

JAMES HASKELL

CALL: 2004

"He is extremely able and very helpful."
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James is a specialist criminal advocate who prosecutes and defends in a wide range of criminal cases. He is consistently ranked in Chambers UK as a 'leading junior'. He is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in cases involving serious sexual offences. James successfully defended only the second person in British legal history to be charged with exposing his daughter to Female Genital Mutilation. James is a Grade 4 CPS Prosecutor. He acts as Independent Counsel for reviewing material which might attract Legal Professional Privilege. He also represents professionals during disciplinary proceedings.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Crime
 - Regulatory & Professional Discipline
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CRIME

James has consistently been recommended in Chambers UK for his criminal expertise since he debuted in 2010 as the 'up-and-coming' junior on the Western Circuit. James is instructed to advise on disclosure in serious and complex cases and to advise on material which might attract Legal Professional Privilege. James is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in cases involving serious sexual offences. He successfully defended only the second person in British legal history to be charged with exposing his daughter to Female Genital Mutilation. James has experience of representing serving prisoners before Parole Boards and representing the police in relation to the variation or discharge of Sexual Harm Prevention Orders. He also appears in Insurance backed criminal proceedings ranging from driving without due care and attention to proceedings arising from serious road traffic accidents.

RECENT CASES

- **R v D (2018)** – successfully defended only the second person in British legal history to be charged with an offence of FGM. This case was prosecuted by a Queens Counsel. James successfully argued that the defendant had 'no case to answer' at the end of the prosecution case.
- **R v Nur (2018)** – successfully defended a young male charged with Rape.
- **R v Ngoc Tran & others (2017)** – junior counsel for the Prosecution in relation to a multi-handed conspiracy to produce cannabis.
- **R v Matawlu (2017)** – prosecuted the Fijian International Rugby player who was charged with sexual assault.
- **R v Lester (2016)** – junior counsel for the Crown (successfully prosecuted the defendant for 58 offences including false imprisonment, rape of a child under 13 and making indecent images and received a life sentence);
- **R v Khan & others (2016)** - junior counsel for the Crown - multi-handed Class A drugs conspiracy;
- **R v Whitter (2016)** – defendant successfully prosecuted for rape;
- **R v Lewthwaite (2015)** – successfully defended a 19 year old defendant charged with rape;
- **R v Escobar-Julia (2015)** – successfully defended a Spanish defendant charged with sexual assault;
- **R v Smith (2014)** – successfully prosecuted a defendant charged with historic sexual offences against young boys;

REGULATORY & PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

James is regularly instructed in regulatory criminal matters. He successfully defended the first ever prosecution by Avon Fire & Rescue under s.32 Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

James often represents professionals during disciplinary hearings including nurses who appear before the Nursing & Midwifery Council. He also has experience of appearing at Coroners' Inquests.

RECENT CASES

- **NMC v Raybould (2015)** – represented a nurse alleged to have neglected a patient who subsequently died;
 - **NMC v Saunders (2013)** - Representing a nurse alleged to have stolen medication for her own use.
 - **NMC v Nyama (2013)** - Representing a nurse at a disciplinary hearing & successfully opposing an interim suspension order.
 - **NMC v Bridgman (2012)** - Representing a nurse at a disciplinary hearing & successfully opposing an interim conditions of practice order.
 - **Avon Fire & Rescue v Warren (2010)** - Successfully defended.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Chambers UK 2015](#)
 - [Chambers UK 2014](#)
 - [Chambers UK 2010](#)
 - [Chambers UK 2013](#)
 - [Chambers UK 2012](#)
 - [Chambers UK 2011](#)
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APPOINTMENTS:

- **CPS (Grade 4) Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Panel Advocate**
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MEMBERSHIPS:

- Criminal Bar Association
 - Western Circuit
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EDUCATION:

- BVC, UWE Bristol
 - LLB Hons, UWE Bristol
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RECENT NEWS

- James Haskell successfully defends FGM case

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