

Chris Pataky

General Information

Since qualifying as a barrister in 2009, Chris has been instructed to act in hundreds of cases before tribunals and the High Court.

As a specialist in professional regulatory / professional disciplinary law, Chris has extensive experience in advising and representing at hearings before the GMC, NMC, GDC, GOC, GOsC, ICAEW and NHSE. He has particular experience in cases involving serious and complex clinical concerns, serious dishonesty as well as sexual misconduct.

Chris has worked as a regulatory advocate and senior lawyer at the Nursing and Midwifery Council, as well as a barrister and senior associate within Blake Morgan's professional disciplinary team, ranked as a Legal 500 Tier 1 firm in the field. He can act for professionals or regulators. Having completed the Direct Access Course, Chris can be instructed directly by members of the public as well as by solicitors.

Before being called to the bar, Chris worked as a qualified healthcare practitioner. This has given him exceptional insight into the difficulties encountered and the experiences of those working in a range of professions, particularly those allied to healthcare.

Areas of law

- Professional Disciplinary Law
- Professional Regulatory Law

Professional Disciplinary Law / Professional Regulatory Law

Chris provides legal advice at every stage of the legal process, including the investigation stage, interim order hearings, substantive hearings, registration appeals and substantive order reviews.

With extensive experience in representing before Committees and the High Court, Chris has acted in cases of all levels of complexity. This includes cases where the concerns are particularly complex and sensitive or where alleged failures in care may have caused or contributed to patient harm or death.

- Responding to allegations at the investigatory stage
- Advising on alternative disposal and voluntary removal
- Interim order hearings and applications to extend interim orders in the High Court
- All types of cases, including misconduct, health, convictions, unacceptable professional conduct, lack of competence, deficient professional performance
- Appeals against committee decisions
- Registration appeals
- Restoration hearings

Memberships

- The Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)

Education

- Bar Vocational Course, The College of Law
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law, The College of Law
- MSc, Mental Health Studies, King's College, London

Personal Interests

When not advising or appearing before tribunals, Chris enjoys reading, especially biographies, and scuba diving.

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