

Charlotte Hole

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Charlotte Hole prosecutes and defends serious and organised crime, often with an international element, for which she has received commendations from Europol and the Metropolitan Police. Charlotte was appointed Treasury Counsel Monitree in April 2024.

She quickly earns the trust of vulnerable clients and scared or reluctant witnesses, as well as the confidence of instructing lawyers and police officers, including those from other jurisdictions. She has been praised by the National Crime Agency for her guidance offered to case teams, particularly those including less-experienced officers.

Charlotte has expertise in the management of complex disclosure across paper-heavy frauds and sensitive matters, and has delivered training to the CPS on "Prosecuting International and Organised Crime: Pitfalls and Protocols in Disclosure".

Recently she has specialised in 'romance' frauds, involving the use of false identities on dating apps to target vulnerable victims, who are often reluctant to support a prosecution due to shame or embarrassment, and the laundering of significant sums of money in multiple countries.

Charlotte has a particular interest in cases involving complex scientific evidence, holding a Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences.

Current instructions include: investigations by the Flying Squad and the NCA, and cases prosecuted by the CPS Complex Casework Unit, Homicide Unit, and Serious Economic, Organised Crime and International Directorate (SEOCID), as well as private instructions to defend in cases of sexual assault and stalking.

Expertise

Criminal Appeals

Cases

R v Akhtar [Southwark & Court of Appeal] 2016, R v Akhtar [2016] EWCA Crim 390

Appeal against a decision to stay proceedings | [Read more](#)

Business & Financial Crime

Cases

R v FD & RJ [Guildford]

Romance Fraud | [Read more](#)

R v BH & 3 Others [Blackfriars]

Internet Banking Fraud | [Read more](#)

General Crime

Cases

R v S, B, P, Q, R [Snaresbrook]

Conspiracy to Supply Class A Drugs | [Read more](#)

R v D, H, H, M, D, L-F [Guildford Crown Court]

Conspiracy to Convey Drugs into Prison | [Read more](#)

R v PS & MO [Woolwich]

Confiscation following conviction for conspiracy to supply drugs | [Read more](#)

R v CU & Others [Kingston]

Commercial Burglary | [Read more](#)

R v H [Maidstone]

Assault | [Read more](#)

R v LV [Guildford]

Armed Robbery | [Read more](#)

R v AA [Central Criminal Court]

Malicious communication to the police | [Read more](#)

R v SB [Southwark]

Assault on partner | [Read more](#)

R v SC [Westminster]

Police officer assault on two teenagers | [Read more](#)

R v TK [Kingston]

Operation Trident- Possession of live ammunition | [Read more](#)

Homicide (Murder & Manslaughter)

Cases

R v BS [Basildon]

Attempted Murder | [Read more](#)

R v AA [Central Criminal Court]

Attempted Murder | [Read more](#)

Public Prosecutions

Cases

Operation Varbody [Snaresbrook]

Family OCG trafficking 1 tonne of cocaine around the UK | [Read more](#)

Operation Tamora [Isleworth]

Containers filled with 270kg of cocaine, 2,500kg of cannabis and 18.6m cigarettes | [Read more](#)

R v Seabrook & Ors [Woolwich]

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Serious & Organised Crime

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The Feltham Book Heist | [Read more](#)

R v Seabrook & Ors [Woolwich]

Conspiracy to supply drugs | [Read more](#)

Sexual Offences

Cases

R v H [Kingston]

Historic rape, buggery and sexual assault | [Read more](#)

Related expertise

Confiscation, Civil Recovery and Asset Forfeiture

General Crime

Homicide (Murder & Manslaughter)

Private Prosecutions

Public Access

Public Prosecutions

Regulatory

Serious & Organised Crime

Sexual Offences

Notable Cases

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Other Information

Appointments

- Treasury Counsel Monitoree
- CPS Fraud Panel (Grade 3)
- CPS General Crime Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Serious Crime Panel (Grade 4)
- Pupil Supervisor

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

- Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences (forensic medicine, forensic science, and the law as applicable to the forensic sciences), Worshipful Society of Apothecaries (2019). Dissertation: "The medico-legal investigation of the death of persons deprived of their liberty by the state".
- Bar Vocational Course, City University (2009); British Academy of Forensic Sciences Prize
- MA, University of Oxford (2009)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (2007)
- BA Literae Humaniores, University of Oxford (2004)