



# Peter Byrne

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Peter Byrne has almost 30 years' experience of conducting criminal cases before the courts, including the Court of Appeal, ranging from motoring offences to murder.

Peter qualified as a solicitor in 2003, prior to his call to the Bar.

He has a relaxed and approachable style but with an attention for detail from his involvement in serious and complex criminal cases.

## Expertise

### Crime

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Peter is instructed in the following criminal areas: Murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, rape and serious sexual offences, non fatal serious violence, money laundering, robbery and cases involving the importation, production and supply of drugs. Peter has experience of defending and prosecuting in cases where there are arguments regarding fitness to plead and Mental Health Act disposals.

Fraud: Missing trader, asset stripping, fraudulent trading, VAT and mortgage fraud.

### Notable Crime cases

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R v Goodfellow

Defendant unanimously acquitted of assisting murder.

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R v D

Defended in 4-month multi defendant drug supply conspiracy.

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R v Y (2023)

Defence Junior in alleged multi defendant conspiracy to defraud prosecuted by Trading Standards.

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Operation Benson (2020-2022)

Multi defendant conspiracy to cause explosions by attacking cash machines across the North West and Midlands. Led Junior in the main conspiracy and then instructed alone to prosecute satellite cases.

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R v D (2022)

Defence instruction arising from a prosecution on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in relation to Insolvency Act 1986 offences.

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R v R (2022)

Representation of leading role defendant in a Class A drugs supply operation.

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R v C (2022)

Representation of a defendant acquitted of sexual offences

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R v A (2021)

Defence in relation to mortgage fraud and linked allegations of converting and possession of criminal property arising from a separate prosecution of multi-million pound theft from a registered charity.

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R v Halliday and others (2021)

Prosecution of multi defendant wounding with intent and aggravated burglary attracting sentences in excess of 10 years' imprisonment.

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## Regulatory

Defended in prosecutions by the Environment Agency, Trading Standards, DTI, the Post Office, OFCOM, VOSA. Defended and prosecuted in HMRC cases. Appeared for the prosecution in Health and Safety Act proceedings.

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Peter is a member of Chambers' General Medical Council Team and is instructed to present at hearings that deal with all aspects of professional misconduct by doctors, including deficient professional performance. He has experience of all types of hearings including fitness to practise hearings with complex and contested expert evidence.

## Notable Regulatory cases

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### GMC v MW (2024)

Fitness to practise proceedings with allegations of practicing whilst subject to restrictions and dishonestly dealing with the GMC after the work being discovered.

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### GMC v AG (2023)

Fitness to practise hearing following conviction in the Crown Court for sexual offences.

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### GMC v SA (2022)

Fitness to practise hearing where the allegation was assault of a patient.

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### GMC v HT (2021)

Fitness to practise hearing involving issues of dishonesty, failure to obtain consent and inadequate treatment resulting in the erasure of the consultant. The hearing required the presentation of complex expert evidence.

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### GMC v SM (2021)

Fitness to practise hearing in relation to allegations of dishonesty in relation to the preparation of a medico-legal report to support an RTA claim with charges of failing to perform any examination and misstating and exaggerating injuries.

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## Motoring

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Defence of motorists in Magistrates' Courts and on appeal to the Crown Court and specialist advice designed to limit the effect of motoring convictions and the avoidance of disqualification.

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# Appointments

- CPS Level 3 Prosecutor

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