Georgina Goring

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Georgina Goring is a highly respected specialist in professional discipline, inquests and inquiries. Georgina is an outstanding advocate and is well known for her personable nature, attention to detail and ability to advise clients regarding complex issues.

Georgina is recognised by the Legal 500 as a Leading Junior in Inquests and Inquiries. She has been appointed by the Attorney General as Junior Counsel to the Crown due to her specialism in this arena and is currently instructed by the Cabinet Office in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

In her professional disciplinary work, Georgina represents both Regulatory bodies and Registrant members in fitness to practise proceedings. Georgina also represents police officers in misconduct proceedings.

Georgina also sits as a Legally Qualified Chair for the Health and Care Professions Council and a Legal Assessor to fitness to practise panels at both the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Optical Council.

In her criminal practice, Georgina prosecutes and defends in serious violence, drugs and sexual offences.

Georgina delivers training to solicitors in all aspects of her expertise.

Expertise

Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory

Georgina is vastly experienced in professional disciplinary and regulatory work and is Deputy Head of Chambers' Regulatory Team. Georgina sits as a Legally Qualified Chair for the Health and Care Professions Council and as a Legal Assessor to fitness to practise panels at both the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Optical Council.

Georgina has expertise in dealing with all types of fitness to practise proceedings including sexual misconduct, dishonesty and

medically complex cases including expert evidence.

Georgina's practice encompasses:

- prosecuting on behalf of the General Medical Council;
- defending all professionals in front of their regulatory body, including dentists, pharmacists, nurses, teachers and counsellors / therapists;
- health and safety and fire safety;
- CQC proceedings;
- representing both individuals and the NHS in relation to NHS England's Performers Lists;
- representing individuals appealing DBS Barring decisions;
- all aspects of Transport Law and representing companies at Public Inquiries before Traffic Commissioners.

Notable Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory cases

GMC v DR

Prosecuted a world renowned consultant cardiologist in relation to sexually motivated misconduct towards a junior doctor. The doctor was suspended for 6 months.

GPHC v RV

Represented a senior Pharmacist in a 3 weeks fitness to practise hearing. Mr RV originally faced over 50 allegations relating to prescription errors, controlled drug errors and dishonesty spanning 4 pharmacies. A successful submission of no case to answer was made in relation to half of these allegations. All dishonesty charges were dismissed and only 6 minor allegations were found proved.

GMC v GB

Represented the GMC in fitness to practise proceedings where the Doctor had physically assaulted members of the public and police officers whilst under the influence of alcohol.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6568199/Junior-doctor-gatecrashed-party-attacked-two-guests-assaulted-police-officer.html

GMC v JA

Represented the GMC in a hearing where the Doctor was found to have sexually assaulted two female colleagues.

OTC v BRP Group Ltd

Represented this 'O licence' company before the Traffic Commissioner who determined no further action needed to be taken given that changes had been made and moving forward they were compliant.

Ofsted v DT

Represented a child minder before Ofsted who faced a series of allegations after an Ofsted inspection.

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BACP v EF

Represented a counselor who faced allegations of patient care failures, involved questioning of a vulnerable complainant.

HCPC v PN

Represented a social worker who faced allegations of failing to report sexual allegations. A small proportion of allegations were found proved. The Panel found that these failures were due to a severe lack of resources and staffing issues. A caution order was imposed for 12 months.

South Kesteven District Council v SR

Represented an individual facing breaches in relation to food safety at his restaurant.

National College for Teaching & Leadership v AM

Successfully represented a teacher in front of his regulatory body. Persuaded the Panel to set aside a prohibition order, allowing the teacher to return to teaching after a 5 year period. Advised on the need of a psychiatric report after considering medical evidence.

NMC v PJD

Successfully represented the NMC. Allegations found proved against senior nurse who physically and verbally abused an elderly care home Resident who had severe learning difficulties. The Conduct and Competence Committee found impairment and that his actions were incompatible with remaining on the Register, thus Nurse D was struck off.

Inquests & Inquiries

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In February 2021, Georgina was appointed by the Attorney General as Junior Counsel to the Crown due to her specialism in this arena. She has extensive experience acting for various medical and care organisations, corporations, governmental bodies and individual interested parties in inquests both with and without juries.

Her recent cases involve deaths in state detention (regularly instructed on behalf of the Ministry of Justice), care institutions and due to complex vehicle collisions. Georgina has a wealth of experience in dealing with care home and medical deaths due to her strong medical regulatory practise.

Georgina has delivered various training workshops to organisations in order to assist them to prepare and deal with inquests effectively.

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Notable Inquests & Inquiries cases

Inquest touching the death of SW

Acting on behalf of the care home. Complex medical evidence examined from various experts in relation to how fractures were sustained which were contributory to SW's death.

Inquest touching the death of SM

Acting on behalf of the care home where SM was found to have choked on food. No criticisms of the home were made as the deceased was found not to be a 'choking risk' after careful questioning of several medical experts on the issue of causation.

Inquest touching the death of RQ

Instructed to represent the driver of a van where the trailer became detached and collided with the deceased. Involves instruction of experts as to technical aspects of compatibility of the trailer and vehicle.

Inquest touching the death of TK

Instructed by insurers for an individual driver. Involved complex vehicle engineering reports.

Inquest touching the death of KT

Instructed by Merseyside Fire Service on behalf of their driver, in relation to the death of a motorcyclist. No criticisms were made of his actions.

Inquest touching the death of CC

Instructed by the Royal College of Nursing in 4 week inquest, in relation to the death of an informal mental health patient in an acute ward. Represented Nurse SL where the issue was the standard of care provided to the deceased by both the ward and the Police. No criticisms were made of Nurse SL's actions.

Police Discipline/Police Law

Georgina is instructed to represent police officers facing disciplinary allegations before misconduct hearings. She has experience of representing officers facing gross misconduct allegations in relation to a variety of issues both whilst officers are on and off duty. She is able to get to the heart of issues and quickly establishes the trust of her lay clients.

Notable Police Discipline/Police Law cases

PC ET

Successfully represented a Humberside Police Constable facing breaches of the Standards of Professional Behaviour arising out of a stop and search under the Misuse of Drugs Act. The Officer was alleged to have been dishonest in relation to this search, seizure

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of drugs and subsequent documentation. The Panel found that the Officer's actions amounted to neither gross misconduct nor misconduct. The outcome was reflective practice for the Officer.

PC FA

Successfully represented a Humberside firearms officer who admitted selling real imitation firearms in art installations. Despite there being a finding of gross misconduct, the Panel imposed a Final Written Warning for two years.

PC AP

Successfully represented a police officer facing multiple allegations of breaching the standards of professional behaviour arising out of alleged controlling and coercive behaviour and stalking his ex partner during their 4 year relationship. The officer was cleared of all charges following a gross misconduct hearing.

PC R

Successfully represented PC R who faced allegations of gross misconduct due to discreditable behaviour. A finding of misconduct only was made with a final written warning imposed.

PC F and others

Successfully represented PC F who faced allegations of gross misconduct due to alleged excessive use of force during arrest and subsequent incident. Proceedings were brought to an end on day 1 of hearing and PC F faced no consequences.

Crime

Georgina is a CPS Level 3 Prosecutor and has particular experience of cross-examination of young children and medical experts. She defends and prosecutors in all matters.

Georgina also has established significant expertise on disclosure issues. She advised the National Crime Agency as Independent Counsel, regarding their disclosure regime relating to the single largest investigation into child sexual exploitation – Operation Stovewood. For many years, Georgina was also instructed counsel on the Disclosure team for the Hillsborough Disaster Criminal Prosecution.

Notable Crime cases

Operation Proseden

Disclosure Junior in a murder trial of a baby by mother and mother's partner.

Operation Mint

Led junior counsel prosecuting 15 members of an Organised Crime Group who were convicted of conspiracy to supply Class A and Class B drugs. They were convicted in respect of the supply of an estimated £1.5million of drugs from Liverpool to Cleveland and other areas.

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The Hillsborough Disaster

Instructed counsel on the Disclosure team for the Criminal Prosecutions in 2021.

R v KM

Defended in causing death by careless driving. Considered expert evidence regarding conspicuity. Defendant pleaded guilty and received a non-custodial sentence.

Operation Yarrowsburg

Successful Prosecution as led junior in a multi handed drugs and fraud conspiracy involving selling psychoactive substances on the 'dark web'. All 4 Defendants received custodial sentences.

R v RM

Defended a Nurse who faced 4 counts of sexual assault in relation to 4 separate complainants whilst working at Leeds Festival. The Defendant was acquitted by jury of all charges.

R v SH

Defended in case of neglect of a person who lacks capacity. Dealt with extensive and complex medical records.

R v MT

Successfully defended a man of good character charged with rape and assault by penetration. The trial featured complex forensic evidence and tracking of the Defendant's movements via GPRS and cell site activity.

R v JH

Successfully defended a man of good character charged with sexual assault and multiple assault charges arising out of an incident in a nightclub. Acquitted of all charges by jury.

R v CR

Defendant charged with causing death by careless driving. Advised on obtaining evidence from pathologist regarding causation and a collision analyst regarding the circumstances of the collision. Trial to be heard 2018.

R v KB

Successfully defended man charged with taking drugs into prison. Defence of duress. Psychiatric evidence obtained to explore the Defendant's mental wellbeing. The Crown offered no evidence once this was served.

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R v YA & PS

Successfully defended two men of good character charged with affray and possession of a bladed article. Successful abuse of process argument in relation to non-disclosure of CCTV evidence. Indictment stayed on all counts against both defendants.

R v WP

Successfully defended a man of good character charged with multiple offences of indecent assault with a child under 13. Acquitted of all charges.

Operation Martinez

Disclosure junior in multi handed murder trial, involving multiple sensitive disclosure issues. All 5 Defendants were convicted.

R v TL

Successfully defended man charged with robbery. Acquitted of all charges.

R v PS

Successfully defended man charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Acquitted of all charges.

Appointments

- Appointed as Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council 2024
- Deputy Head of the Regulatory Team (Professional Discipline) 2023
- Legally Qualified Chair for Health and Care Professions Council
- Junior Counsel to the Crown – Regional B Panel
- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor

Education

- Hubert Greenland Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2013)
- BPTC (Very Competent), Nottingham Law School (2011-2012)
- LLB (Hons), University of Leeds (2007-2010)

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Memberships

- North Eastern Regulatory Lawyers

Directory Quotes

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Legal 500 2026 (Inquests and Inquiries)

“Georgina has a very natural ability to put clients at ease. She is an excellent tactician, and when required she can be a ferocious fighter. A very persuasive advocate.”

Legal 500 2025 [Inquests & Inquiries]

“Recommended for Inquests & Inquiries.”

Legal 500 2024

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Legal 500 2023

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