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Year of Call: 2008

“He showed unbelievable commitment and great expertise in questioning... He was everything you could wish from an advocate. I firmly believe he went above and beyond in his preparation; this was evident in the result and I cannot thank him enough.”

Nurse, represented at the NMC.

“I admire your professionalism and grasp of the subject... I would highly recommend you if I came across family or friends who need such services.”

Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon, represented at the MPTS.

Douglas is an experienced Crime and Regulatory Law specialist, with particular expertise in Professional Regulation. He has lectured on undergraduate and postgraduate Law courses throughout the UK and taught advocacy with the Inns of Court.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Douglas lived in South Korea, Turkey and Russia, where he taught English. He also worked for human rights groups in India and Africa.

EXPERTISE

Regulatory

Douglas specialises in Professional Regulation. He began his career at chambers in London, which included a year on full-time secondment to the Nursing & Midwifery Council. He subsequently worked as in-house counsel within the Professional Regulation team of a leading law firm, ranked Band One by

Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.

In addition, Douglas recently completed a secondment to another leading law firm, where he presented some of the first cases on behalf of the newly formed Social Work England.

His clients have included world-leading practitioners and most of the main healthcare regulators. He is often instructed on complex cases involving expert evidence and is well-regarded by doctors and other healthcare professionals for his ability to quickly grasp disputed medical issues.

Douglas has acted in over 250 contested Professional Disciplinary cases, including multi-week hearings, at various professional regulators, including:

- Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS)
- General Dental Council (GDC)
- General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- General Optical Council (GOC)
- Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Social Work England (SWE)

He is also regularly instructed in other Regulatory matters, including:

- Ofsted
- Licensing Law
- Traffic Commissioner Public Inquiries (inc. Upper Tribunal appeals)
- Trading Standards
- Environmental Health
- Animal Welfare & Farming Regulations
- Health & Safety
- Inquests

Selected Regulatory Cases

SCC v S & S [2019] EWHC 1416 (Admin): Successful High Court appearance. The judgment provides important authority on secondary legislation and statutory interpretation. The case also had a significant practical effect as it was successfully argued, in both the lower court then the High Court appeal, that the prosecution was time-barred and a shorter time limit should apply than that previously used. For further information, see news report [here](#). The full judgment can be read [here](#).

NMC v H: Successful defence of a male nurse accused of sexual misconduct. Despite the evidence of 13 prosecution witnesses, all 10 sexual misconduct charges were found not proven. The panel also cleared the client of abusing patients and harassing a colleague. See news report [here](#).

NMC v B: Successfully defended a nurse accused by colleagues of abusing patients. All 11 allegations of abuse found not proven. Panel persuaded to impose light-touch conditions in regard to lesser admitted charges. See news report [here](#).

NMC v AB: Successful defence of a care home manager, with 28 out of 30 charges found not proven, including alleged dishonesty. It was successfully argued that the manager had not been dishonest and, contrary to the NMC's contention, had received insufficient support. In regard to the two remaining charges, and earlier admitted charges, the panel was persuaded to impose the lowest possible sanction, namely a one-year caution order.

GMC v O: High-profile 11-day misconduct hearing involving allegations of sexual assault. The case received national media coverage.

GMC v A: Consultant surgeon accused of dishonesty.

GMC v X: Successfully opposed the imposition of an interim order against one of the UK's leading consultant orthopaedic surgeons. The GMC subsequently dropped all charges against the client.

HCPC v B (& others): 16-day misconduct hearing (and 3-day preliminary hearing). Successful defence of an adoption agency manager accused of dishonesty. A complex case involving multiple social workers running "cut-throat defences". Both directors of the agency were struck off. The client received the minimum possible sanction of a one-year caution order for lesser admitted charges, with the more serious charges, including dishonesty, found not proven.

RSPCA v GS & RM: 12-day appeal against conviction. Alleged animal cruelty by a veterinary surgeon, which received national media coverage. A complex case involving 4 expert witnesses, over 30 animals and 11 days of evidence.

DCC v TB: Alcohol licence appeal, on behalf of the local authority, involving premises described by a senior police officer as "the worst run pub in North Wales". See news report [here](#).

MCC v SH: Licence appeal at Manchester Crown Court against the refusal to renew a taxi licence.

CHS Ltd & PJ [2019] UKUT 253 (AAC): Appeal from the Traffic Commissioner to the Upper Tribunal (AAC) against disqualification of operator's licence.

Crime

Douglas is an experienced Crown Court advocate. He undertook a Criminal pupillage in London and has since been instructed to defend and prosecute many serious and high-profile Criminal cases, including Death by Dangerous Driving, Rape, GBH (s.18 & s.20), Fraud, Class A drug offences (importation, production and supply), Robbery and Firearm offences.

He has particular expertise in Road Traffic Law and has an excellent record of successfully arguing Exceptional Hardship and Special Reasons not to disqualify.

Selected Criminal Cases

R v H & C: Successful prosecution for Fraud, at the Central Criminal Court, of a gang stealing from cash machines.

R v P: Trial at Central Criminal Court. Successfully prosecuted a female burglar who had forced entry into the home of an elderly, blind woman suffering dementia.

R v X: Successful defence of a youth accused of Burglary during riots in London. Successfully applied to exclude confession evidence and later persuaded the judge to grant a half-time submission of no case to answer.

R v Z: Defence of an autistic teenager charged with Rape. Secured a non-custodial sentence.

R v O: Successful defence of an IPP prisoner accused of assaulting four prison officers. Found not guilty on all four counts.

R v W: Successful prosecution of a driver for Causing Serious Injury by Dangerous Driving. The crash hospitalised a family, killed the family's dog, and resulted in a 10-year-old girl having her leg amputated. Chambers' news report [here](#). Reported by the [BBC](#) and [Stoke Sentinel](#).

R v X: Successful prosecution for Death by Dangerous Driving following a crash which killed a teenage boy. Further information [here](#). Case reported by [local](#) and [national](#) media.

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