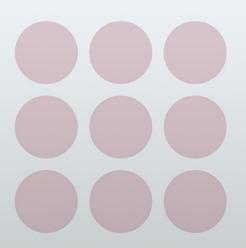
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Regulatory and Professional Discipline Group



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Profile

Catherine worked in higher education before retraining and qualifying as a solicitor in 2001. She worked as a Senior and Divisional Crown Prosecutor for the CPS in Manchester, providing pre-charge advice to the police, advocacy in the magistrates', youth, and Crown courts, delivering training to colleagues and managing a team of higher court advocates.

Catherine then moved to become an in-house solicitor advocate with the General Medical Council, prosecuting cases before Fitness to Practise hearings, Interim Orders panels and Restoration and Investigation Committees. Since transferring to the Bar and joining 9 St John Street in 2011, Catherine has continued working in the field of medical regulation and appears regularly for the GMC in the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service, prosecuting cases of serious clinical and sexual misconduct. She is trained to deal with the prosecution of rape and serious sexual offences. She is ranked as a leading barrister in the field of professional discipline in Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide. She has also continued to deliver training to lawyers, clinical performance assessors, general practitioners and hospital doctors on various aspects of medical regulation.

Catherine has represented the Prison and Probation Services in inquests involving deaths in custody where Article 2 is engaged. She also appears in the coroner's court for families, the police, and entities such as care homes and medical staffing agencies. Catherine sits as an Assistant Coroner and as a fee-paid judge in Mental Health Tribunals.

Professional Discipline Cases

GMC v Dr MK - physician asserting alleged sexual touching of two complainants was legitimate clinical examination. Defence expert evidence undermined and sexually motivated behaviour established. Erased from the medical register.

GMC v Dr PG - complex six week research misconduct case involving preliminary legal arguments before a separately constituted tribunal. Required detailed analysis of research publications and data. Doctor found to have fabricated data and misrepresented the contributions of colleagues to research publications. Erased from the medical register.

GMC v Dr XM - case involving gynaecologist undertaking aesthetic procedures. Found to have engaged in inappropriate



text messaging with a patient, conducted intimate procedures in the absence of a chaperone and made dishonest representations to tribunal. Erased from the medical register.

GMC v Dr AM - obstetrician found to have retrospectively amended a patient's notes after a stillbirth to suggest he had advised fetal heart monitoring when he had not. Erased from the medical register.

Quotes

Professional Discipline - The Regions (Bar): Leading Barrister Band 2 "Very well versed in the area and our needs. Incredibly experienced before the tribunal, great to work with and extremely knowledgeable."

- Chambers and Partners 2022

Professional Discipline - The Regions (Bar): Leading Barrister Band 2 "She's a very effective advocate and very user-friendly."

- Chambers and Partners 2021

Professional Discipline - The Regions (Bar):Leading Barrister Band 2 "An excellent lawyer who had a good grasp of the case."

- Chambers and Partners 2020

Professional Discipline - The Regions (Bar): Leading Barrister (Band 2) "Knowledgeable." "She is very good and responds to legal arguments in a succinct way."

- Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2019

"Very robust and very effective."

- Chambers and Partners 2018

"She's always incredibly well prepared. She presents cases extremely well and makes a complex case seem relatively simple."

- Chambers and Partners 2018

"She can see holes in a defence case very easily, is very good at cross-examination and has an excellent manner in tribunals. She works very hard and is extremely well prepared. I've never seen anything less than 100% preparation from her."

- Chambers and Partners 2017

"Continues to impress in professional discipline cases in the healthcare profession, drawing on her previous role as in-house counsel at the GMC."

- Chambers and Partners 2017

"Frequently represents the General Medical Council in regulatory actions. She brings prior experience as an in-house advocate at the GMC, where she presented cases before interim orders panels, fitness to practise panels and restoration and investigation committees. 'She is very knowledgeable, very well organised and a good advocate."

- Chambers and Partners 2016