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## Christopher Moran

Call: 2007

### 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



#### Education:

2002 - University of Hull, BA Politics

2006 - University of Hull, Master of Jurisprudence

2007 - Nottingham Law School, BVC

#### 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

#### Appointments:

CPS Level 4 Prosecutor

#### Memberships:

North Eastern Circuit

Criminal Bar Association

#### Awards:

2006 - The Sir Joseph Cantley Award

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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 multiple experts and cross-examination concerning what conclusions could safely be drawn from the wreckage of the vehicles and speed from CCTV cameras.
- 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.
- R v Omary & others – Successfully represented the lead Defendant in a complex group rape trial.
- 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.
- R v Fawcett – Led by Peter Moulson QC. Allegations of over 30 years of historic sexual abuse.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 appearing in complex criminal cases has led to regular instructions in a wide variety of regulatory matters including copyright fraud, food standards, rogue traders, animal cruelty and disciplinary hearings.

He has substantial experience representing police officers in misconduct proceedings and has significant expertise in this area. He not only has an expert knowledge of the various police standards and ethical codes but the wider regulatory, disciplinary and employment case-law which apply.

Chris believes in holding a conference early in the proceedings so that he can provide the most robust and effective advice throughout each stage. Being meticulous in his case preparation and having a genuine passion for the law means that clients not only have confidence in their legal representation early on, but most importantly, get the right results.

Chris regularly advises businesses, individuals, professional bodies and public authorities as to law and procedure including the legality of prohibitive orders, judicial review, actions against the police, and the intricacies of EU and ECHR obligations.

Due to the above Chris is regularly asked to provide legal training to professional bodies on law and procedure.

## Notable Cases

**Humberstone Police -v- ME:** Represented a police officer who admitted gross misconduct whilst on a final written warning. After significant legal argument and mitigation given on his behalf as to the exceptional circumstances of his case, that warning was extended and the officer was not dismissed.

**DEFRA -v- WW:** Represented the owner of an abattoir in a high-profile case in which 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.

**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.

**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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## Inquests and Inquiries

Chris is a highly experienced and exceptionally persuasive courtroom advocate. He instinctively knows how to address Coroners, witnesses and jurors alike and is adept at making even the most complex legal and medical issues appear simple. This skill he effectively deploys not only in both oral and written submissions but also the examination of witnesses.

The above is made possible due to Chris' meticulous case preparation. He considers the papers as soon as they arrive, speaks to those instructing and arranges a conference as well as considering and researching any novel medical issues.

Finally, Chris regularly receives very positive feedback as to his client care. His professional and personable manner means that he often receives repeat instructions to represent families in inquest proceedings.

## Notable cases

Inquest into the Death of BM – Represented the Family (in an Article 2 inquest) of a man who died over a drugs overdose whilst in prison. Significant questioning regarding the prison security and lack of first-aid training of prison staff (a wide-spread problem) were raised. At the end of this inquest, upon application, the Coroner agreed to make a 'prevention of future deaths report'.

Inquest into the Death of MN – Represented a nurse (in an Article 2 jury inquest) as an interested person in relation to someone in her care who died of a complex brain injury. Issues such as 'neglect' and 'press restrictions' were dealt with.

Inquest into the Death of BT – Represented the Family of an individual who died of a suspected overdose of the controversial drug Dosulepin. Complex issues relating to the efficacy of this drug as well as post-mortem distribution were dealt with.

Inquest into the Death of SH – Represented a mental health nurse who faced the issue of neglect being raised as to the standard of his care.

Inquest into the Death of DEG – Represented the family of a 16-year-old with who committed suicide whilst having involvement with multiple youth mental health services.

Inquest into the Death of SR – Represented the family in a case involving someone who died of a complex brain injury after surgery. The case involved the questioning of 2 neurosurgeons.

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## Children Law

Chris has experience in all Family Law matters but with a particular focus on care and private children proceedings.

He has a reputation for being meticulously well-prepared, adept at handling difficult legal issues as they arise and is a passionate advocate.

Chris has considerable experience cross-examining children and appearing in cases where violence and sexual abuse are alleged.

In addition, Chris takes particular pride in the feedback he regularly receives relating to his manner with clients particularly those who are vulnerable, have considerable communication problems and those with mental health difficulties.

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