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Practice Profile

Charlotte Newell QC is an experienced criminal practitioner, ranked in Chambers & Partners UK Bar and Legal 500 Guides, who has established a substantial criminal practice prosecuting and defending at the very highest level with particular expertise in Prosecution and Defence in cases of homicide.

Charlotte has developed a formidable practice appearing in cases of the utmost gravity in the Crown and

Appellate Courts and has with particular expertise in the Prosecution and Defence of serious sexual allegations and cases involving young and vulnerable witnesses. Charlotte is known for early and thorough case preparation as well as an incredible attention to detail, an approachable but no-nonsense advocate who regularly wins praise from the judiciary and those that instruct her. Charlotte is also regularly instructed in multi handed allegations of fraud and money laundering.

She is committed to continuing professional education, maintaining and promoting the high standards at the Bar retaining its role as a specialist profession of advocates. To that end, Charlotte has been a pupil supervisor since 2005 and many of her pupils have gone on to take tenancy. A member of the Criminal Bar Association Education Committee, Charlotte is involved in the organisation of lectures, conferences, seminars and webinars to the criminal Bar, notably the renowned bi-annual CBA sexual offences conference. Charlotte recently delivered training to RASSO on s41 YJCEA 1999.

Charlotte Newell is an advocacy trainer for Grays Inn, has lectured the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal tribunal on the handling of vulnerable advocates and is a lead facilitator in the vulnerable witnesses advocacy training scheme.

To view the privacy notice for Charlotte Newell QC please click [here](#).

Areas of Practice

- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- General Crime
- Prosecution
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Cyber Crime
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Terrorism

What The Directories Say

‘Incredibly hardworking, with a level of preparation that is second to none.’ *Legal 500 - 2019*

‘Incredibly hardworking and meticulous, with an attention to detail that is second to none.’
Legal 500 2017

"Conscientious, supportive, hardworking and forward-thinking." *Legal 500 2016*

‘An outstandingly skilled advocate, especially in dealing with extremely vulnerable witnesses.’
Legal 500 2020

“An extraordinary barrister – she’s insightful, tactically aware and good on her feet. She commands the respect of the tribunal.” *Chambers UK 2020*

Panel Appointments:

- Rape panel – Grade 4
- Serious crime – Grade 4
- Counter terrorism – Grade 4

Recent Cases

- **Operation Suina [Kingston] 2019**

£8m nationwide Drug Supply operation

[Charlotte Newell](#) led [Dickon Reid](#) in this 2 month Prosecution of an organised crime network involving 11 Defendants for a multi-million pound nationwide Class A drug dealing operation, the proceeds of which were laundered through a series of sham companies.

[News report here.](#)

- **R v. Donovan & Woolcock [C.C.C.] 2019**

Loss of control murder

[Anthony Orchard QC](#) led [Charlotte Newell](#) for the prosecution in a murder trial involving two cousins for the murder of their great uncle. The first defendant alleged loss of self-control; both defendants convicted following a trial.

[BBC report here.](#)

- **R v W & ors [C.C.C] 2018**

14 year old cleared of Murder

[Charlotte Newell](#), together with Mark Cotter QC successfully defended a 14 year old boy accused of Murder, possession of an offensive weapon and attempted GBH. Client was alleged to have been one of a group armed with zombie knives and an axe who attacked two young men on a London street. Found not guilty after trial of all charges.. [Instructed by Lisa Towell of Blackfords Solicitors.](#)

[News report here](#)

- **Operation Patipo [Woolwich] 2018**

Large Scale Importation of firearms, ammunition and Class A drugs

[Charlotte Newell](#) represented this young woman accused of conspiracy to possess firearms and live ammunition with intent to endanger life and conspiracy to possess large amounts of Class A drugs importing them in to the UK via the Eurotunnel. Found not guilty on all charges after trial. Instructed by Bark and Co

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Operation Bloomeria [2017-2018] 2018

Prosecution of a network of paedophiles

[Charlotte Newell](#) was instructed by CPS International & Organised Crime division Prosecuted this network of individuals for offences by paedophiles including streaming child sexual abuse on an online conferencing platform including the live streaming of a rape of a child in the USA.

[BBC news report here.](#)

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R v. Kibusi & ors [C.C.C.] 2017

Revenge Execution

[Anthony Orchard QC](#) led [Charlotte Newell](#) in this prosecution of 3 men for the "Revenge Execution" of a rival gang member following a knife fight the previous day. The victim was shot in the chest with an automatic pistol at close range during broad daylight in a street in Ilford East London. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 30 years.

[News report here.](#)

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R v B [Canterbury] 2017

Historic Sex Abuse

[Charlotte Newell](#) represented this vulnerable adult with learning difficulties accused of historic sexual offences towards his learning disabled daughter. He was cleared of all charges following trial. Instructed by Bond Joseph Solicitors.

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R v S [Snaresbrook] 2017

Coercive & Controlling Behaviour towards wife

[Charlotte Newell](#) successfully defended this husband who faced a four day trial, charged with "Coercive & Controlling Behaviour towards his wife". The defendant was acquitted of all charges. Instructed by ABV Solicitors.

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R v. S&H [Snaresbrook] 2017

Ultra Orthodox Jewish man charged with Kidnap and Rape of ex-wife

[Charlotte Newell](#) prosecuted this Ultra Orthodox 62 year old jewish man who was jailed for 13 years for the kidnap and rape of his ex-wife after refusing to grant her a religious divorce. He held her in a secret dungeon in Hackney, East London.

[Daily Mail report.](#)

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R v. Sroka [C.C.C.] 2017

Murder of girlfriend by jilted lover

[Anthony Orchard QC](#) led [Charlotte Newell](#) for the prosecution in this Old Bailey murder trial involving the brutal killing of a 29 year old woman by her jealous boyfriend when he discovered a Post Office redirection letter confirming she was leaving him.

- ## **R v. Miakheel [C.C.C.] 2016**

Murder.

[Charlotte Newell](#) was Led by Brendan Finucane QC for the Prosecution in the case of a 15 year old Boy charged with murder after a fatal stabbing in the midst of a drug deal.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-35469598>

- ## **R v. Huckle [C.C.C.] 2016**

Child sex offences

[Charlotte Newell](#) was Led by Brian O'Neill QC in this Prosecution of prolific sex offender Richard Huckle dubbed "Britain's worst paedophile" for offences spanning a decade with numerous victims including babies and toddlers. 22 life sentences with a minimum term of 25 years imposed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36458472> <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3620004/Britain-s-worst-paedophile-Richard-Huckle-admits-scores-attack-children.html>

- ## **R v. Fruen [C.C.C.] 2016**

Murder

[Charlotte Newell](#) was led by Simon Dennison QC in this Prosecution of a neighbour dispute which led to a fatal stabbing at the end of Christmas day.

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/14564713.Mottingham_man_guilty_of_manslaughter_after_stabbing_r

- ## **R v. Arthy & ors [C.C.C.] 2016**

Conspiracy to import Firearms

[Charlotte Newell](#) appeared for the defence of a female defendant accused and cleared of conspiring to import vast amounts of automatic weaponry after a lengthy Old Bailey trial. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/663359/harry-shilling-michael-defraime-cuxton-marina-rochester-kent-michael-topolski>

- **R v. A & A [Portsmouth] 2015**

Child Cruelty

[Charlotte Newell](#) successfully defended the wife of a couple on allegations of child cruelty against 3 of their 10 children including falsely accusing a 9 year old boy of sexually abusing his siblings. Instructed by Edward Hayes LLP.

- **R v. Steinmetz [Snaresbrook] 2015**

Rape & Kidnap

[Charlotte Newell](#) appeared for the Prosecution in the trial of Haredi Jewish man who imprisoned and raped his ex-wife in a home made “dungeon”. Prosecuted to conviction in the absence of the victim.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/orthodox-jewish-man-who-tied-raped-ex-wife-london-sex-dungeon-makes-legal-history-1510132>

- **R v. Phillips & ors [C.C.C.] 2015**

Murder

[Anthony Orchard QC](#) led [Charlotte Newell](#) for the Crown in this Old Bailey Hackney Gangland murder.

[News report here.](#)

- **R v. Kharrahassan & ors [C.C.C.] 2014**

Importation of £5m of Cocaine

[Sarah Forshaw QC](#) leading [Charlotte Newell](#) represented a greengrocer who was charged and cleared of smuggling £5m of cocaine in fruit and vegetables. Co-defendants sentenced to 17 years. instructed by Bark & Co.

[Daily Mail report here.](#)

- **R v. Raison & Dent [Snaresbrook] 2014**

Child sex offences

[Charlotte Newell](#) acted for the Prosecution in case involving a woman who had been persuaded to

abuse her own children by a paedophile she met on the internet.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2559456/Pregnant-woman-abused-nine-month-old-baby-five-year-old-girl-paedophile-met-internet-jailed-six-years.html>

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R v. M [Maidstone] 2014

Child sex offences

[Charlotte Newell](#) was instructed in the successful defence of an 85 year old former police officer suffering from Alzheimer's and accused of molesting a 4 year old child in 1966. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.

Articles

COVID 19: Everything you need to know at the Criminal Bar during the Pandemic

[Authors - Charlotte Newell QC & Phoebe Bragg](#)