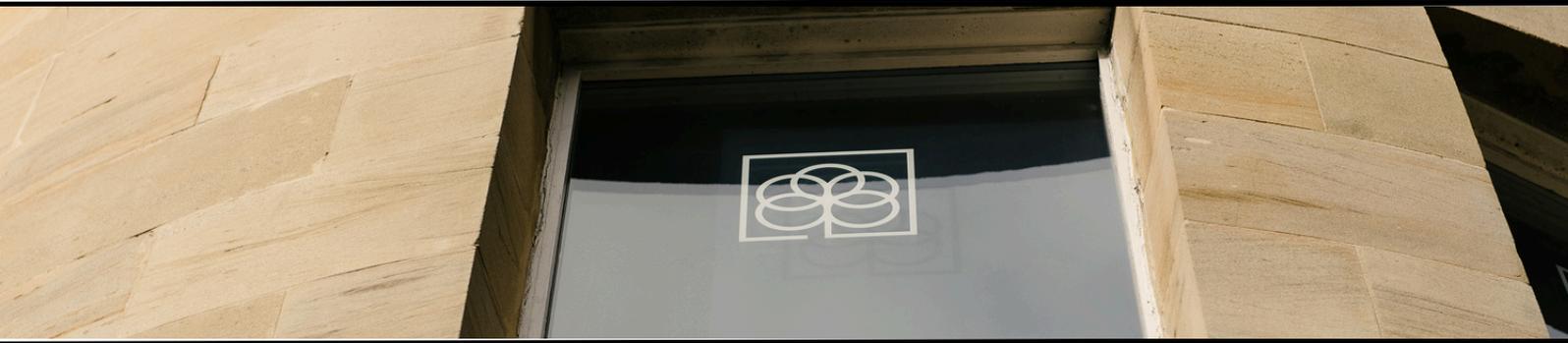


In **October** we were honoured to once again sponsor and attend the Newcastle Upon Tyne Law Society Annual Law Dinner.

We joined colleagues from across the region to celebrate the North East's legal community where Rob Wagg, our CEO, was privileged to present awards to those named as Law Students of the Year.



In **May**, We were delighted to attend the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL) Annual Dinner at the Guildhall.



In **June**, we were proud sponsors of the Humberside Police Federation Bravery Awards 2025.

Nick Lumley KC had the honour of presenting bravery awards to two courageous officers who risked their lives to save a young woman in danger on the Humber Bridge – a genuine act of real heroism.

It was a privilege to be part of such an inspiring evening.



In **October**, we once again sponsored the Criminal Law Solicitors Association Conference and AGM in Manchester. This year's theme, "Don't Look Back in Anger," provided many forward-looking discussions on the future of the criminal justice system.



Also in October, we were delighted to support a Resolution Pathfinder training event hosted at Stewarts Solicitors and organised by Head of our Family Team, Valerie Sterling, as part of her work on the Resolution panel.





What the Directories say...

In **October**, we were thrilled once again to be recognised as a leading set across our practice areas in both Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide 2026 and the Legal 500 2026.

We were awarded Band status across our key practice areas of Crime, Inquests & Inquiries, Professional Discipline and Business and Regulatory Crime. Individual members were also recognised for Environment, Financial Crime, Health and Safety and Family.

Commenting on our rankings, our CEO, Rob Wagg, said, "It is incredibly pleasing to see such a strong increase in our rankings as well as such excellent feedback from our clients, peers and those across law, thank you very much. I am delighted to see that, collectively, our specialist legal knowledge and talent is recognised by our being ranked in our key areas of Crime, Inquests & Public Inquiries and Professional Discipline and that our barristers are well known across the country for their expertise."

The set houses a *"quality of counsel within this set which is second to none."* - **Chambers and Partners 2026 (Crime)**

'New Park Court Chambers is an excellent set, which provides elite barristers at the top of each of its practice groups.' - **Legal 500 2026 (Crime)**

'New Park Court Chambers demonstrates a considerable depth and breadth of expertise in the inquests and inquiries field' - **Chambers and Partners 2026 (Inquests and Inquiries)**

'New Park Court are a top set to deal with who have a great range of exceptional barristers in this field. Counsel consistently show high levels of expertise in the area, and provide quality advocacy. Counsel provide a first-class service, and are professional, but approachable and friendly, and pragmatic in their approach to cases.' - **Legal 500 2026 Professional Disciplinary Law**

'an exceptional set. The depth and breadth of counsel about regulatory crime are excellent.'
Legal 500 2026 Business and Regulatory Crime



Refurbishment of our Leeds Chambers

This year also proved to be an important one in terms of investment and infrastructure. Following the full refurbishment of our Leeds Chambers, we are pleased to have struck the right balance between creating a contemporary working environment whilst respecting and accentuating the Georgian history of our wonderful building.

Looking forward, our attention now turns to upgrading our Newcastle Chambers and turning our Leeds basement area into a multi-use seminar, events and hosting suite.





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A message from our CEO

Sharon Beattie KC and Nick Lumley KC, our Joint Heads of Chambers, very neatly captured the most important reflections of the year in their opening message; the successes and growth of our people, both collectively and individually.

In doing so, this therefore allows me to shine a brief light on and share my pride in our efforts of a subtly different kind, our positive and conscious impact on the world around us.

Seeing the New Park Court Woodland grow to over 200 trees, via our partnership with Make It Wild, is a particular highlight of mine. Not only because of the Carbon Offsetting it provides but also because of the joy we know it brings to so many who visit this protected and nurtured corner of nature.

You will have also read about the time, energy and support we have given to a range of activities, from Legal Walks raising monies for charity, through to our University Outreach Programme that aims to showcase and offer insight into both who we are and what life at the wider Bar looks like. All of these, including our sponsoring of 10,000 Black Interns, Pro Bono work and promoting access to justice, share a common theme – our commitment to being both a ‘force for good’ and much more than the average set of Chambers - something I am incredibly proud of.

With further infrastructure and commercial development projects planned for the forthcoming year, 2026 promises to be one of continued growth for us.

Of course, none of this is possible without the enduring support and engagement of our thriving client base, and for this we are very grateful. Thank you.

I wish you and yours a prosperous 2026 and beyond.



Some of our notable casework in 2025

Jason Pitter KC appeared for Peter Sullivan, an appellant who had spent the last 38 years in prison following his conviction for the brutal murder of Diane Sindall in 1987. The case was referred to the Court of Appeal and the conviction ultimately quashed in light of new DNA evidence.

It is understood to be one of the longest-running “miscarriage of justice” cases of its type, following a previous appeal and engagement by the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The case received widespread national publicity.

James Edward Staley v Financial Conduct Authority (Upper Tribunal)

Robert Smith KC acted for Mr Staley throughout the proceedings which commenced in 2021 in respect of Mr Staley’s approval of a letter drafted by Barclays Bank when he held office as Chief Executive Officer and which concerned a response to the FCA’s enquiry concerning the history of Mr Staley’s relationship with Jeffrey Epstein.

The Upper Tribunal dismissed the reference by James Edward Staley against the decision of the Financial Conduct Authority but substantially reduced the fine which was originally imposed. The Prohibition Order remains in place.

An Environment Agency prosecution involving **Lee Fish** featured in the BBC Fraud Squad Series. Lee Fish was instructed to prosecute Greenology, its directors and others involved in running the company. The case concerned a number of illegal plastic recycling sites, however, the major focus was a site near Redcar. At this site waste was stored illegally and dangerously. The result was a very large fire at the site that had a significant impact on the surrounding area.



Paul Greaney KC and **Adam Birkby** prosecuted a case where a violent incident took place between police officers (including armed officers) and members of the public at Manchester Airport. That led to the trial of Mohammed Fahir Amaaz on charges accusing him of the assault of a member of the public and three police officers and his brother Muhammad Amaad on a charge of assaulting one of those police officers.

Mohammed Fahir Amaaz was convicted of the assault on the member of the public and on two of the police officers. The jury was unable to decide the charge faced by both brothers in relation to a third police officer. A retrial is to take place on that charge. The case attracted substantial national and international press attention.

Nicholas Lumley KC and **John Hobley** prosecuted a murder and child cruelty case towards a 22-month-old child at Teesside Crown Court. Christopher Stockton was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 25 years for the murder of 22-month-old Charlie Roberts.

He was sentenced to an 8-year concurrent sentence for cruelty towards Charlie, who he had intentionally injured on a number of occasions in the year prior his death.

Mr Justice Goss also imposed a 4-year custodial sentence on Paula Roberts, Charlie's mother, for child neglect following her guilty plea during the trial, accepting she had failed to seek medical attention for Charlie for injuries inflicted by Mr Stockton in the weeks before his death.

Mr Stockton, Paula Roberts's partner, had telephoned an ambulance while looking after Charlie in January 2024, claiming he had collapsed after having choked on a biscuit. Pathological results revealed Charlie had suffered catastrophic brain injuries from being shaken or thrown against a hard object shortly before his collapse. Further investigation of photographs of Charlie revealed a pattern of inflicted injuries coinciding with Mr Stockton's involvement in Charlie's life.



Jason Pitter KC and **Ben Campbell** appeared for the prosecution in the tragic case of a man, dubbed a “Good Samaritan” by the media, who was murdered when he was driven over by the Defendant.

The circumstances of the case had attracted widespread national publicity because the deceased, who had been out on a family walk in the days after Christmas, had stopped to assist an apparently unconscious woman on a road in Sheffield. In doing so he became unwittingly involved in two families feuding in relation to a wedding earlier that day. Tragically, whilst administering that assistance he was run over and killed, by the defendant who was the woman’s brother. The woman along with her mother and another passerby also suffered life threatening injuries.

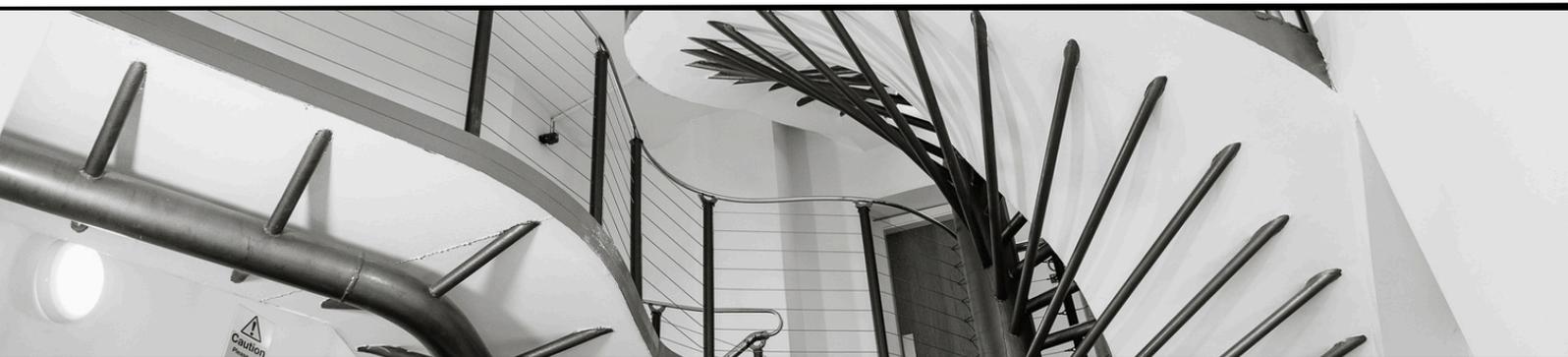
The defendant was convicted after a 5-week trial before Mr Justice Morris of murder, 4 counts of causing GBH with intent and 2 counts of wounding with intent. His father was convicted of perverting the course of justice, in relation to hiding the knife that was used.

Sharon Beattie KC and **Chloe Hudson** acted for the Prosecution in the case of R v Kramarski.

The Defendant was convicted of Manslaughter and Arson [being reckless as to whether life was endangered] in respect of a fire set outside the flat he shared with the deceased, who was trapped in the flat and subsequently died as a result of smoke inhalation. This fire also resulted in a family with young children being trapped in an upstairs property and having to jump to safety.

At Leeds Crown Court the Defendant was sentenced to an extended sentence of 21 ½ years in respect of the manslaughter conviction [17 ½ plus 4 years extension] and an 8 years concurrent sentence in respect of Arson.

Paul Greaney KC and **Nicholas de la Poer KC** appeared at hearings of the Omagh Bombing Inquiry as Counsel to the Inquiry.



Nicholas de la Poer KC and **Richard Holland** secured a murder conviction of John Belfield.

On 3 July 2025 John Belfield was convicted of murdering Thomas Campbell and conspiring to rob him. The verdicts marked the end of a four week trial in which evidence arising from a meticulous investigation by Greater Manchester Police was presented to the jury by Nick and Richard.

Thomas Campbell was murdered in appalling circumstances, with the judge accepting when sentencing the prosecution's description that he was "tortured to death". The motivation behind the murder was both a desire by John Belfield to steal drugs from Thomas Campbell and also his wish to take revenge on Thomas Campbell who was in a relationship with John Belfield's ex-partner.

The evidence assembled by the police painstakingly reconstructed the last week of Thomas Campbell's life and demonstrated that he had been targeted by a sophisticated criminal gang, led by John Belfield. Thomas Campbell's vehicle had a tracker placed upon it and hostile reconnaissance was carried out of his home. In addition the gang also obtained information about Thomas Campbell from his ex-wife, Colleen Campbell and carried out a dress rehearsal for their attack. Following the attack John Belfield fled to Suriname, from which he was ultimately deported. The jury were presented with evidence from multiple sources including: cell-site, CCTV, GPS, mobile telephone calls and messages, tracker data, crime scene investigation, DNA and pathology.

In Spring of 2023 Nick and Richard prosecuted other members of the gang, including Colleen Campbell, securing a conviction for murder and conspiracy to rob in the case of one of those who attacked Thomas Campbell, and manslaughter and conspiracy to rob in the case of Colleen Campbell and another gang member.

Following John Belfield's deportation from Suriname, he was arrested on suspicion for murder and tried over the course of the last four week in front of Mr Justice Garnham.

On 4 July 2025 John Belfield was sentenced to imprisonment for life with a minimum term of just over 34 and a half years.



Lee Fish was part of prosecution team in a major Encrochat case which featured on the Channel 4 documentary "Operation Dark Phone: Murder by Text." The case involved the prosecution of Jamie Rothwell and 9 others, many of which were significant members of a serious organised crime group. The group were convicted of involvement in the supply of Class A drugs on an industrial scale, the purchasing of firearms with intent to endanger life, agreements to murder/seriously injure individuals and ordering the shooting of individuals. The case arose following French authorities being able to access encrypted mobile phones and the secure communications that these serious criminals trusted ultimately led to their downfall. This was a large and complex investigation. The leading figures in these conspiracies were found to be dangerous offenders and received sentences ranging from 36 - 43 years imprisonment.

Jason Pitter KC leading **Ben Campbell** appeared for the prosecution of Marcin Majerkiewicz who was convicted of the gruesome murder of his flatmate.

The high-profile case received national publicity when the investigation was triggered by the discovery of unidentified body parts in various locations in the Greater Manchester area and the horrific circumstances surrounding the killing involving the deceased's body being sawed into pieces. The defendant had engaged in an elaborate exercise of distributing the body parts and concealing the death, including by assuming the deceased's identity. A complex investigation led to the tracking of the Defendant and the discovery of 27 different body parts comprising only one third of the deceased's body.

Paul Greaney KC attended the UK COVID-19 Inquiry hearing to represent Deloitte LLP.



Tom Storey KC prosecuted a far right extremist sentenced to life imprisonment for attempting to murder an asylum seeker. Callum Parslow was sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court by Mr Justice Dove to life imprisonment for attempting to murder an asylum seeker in a terrorist-motivated attack.

The defendant was found to have in his possession multiple works reflecting an extreme right wing or neo-Nazi ideology, and to have posted multiple messages on X (Twitter) of an extreme racist nature, expressing a willingness to use extreme violence towards non-white people in this country.

He had armed himself with a specialist hand-made knife and travelled to a hotel outside Worcester that had been used by the Home Office to house asylum-seekers, specifically with the aim of attacking and killing one such resident.

He had prepared a terrorist manifesto document which he was in the process of posting to X at the point he was arrested after his attack. The Defendant was convicted after a trial heard at Leicester Crown Court.



Nick Murphy, Jessica Slaughter and **Claire Anderson** were instructed to represent defendants charged with high value burglaries, including at the home of Newcastle United footballer Alexander Isak.

Giacomo Nikolov, Jela Jovanoic, Charlie Jovanovic and Valentino Nikolov travelled to the UK from Italy in April 2024. They conspired together to target properties belonging to high net worth individuals, including footballer Alexander Isak and entrepreneur and care home operator, Helen McCardle CBE. Three houses in the North East were targeted over a 5 day period and more than £1.3m worth of property was stolen, including jewellery, designer handbags, money and an irreplaceable CBE medal.



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