

# Chris Pataky

## General Information

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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, he has extensive experience of advising and representing at hearings before the GDC, GOC, GOSc, NMC and NHSE.

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.

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.

## Legal expertise

- Professional Disciplinary Law / Professional Regulatory Law
- 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 case including misconduct, health, convictions, unacceptable professional conduct, lack of competence, deficient professional performance
- Appeals against committee decisions
- Registration appeals
- Restoration hearings

With extensive experience of 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.

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.

## Direct access

Having completed the Direct Access Course, he can be instructed directly by members of the public as well as by solicitors.

## Professional qualifications & associations

- Bar Vocational Course – The College of Law
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law – The College of Law
- MSc, Mental Health Studies – King's College, London
- Member - The Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)

## Outside the office

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

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