DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

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Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
BPP Manchester – BPTC (Outstanding)	The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple	CPS Advocates Panel – Level 3
Utrecht University, the Netherlands – MA Conflict Studies and Human Rights	Northern Circuit	
University of Cambridge – BA Law (Part I 2:1, Part II First Class)	Criminal Bar Association	
St Bede's College		

Areas of Specialism

- Crime
- Inquests
- Regulatory
- Health and Safety
- Mental Health
- Environmental
- Professional Discipline and Regulation
- Professional Healthcare and Regulation
- Licencing
- Fire Safety Law
- Firearms
- Sexual Offences
- Prison Law
- Homicide
- Fraud
- Money Laundering
- Animal Welfare Law
- Pollution, Waste & Water

Profile

Megan joined Chambers in September 2019 after completing pupillage under the supervision of Peter Horgan. She specialises in both crime and regulatory work.

Crime

Megan has a busy criminal practice and is routinely instructed to prosecute and defend across a wide range of criminal offences – including violence, sexual offences, drugs, fraud and theft-related offences. She is a Level 3 CPS Panel Advocate. Megan has experience representing defendants in the Youth Court and has appeared before the Parole Board. Megan's detailed knowledge of cases has been recognised and she is noted for her advocacy and courtroom manner.

In 2019, Megan spent six months seconded to the Government of Jersey's Financial Crime team as a Policy Adviser,

undertaking a detailed review of the Island's legal framework for the prevention and detection of money laundering. She prepared and presented several policy papers and liaised with the Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit and financial services regulator.

Road Traffic

Megan accepts instructions in all areas of road traffic law. She has defended cases on behalf of leading insurers, including Aviva Insurance and AXA and is confident arguing the technical issues which often arise in this area of work.

Regulatory

In her Professional Discipline work, Megan is instructed across all stages of fitness to practise proceedings and acts for both the regulator and individual practitioners.

Megan has advised and represented the General Medical Council in contested fitness to practice hearings involving sexual misconduct and health concerns. She also acts on behalf of doctors and as Special Counsel for the MPTS. Megan also has experience of cases involving other regulatory bodies, including Social Work England, the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Health Care Professional Council.

Local Authority & Licencing

Following completion of a secondment with a City Council legal team, Megan has continued to receive regular instructions in local authority prosecutions. Megan has acted in a wide variety of cases – including anti-social behaviour, food safety and education matters. She has experience of prosecutions relating to waste disposal under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Her work in this area has involved preparation of detailed written advices and appearances in the Crown Court, County Court and Magistrates' Court.

Megan represents local authorities in taxi and premises licensing appeals. She has also advised and represented the police in reviews of both firearm certificates and premises licences.

Megan has experience advising on condemnation proceedings and restoration in relation to seizures made by Border Force.

Inquests

Megan accepts instructions in the Coroners' Court and has represented family members and local authorities.

Mental Health

Megan has represented patients detained for assessment and treatment under the Mental Health Act before the First-Tier Tribunal.

Prior to joining Chambers, Megan worked with the Advocacy team of an anti-modern slavery non-profit and tutored students applying to study Law at UK universities. Megan has also completed internships with several international organisations, monitoring developments in international criminal cases in The Hague and researching public health investments in Geneva.

Appointments

CPS Advocates Panel – Level 3

Notable Cases

R v K

Practice Area: Crime

Successful prosecution of a defendant charged with engaging controlling or coercive behaviour and controlling prostitution. The case involved allegations of physical, verbal and financial abuse of an intimate partner.

The case was considered by the CACD due to a lack of authority on the meaning of "substantial adverse effect on B's usual day-to-day activities" in section 76(4)(b) of the Serious Crime Act 2015. Written and oral submissions were made regarding the interpretation of the legislation. The Court ultimately preferred the submissions made on behalf of the Prosecution and dismissed the referred application for leave to appeal against conviction.

R v M

Practice Area: Crime

Represented a defendant charged with multiple counts of rape and assault by penetration against his partner, as well as allegations of violence including strangulation and threats with a knife. The defendant was acquitted of all counts after trial.

GMC v Dr T

Practice Area: Regulatory

Represented the GMC at a 'New and Review' fitness to practice hearing involving allegations of sexual misconduct. Positive feedback received on preparation, attention to detail, flexibility and focus on the key issues, as well as managing the expectations of a vulnerable witness. The hearing resulted in erasure of the doctor.

GMC v Dr Q

Practice Area: Regulatory

Represented a GP being investigated for allegations of misconduct involving dishonesty and misuse of professional position. Detailed submissions were made on the cogency of the evidence and the context in which the referral to the regulator had been made – namely, an ongoing partnership dispute. The Tribunal determined that the test for imposing an interim order had not been met.

GMC v Dr T

Practice Area: Regulatory

Represented the GMC at a contested fitness to practice hearing involving allegations of sexual misconduct relating to a patient. The Tribunal found the allegations proved and imposed a 10 month suspension.

R v H

Practice Area: General Crime

Successful half-time submission made on counts of aggravated burglary, ABH and criminal damage on behalf of a 21 year old defendant in a case involving evidence of voice recognition.

R v D

Practice Area: Road Traffic

Secured a suspended sentence for a defendant charged with causing death by careless driving at his place of work.

SWE v C

Practice Area: Professional Discipline

Represented a social worker in contested fitness to practise proceedings involving alleged dishonesty. The case involved medical evidence of factitious disorder and the Tribunal ultimately concluded that the social worker's fitness to practise was not impaired.

BBC v A

Practice Area: Licensing

Represented a local authority in a successful Crown Court appeal against the decision of the Magistrates' Court to allow an appeal against revocation of a driver's private hire licence.

R v W

Practice Area: General Crime:

Secured an acquittal for a defendant charged with a group assault on a relative and possession of an offensive weapon. The issues in the case were identification and alibi.

R v P

Practice Area:

Successfully prosecuted a lorry driver for importation of 50 kilograms of cocaine into the United Kingdom. The case was complicated by disclosure requests to other European jurisdictions. The defendant received a sentence of 14 years after trial.

R v H

Practice Area:

Secured a suspended sentence for a vulnerable defendant charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs as part of a county-lines prosecution.

R v C and D

Practice Area:

Prosecution of two defendants running cutthroat defences at trial on a charge of affray involving use of a machete.

R v W

Practice Area:

Secured a suspended sentence for a defendant charged with blackmail offences

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R v H

Practice Area:

Successful application to treat a Prosecution witness as hostile during a trial for a section 18 wounding.

R v B

Practice Area: Road Traffic:

Successful half-time submission made on behalf of a defendant charged with driving without due care. The submission was made on the basis that a car park did not constitute “a road or other public place.”

LCC v G

Practice Area: Environmental:

Acted for a local authority in a prosecution under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The case related to the storage and disposal of waste on a flatbed truck and involved consideration of the statutory definitions of “listed operation” and “mobile plant.”

C v LCC

Practice Area: Anti-social Behaviour:

Represented a local authority in an appeal against a community protection notice issued under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in the context of a protracted neighbour dispute. The appeal was resolved without the need for a contested hearing after variations to the terms of the notice were agreed during negotiations.

A v BMBC

Practice Area: Licensing:

Represented a driver in a successful appeal against the decision of a local authority to revoke his private hire licence.

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