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## Christopher Moran

Call: 2007

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### Crime

#### Trial Advocacy

Chris Moran is instructed in substantial criminal matters including serious sexual and violent offences, complex frauds, firearms, drug trafficking and money laundering.

He has a reputation for being meticulously well prepared and fully considering all legal issues significantly in advance of any hearing including those relating to dismissal, abuse of process, fitness to plead, disclosure and the instruction of experts.

Chris has considerable experience of the recent s28 procedure involving the pre-recorded cross-examination of children and vulnerable witnesses having been instructed in numerous qualifying offences since the introduction of the scheme.

In addition Chris takes particular pride in the feedback he regularly receives relating to his manner with clients particularly vulnerable defendants, children and those with mental health difficulties. The importance of an early conference is something he believes is often vital to how a case eventually resolves.

#### Advisory Work

Chris regularly advises solicitors, the Crown Prosecution Service, Humberside Police and Trading Standards as to complex legal issues and provides the written arguments and applications to be used in a variety of scenarios.

Examples have included confiscation proceedings, the legality of sexual harm prevention orders and violent offender orders, pre-charge advice, judicial review, actions against the police, legal professional privilege and the use of special procedure warrants.

#### Teaching and Training

Chris' reputation and expertise has led to requests to teach advocacy and trial preparation both at home and abroad. In the UK he has taught students studying both the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Bar Professional Training Course.

Abroad he has taught advocacy and trial preparation to lawyers in both Nigeria and Somaliland on behalf of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office as part of their counter-terrorism and human rights endeavors in Africa.

This teaching is in addition the CPD lectures he regularly provides to colleagues on a variety of matters. Most recently they have included developments in bad character and hearsay evidence and confiscation proceedings.

#### Notable cases

- R v TJ – Defended in a case involving death by dangerous driving in which the defendant had suffered such significant injuries he had no memory of the driving leading up to and including the incident. The case involved



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#### Education:

**2002** University of Hull, BA  
Politics

**2006** University of Hull,  
Master of Jurisprudence

**2007** Nottingham Law School,  
BVC

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#### Career:

**2007** Pupil and Tenant at 1 Mitre  
Court Buildings

**2010** Tenant at 39 Park Square,  
Leeds

**2013** Tenant at No 6, Leeds,  
now Park Square Barristers

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multiple experts and cross-examination concerning what conclusions could safely be drawn from the wreckage of the vehicles and speed from CCTV cameras.

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- R v H – Represented the lead defendant in what the Prosecution described as a ‘paedophile ring’. The case involved disputed DNA evidence and extensive cross-examination of children, forensic scientists and police officers.
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- R v Omary & others – Successfully represented the lead Defendant in a complex group rape trial.
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- R v Robinson & Others – 25-handed cocaine-trafficking conspiracy involving multiple gangs across the Midlands. The evidence consisted of tens of thousands of pages of expert evidence, cell-site analysis, ANPR data, covert surveillance and telephone data.
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- R v Fawcett – Led by Peter Moulson QC. Allegations of over 30 years of historic sexual abuse.
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- R v M – Represented a man charged under s.4 Explosive Substances Act 1883 who had constructed a homemade bomb and taken it on public transport. The case involved multiple experts in explosive substances and legal argument as to provisions of law rarely used.
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- R v Anderson – A mother was charged with assisting her husband to abuse her children over a period of 5 years. The case involved the cross-examination of children and social workers.
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- R v Coupland – Case dismissed on legal point concerning the capacity of the complainant.
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## Regulatory & Public

Chris Moran's considerable experience prosecuting complex cases including large scale frauds and confiscation proceedings has led to regular instructions in a wide variety of regulatory matters.

Such instructions have included the prosecution of copyright fraud involving IPTV devices and associated offences under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988; the prosecution of rogue traders relating to food standards; animal cruelty cases and police disciplinary hearings.

Chris regularly advises the Crown Prosecution Service, police authorities and Trading Standards as to complex legal issues and procedure.

Such advice has related to pre-charge advice, confiscation proceedings, the legality of sexual harm prevention orders, judicial review, actions against the police, anti-social behaviour legislation, the use of special procedure warrants and the intricacies of EU and ECHR obligations.

Chris also represents bereaved families and interested parties in the Coroners Court. He has particular experience where there have been complicated medical issues relating to intoxication and the effect of post-mortem distribution on toxicology findings.

## Notable Cases

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- Inquest touching the death of SLF :- This was a high profile case where Chris represented the interests of a nurse employed by Humberside Trust in their mental health services. The deceased who had received an MBE for her work with LGBT groups was seen four times by mental health medics before taking her own life.
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- Inquest touching the death of DNB :- Death of a patient whilst in the care of Eton Park Nursing representing the interests of a carer named as an interested party.
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- Inquest touching the death of DEG : – Chris represented the deceased’s family in 6 day inquest involving the death of 16 year old who, at the time of taking his own life, had significant involvement from numerous public bodies. The hearing involved the questioning of multiple health practitioners and social workers.
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- Inquest touching the death of BT : – Chris represented the deceased’s family in which the death involved the controversial prescription medication called Dosulepin. The hearing involved medical research of this drug and how it is used and prescribed leading to significant questioning of medical practitioners and the toxicologist.
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- RSPCA –v- CLF & others : Successfully defended in a complex badger baiting case in which, due to legal argument, the defendant was acquitted at the close of the prosecution case.
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- DEFRA –v- WW: Defended the owner of an abattoir whose employees were alleged to be engaging in unlawful practices in the killing of livestock. The case involved extensive legal argument as to EU regulations, surveillance evidence and vicarious criminal liability.
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- Regina –v- MM: Led by Richard Wright QC in the successful prosecution of a large-scale fraud involving the sale of IPTV boxes designed to illegally access premiership football matches. This case involved complex EU, copyright and confiscation law.
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Chris' reputation has led him to being requested to teach advocacy and trial preparation both at home and abroad. In the UK he has provided training to Trading Standards on how to successfully prosecute copyright offences; to police authorities on the conduct of disciplinary hearings and to health and safety inspectors on attending court and giving evidence.

Abroad he has taught advocacy and trial preparation to lawyers in both Nigeria and Somaliland on behalf of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office as part of their counter-terrorism and human rights endeavors in Africa.

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