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Education

Bolton School

University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne - LLB

Inns of Court School of Law - BVC

Professional Associations

Criminal Bar Association

Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

Health & Safety Lawyers' Association

Areas of Specialism

- Inquests
- General Medical Council (Defence)
- Trading Standards
- Health and Safety
- Environmental
- Licensing
- Professional Discipline
- Criminal Regulatory
- Fire Safety Law
- Pollution, Waste & Water

Profile

Fraser Livesey practices in the fields of Coronial law, Regulatory work and Serious criminal cases. He has 30 years' experience and has been instructed as leading junior.

He regularly acts for corporate and individual clients in Health & Safety prosecutions.

In the Coroner's Court he has been instructed by both the MPS and MDU to act on behalf of doctors and other medical professionals and been instructed in Article 2 Inquests for commercial clients, local authorities and prison officers.

He appears on behalf of doctors in the MPTS and Police Officers in gross misconduct tribunals.

In the field of General Crime he has both prosecuted and defended in murders, large-scale drugs and money laundering conspiracies, trademark infringement, and firearms cases.

Inquest

A dedicated inquest barrister with extensive experience representing bereaved families, public bodies, and professionals in complex coronial proceedings. Skilled in navigating sensitive issues surrounding deaths in custody, clinical negligence, and workplace incidents. Fraser is known for compassionate client care, meticulous case preparation, and clear, authoritative advocacy before Coroners and juries. Committed to uncovering the truth and ensuring that clients' voices are heard with dignity and respect.

Professional Discipline

Fraser Livesey has developed a strong professional discipline practice, representing and advising professionals facing regulatory and disciplinary investigations and proceedings. He acts for individuals across a range of regulated professions, including healthcare, legal, education and financial services, providing strategic advice from the earliest stages of an investigation through to substantive hearings and appeals. Known for a thorough and pragmatic approach, Fraser is experienced in cases involving allegations of professional misconduct, dishonesty, clinical failings, fitness to practise concerns and breaches of professional standards. He combines robust advocacy with a clear understanding of the significant personal and reputational issues that often arise in disciplinary proceedings, ensuring clients receive practical, effective and sensitive representation throughout the process.

Regulatory (Inc Health & Safety)

Fraser has extensive experience in regulatory law, acting for both prosecuting authorities and defendants in a wide range of regulatory proceedings. He regularly advises and represents clients in matters involving health and safety, environmental, licensing and local authority enforcement, with particular expertise in cases arising under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and associated regulations. Fraser has represented companies, directors, public bodies and individuals in investigations, inquests and prosecutions following workplace accidents, serious injuries and fatalities. Combining detailed legal analysis with a practical understanding of regulatory risk, he provides clear, commercially focused advice and effective advocacy at every stage of proceedings, from initial investigations and interviews under caution through to trial, sentencing and appeals.

Notable Cases

Inquest touching upon the death of NRM (2026)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing a consultant in a 5 day inquest following an unexpected intrapartum intrauterine death in hospital. Evidence involved the monitoring of CTGs, diagnosis and management of PPROM, emergency delivery and expert evidence.

Inquest touching upon the death of JP (2026)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing a doctor in a 2 week jury inquest. There was a complex medical history involving mental and physical health conditions with medics disagreeing on the causes. The jury returned a narrative conclusion that was not critical of the care and treatment provided.

Inquest touching upon the death of IM (2025)

Practice Area: Inquest

An article 2 inquest representing an organisation that assisted the deceased in the community on a daily basis. they were not criticised in the conclusion of this matter although the Coroner found failings on the part of other organisations. Immy had purchased a substance online after visiting pro-suicide websites. Her care - and the inquest itself - was hampered by the lack of sufficient BSL interpreters.

BBC News link - More information

Inquest touching upon the death of MT (2025)

Practice Area: Inquest

At an inquest conducted at the Old Bailey, represented a cardiac surgeon who was replacing a valve when the aorta suddenly dissected, which was a very rare complication of such surgery. The patient suffered a stroke and was rendered tetraplegic, dying from complications thereof some years later. The Court chose to review the operation in detail, concluding that the doctor had promptly recognised the problem and although there were differing options to address it, had acted appropriately in the method chosen. The very unfortunate outcome had been unavoidable.

Inquest into the death of AH (2025)

Practice Area: Inquest

Fraser Livesey appears in an inquest dealing with a death during the Strep A outbreak, the Court joining the Department of Health and Social Care as Interested Persons due to concerns in relation to shortages of antibiotics and the issuing of Serious Shortage Protocols at the time.

Toddler died from sepsis after GP said 'there was no urgency' in giving her antibiotics | Daily Mail Online

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Inquest touching upon the death of DM (2024)

Practice Area: Inquest

Article 2 jury inquest representing the NHS Trust. A man with complex behavioural and psychiatric needs died after a s2 MHA detention from self-inflicted injuries. The case involved a complex history and experts in neurology and psychiatry giving evidence. Numerous alleged failings and a finding of neglect resisted, the Court accepting that professionals had acted appropriately in very difficult circumstances and finding a national lack of resources.

Inquest touching upon the death of BB (2024)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing the Fire & Rescue Service in an inquest involving 6 Interested Persons. A rowing pair got into difficulties at a weir when the River Lune was high and one man was rescued. Despite best efforts of co-ordinated rescue services it was impossible to reach the second man who drowned. Members of the Fire & Rescue service noted to have put themselves in danger to effect a rescue.

Inquest touching upon the death of CH (2024)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing a company who had supplied plant used during a drilling operation during construction of the HS2 project. A subcontractor was killed during this operation and criticism had been directed at the manufacturers of the equipment, but the coroner found them to be “impressive” in their knowledge, experience and presentation of evidence to the Court.

Inquest touching upon the death of PQ (2023)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing a consultant obstetrician who was on duty at the birth of a baby suffering from the rare condition of fatal anaemia. The doctor initially faced significant criticism from an expert witness regarding the treatment provided in respect of contested interpretation of cardiotocography, issues regarding fetomaternal haemorrhage and chorioamnionitis. Ultimately no adverse comment or finding was made in the Coroner's findings.

Inquest touching upon the death of AT

Practice Area: Inquest

This was a two week Art 2 jury inquest, representing a mental health practitioner dealing with an individual with a complex presentation in police custody. this case involved issues in relation to s136 MHA 1983; mental capacity; the relationship between Police and MHA powers; being arrested and detention in custody being declined

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Inquest touching upon the death of LB (2023)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing NHS Trust. An induced birth became complex and urgent intervention was required. The baby became hypoxic before birth and had to be resuscitated but sadly did not survive. A traumatic incident for all the medical professionals from the Trust who may have been required to give evidence. In conjunction with the new consultant in charge of the department presented evidence to establish new procedures, training and auditing. No RPFD or neglect findings.

Inquest touching upon the death of BNR (2022)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing the Local Authority. The inquest concerned the death of a sixteen-year-old involved in criminal exploitation and drug use. This was a complex multi-agency case involving social care, mental

health service, the youth justice service, the NHS and housing services Bath leading up to and in the first weeks of national lockdown due to the pandemic.

Re PC A

Practice Area:

Acting for a police officer in a gross misconduct tribunal who was alleged to have accessed sensitive information from the police computer system relating to Covid-19 restrictions during lockdown and passing this information to a third party

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Inquest touching upon the death of ZBE (2022)

Practice Area: Inquest

The inquest related to the tragic death of a baby thrown over a high fence and into a fast flowing river by his father who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and had sought admission to hospital in the days before the event. He was subsequently convicted of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility and described by the sentencing judge as “an extremely dangerous individual”. The matter heard from a number of expert witnesses and a variety of different agencies were involved.

Inquest touching upon the death of OBW (2021)

Practice Area: Inquest

Art 2 inquest in relation to death of a child in care. This was a new hearing after the original inquest conclusion was quashed following a judicial review.

Regina v AG

Practice Area:

The case involved the gruesome discovery of a body in the River Caldew by a farmer in Carlisle in July 2020. The deceased was lured to a house in the city centre before being been severely beaten and tortured over a two hour period by a number of men due to a significant drug debt, leaving 57 injuries to his head alone. He was then transported in a jeep whilst unconscious and his body dumped in the river where he ultimately drowned. The murderers abandoned the vehicle in woodland to the east of Carlisle and attempted to cover their tracks. The trial lasted eight weeks involving 6 defendants.

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Inquest touching upon the death of AW (2021)

Practice Area: Inquest

Art 2 inquest with jury. Factually and legally complicated matter. Following the decision in *R (on the application of Maughan) v. HM Senior Coroner for Oxfordshire* submissions on unlawful killing in relation to both corporate and gross negligence manslaughter.

Inquest touching upon the death of SK (2020)

Practice Area: Inquest

Acting for Local Authority. Deceased involved with many agencies, medically complicated presentation and capacity issues. Neglect raised but not found as part of conclusion.

Inquest touching upon the death of K Bardsley (2018)

Practice Area: Inquest

Jury inquest. A lift failed and fell leading to fatal injuries. Technical expert evidence in relation to lift servicing and operation.

Inquest touching upon the death of JM (2018)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing a doctor where a prescribing error had contributed to death.

Inquest touching upon deaths of MH & EB (2018)

Practice Area: Inquest

Art 2 inquest with jury. Representing company operating many care homes, one of which closed after CQC involvement. Medical issues in causative chain of events.

Inquest touching upon the death of P Oliver (2017)

Practice Area: Inquest

Article 2 inquest with jury. Sudden death by choking of a vulnerable man suffering from a range of conditions under one to one supervision in a care home.

Inquest touching upon the death of B Witham (2017)

Practice Area: Inquest

Death in a care home. Medical issues and a background fractious relationship between care home staff and medical practitioners. Issues as to causation.

Inquest touching upon the death of S Jones (2017)

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Local Authority, several of whose agencies were involved with a troubled young woman with complex medical and psychological issues. Significant medical/medicinal issues.

Re B Smith (2016)

Practice Area: Inquest

Inquest representing care home facing serious criticisms by relative of the deceased. Arguments in relation to Art 2 and DOLS. Coroner found the home had provided a high level of care.

GMC -v- Dr A

Practice Area: Professional Discipline

Fitness to Practice Hearing before the MPTS involving health and misconduct issues

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Inquest touching upon the death of Frederick Adams (2015)

Practice Area: Inquest

Art 2 Inquest concerning a death following an assault whilst resident in a care home. Involved a number of medical issues (there being 2 hospital admissions and interventfrom the General Practitioner and District Nurses), the involvement of social services and complex issues regarding causation.

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Inquest touching upon the death of Mansoor Elahi (2015)

Practice Area: Inquest

Art 2 inquest with jury into death of a young man being treated for mental health problems who drowned in Hollingworth Lake whilst undertaking an activity whilst on authorised leave from hospital. The deceased had previously run into the lake on a previous episode of leave. The HSE investigated and were present throughout the inquest but no prosecution resulted against the lay client.

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Re: Junction 16 Festival

Practice Area: Licensing

Successful licence review proceedings representing promoters and organisers of 3 day outdoor concert event

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Re B Singh (2016)

Practice Area: Inquest

Inquest representing care home that specialised for challenging residents. Suggestions of neglect not substantiated.

SCC v Smith & Nicholas

Practice Area: Fraud/Trading Standards

Fraud and Cattle Identification Regulation prosecution. Leading junior.

HSE -v- MacAdam Ltd

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Defence of company prosecuted following an explosion in the workplace seriously injuring three people

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Re D Martin.

Practice Area: Inquest

An inquest under article 2 in relation to a death in custody. Inquest considered individual and systemic issues within the prison

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BBC v Raveshi

Practice Area: Licensing

Licensing appeal following appellant's acquittal on a murder allegation.

HSE -v- LCC

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Representation of local authority following serious incident on their premises

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Bradford Coroners Court Re S Allen

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing company that manufactured equipment involved in fatal accident

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R -v- Walker

Practice Area: Fraud

Sophisticated fraud committed by croupiers and a 'stooge' playing roulette in a casino. Serious breach of trust.

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R -v- Calvert

Practice Area: Crime

Allegation of incitement to riot over the internet via Facebook.

R -v- Campbell and Etheridge

Practice Area: Murder

Two defendant murder case

R -v- Bottomley

Practice Area: Attempted Murder

Successful defence of defendant charged with attempted murder who had no recollection of the incident

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R -v- Mehat

Practice Area: Crime

Highly unusual case representing man alleged to be 'mute by malice'.

R -v- M

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

Prosecution of multi-complainant child sexual abuse case over several months leading to hearing of fresh evidence in a three day Court of Appeal hearing

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R -v- Etherington & others

Practice Area: Fraud

Two month trial of tobacco fraud involving nationwide investigation

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R -v- Tweedie

Practice Area: Armed Robbery

Armed robbery of bookmakers with a sawn-off shotgun

Operation Rebound

Practice Area: Drug Importation and Supply

Six week voir dire to successfully exclude evidence in a large scale conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine.

R -v- Smith & others

Practice Area: Drug Importation and Supply

Successful defence of man of good character, alleged to be central to distribution of large quantities of heroin and cocaine

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R -v- W

Practice Area: Sexual Offences

Historical allegations of rape and sexual abuse, defendant having significant psychiatric issues

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R -v- Parkinson

Practice Area: Court of Appeal

Court of Appeal following Attorney-General's Reference on the issue of the dangerous offender provisions

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R -v- Smith

Practice Area: Arson

Successful defence of professional man indicted with arson with intent to endanger life

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R -v- Buchan

Practice Area: Attempted Murder

Attempted murder, attack with an axe causing serious head injuries

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R -v- Hamid & others

Practice Area: Public Order

Successful defence in serious public order incident

Blackpool Borough Council -v- Raveshi

Practice Area: Licensing

Licensing appeal where licence revoked following high-profile murder investigation

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Hunter -v- Cumbria County Council

Practice Area: Judicial Review

Prosecution under Registered Homes regulations. Eight day hearing trial and judicial review to the Divisional Court

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