



Chloe Hudson

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Chloe Hudson's complementary barrister practice encompasses criminal and regulatory work for both the defence and the prosecution. Her particular areas of specialism are cases with a medical aspect and sexual offences.

The General Medical Council regularly instructs her to appear at Fitness to Practise Hearings, which gives her substantial specialist knowledge to bring to criminal work with a medical element and involving expert witnesses. The hearings cover all aspects of professional misconduct by doctors, including deficient professional performance, and often involve extremely sensitive subject matter. Chloe has worked on many high-profile cases that have received national media coverage.

Since 2012 Chloe has been an external lecturer to medical students at Manchester Medical School, the University of Manchester, on the law and procedure of the General Medical Council and Medical Practitioners' Tribunal Service.

Chloe has a busy practice encompassing all areas of criminal litigation in the Crown Court. She is a Level 4 Prosecutor and is on the Crown Prosecution Service Rape and Child Sexual Abuse list of specialist prosecutors. Chloe regularly appears, for both the prosecution and the defence, in a range of cases dealing with serious crime, including murder, manslaughter, serious sexual assaults, organised crime, drugs and violence. Having dealt with many cases involving serious sexual crimes, she is empathetic and alert to the sensitive nature of such investigations.

Chloe has enjoyed notable success in cases, including in 2021, leading Ashleigh Metcalfe, when she prosecuted James Macken for the murder of Daniel Jeffries. The Defendant was found guilty after a three-week trial and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum period of 16 years.

Led by Nicholas Lumley KC, Chloe was a finalist in the Dennis Hoban Award for Crime Investigation awarded by the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police for their work on Operation Panelmill, the investigation into the death of Tyron Charles, who was shot in a shipping container in Bradford in 2018 and then buried on moors near Oxenhope. James Sutcliffe was sentenced to 31 years' imprisonment for the murder. Chief Constable John Robins, stated:

Working as a team, you showed innovation in both investigative practise and evidence presentation to ensure justice for a murder victim and his family in what was an extremely challenging enquiry

Whatever the background of the case, Chloe provides strong, focused advocacy in court and is robust in her defence of the unjustly accused. She undertakes drafting and advisory work in all areas of her practice, is a popular choice of junior and enjoys a

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Expertise

Crime

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Crime is a significant proportion of Chloe's practice and she regularly appears, for both the prosecution and the defence, in a range of cases dealing with serious crime including: murder, manslaughter, serious sexual assaults, drugs and violence.

Chloe has expertise in dealing with cases involving non-accidental injuries to babies and small children, particularly those with concurrent family proceedings. She recently prosecuted a so called 'shaken baby' case involving the leading experts in this field of medicine being led by Dafydd Enoch KC.

Notable Crime cases

R v A (2023) - Murder

Defence junior in murder of one schoolchild by another at a Leeds High School, led by Nicholas Lumley KC

R v Hamad Hussain (2021) - Drive by shooting

Defence junior in drive by shooting in Huddersfield, led by Christopher Tehrani KC

R v Macken (2021) - Murder

In February and March 2021, leading Ashleigh Metcalfe, Chloe Hudson prosecuted James Macken for the murder of Daniel Jeffries. The Defendant was found guilty after a three week trial and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum period of 16 years.

R v Hetherington (2019) - Manslaughter

Acted for the prosecution of a youth charged with manslaughter at Leeds Crown Court. The Defendant, aged 16 at the time of the killing, punched the deceased causing fatal injuries. The evidence focused particularly on the issue of causation, the deceased having a number of pre existing medical conditions. The case was heard by the Recorder of Leeds.

R v Sutcliffe (2018) - Murder

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Led by Nicholas Lumley KC, prosecuted James Sutcliffe, who shot the deceased in the head in a shipping container in Denholme, Bradford. The trial Judge, Mr Justice Lavender sentenced the Defendant to 31 years' imprisonment.

R v Florian, Hapliuc (2018) - Murder

Led by Jason Pitter KC, prosecuted two Defendants charged with murder following a dispute amongst the Romanian community in Grimsby.

Regulatory

Chloe prosecutes doctors on behalf of the General Medical Council before the Fitness to Practise Tribunals of the Medical Practitioners' Tribunal Service. The hearings cover all aspects of professional misconduct by doctors, including deficient professional performance and often involve extremely sensitive subject matter. She has worked on many cases that have received national coverage.

Notable Regulatory cases

GMC v Dr Esho [2024]

Prosecuted 'celebrity' aesthetic doctor Dr Tijion Esho for providing Botox to a sex worker in exchange for sexual services.

GMC v Dr Inthiraraj [2023/2024]

Prosecuted general practitioner for multiple acts of sexual misconduct with two patients.

GMC v Dr Sawyer [2023]

Prosecuted plastic surgeon for sexual misconduct against a sedated patient.

Dr Master [2023]

Prosecuted general practitioner for repeated sexual harassment of a physician associate.

GMC v Weerasena

A Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon at Leeds Hospitals NHS Trust regarding allegations of misconduct which lead to the temporary closure of the unit.

GMC v Johnson

A professor of asthma and respiratory medicine at Imperial College London regarding allegations of misconduct involving dishonest billing for privately paid work.

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GMC v Davoodi

An emergency doctor who withdrew life sustaining drugs from an intensive care patient without authority and who falsely believed the patient was 'brain dead'.

Appointments

- Legal Assessor to the General Optical Council
- Legal Assessor to the ACCA (accountants' regulator)
- CPS Level 4 Prosecutor
- RASSO
- GMC Panel
- Finalist in the West Yorkshire Police Denis Hoban Award for Crime Investigation (2020)
- Harehills & Chapeltown Law Centre Management Committee Chairman (2011-2014)

Education

- Pegasus Scholar, internship at the Crown Law Office, Wellington, New Zealand – Inner Temple (2006)
- Lord Haldane Scholarship, Hardwicke Entrance Award – Lincoln's Inn (2002)

Directory Quotes

"Chloe is a hard-working and well-prepared advocate. She is enthusiastic, determined and fearless."

Legal 500 2024

"Chloe is a forceful, very well organised advocate. Her written arguments are excellent."

Legal 500 2022

"She researches and prepares her cases to an exceptional standard."

Legal 500 2021 (Crime)

"She prepares well, and clients feel very supported by her."

Legal 500 2018 (Crime)

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Legal 500 2018 (Regulatory, Health & Safety and Licensing)

“An excellent junior, who is down to earth, practical and meticulous.”

Legal 500 2017

“Client friendly and hardworking.”

Legal 500 2014

“Is an extremely competent and articulate advocate.”

Legal 500 2012

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