

Hannah Thomas

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"Hannah is commercially astute and extremely hardworking. Her advice and work is always concise and to the point."

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Hannah Thomas specialises in criminal law, professional discipline and inquests & inquiries. She is ranked in the Legal 500 as a leading junior in the latter field.

Hannah's criminal practice spans both prosecution and defence work. Defending, she has established a reputation as a go-to junior in all manner of serious crime and white-collar crime. She is often chosen to defend young or vulnerable clients due to her exceptional client care skills and is known for her tenacity, hard-work and inventive legal arguments. As a led junior she has defended in murder trials, drugs conspiracies and recently acted for James Stunt who was acquitted of one of the largest money laundering trials in the UK. Alone she has significant experience defending serious sexual offences, violence and drugs. Hannah is a Grade 3 CPS prosecutor and is often instructed in cases that are challenging or have a sexual element to them. She also acts for HMRC in ancillary criminal and tax proceedings and acts in private prosecutions.

Hannah is a leading junior in the sphere of inquests and inquiries. She has previously worked on the Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the Manchester Arena Bombing Inquiry and the Levitt KC Boohoo Group PLC Independent Review. In inquests, Hannah is chosen for her focused approach to cases and clear advice. She is often chosen to represent Care Homes as she is adept at marshalling voluminous cases with a number of witnesses. Hannah also frequently represents medical professionals at inquests given her linked expertise in professional discipline law.

Hannah defends professional discipline clients across all medical regulators. She is often chosen to defend clients accused of serious sexual or dishonesty offences given her linked expertise in criminal law. Recent cases include restoring a doctor to the medical register following erasure for dishonesty, and a finding of no impairment for a doctor convicted of harassment.

Expertise

Criminal Defence

Hannah is an experienced junior whose defence practice spans murder, violent offences, firearms, drugs conspiracies and rape and other serious sexual offences.

Hannah has experience in defending cases with a human rights element to them and was involved in a judicial review of the Covid-19 Regulations during the pandemic.

Notable Cases:

R v JG – 2023

Led junior defending a 21 year old man charged with conspiracy to murder, murder and conspiracy to possess firearms. The incidents involved gang warfare and shootings in broad daylight.

R v KH – Ongoing

Currently instructed as junior counsel in a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court for an 18 year old defendant.

R v TG – Ongoing

Currently instructed as sole counsel defending TG accused of serious sexual offences in the context of his professional work as a doctor.

Business Crime & Financial Services

Hannah has a thriving white-collar crime practice both as a led junior and alone. She recently acted as junior counsel for James Stunt in one of the biggest money laundering prosecutions ever brought in the UK.

Notable Cases:

R v SS – 2024

Defended SS who was acquitted of a rogue trading fraud worth over £100,000 following successful legal submissions.

R v James Stunt – 2025

Led junior acting for James Stunt in one of the biggest money laundering prosecutions ever brought in the UK. Mr Stunt was accused of laundering £266 million of cash through a joint venture with another company. He was the only defendant acquitted after a five-month trial.

R v RA – Ongoing

Currently instructed as sole counsel defending RA who is accused of a series of romance frauds and sexual offences is considered ‘one of the top 100 threats to women’ by the Metropolitan Police.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

Hannah is ranked in the Legal 500 as a leading junior in this field. She has acted in the Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the Manchester Arena Bombing Inquiry and the Levitt KC Boohoo Group PLC Independent Review.

In inquests, she is regularly instructed for medical professionals and care homes.

Notable Cases:

Inquest into the death of JA – 2024

Hannah acted for the GP in the inquest into the death of JA, a high-profile inquest where the deceased died from the ingestion of food ordered from Deliveroo that was contaminated with peanuts. The case explored allergy advertising on food delivery platforms and GP reviews of patients with severe allergies. A PFD was issued to NICE. The case attracted significant media attention.

Inquest into the death of MB – 2024

Acted for Dr VR in an inquest concerning the death of a patient following a routine dental procedure. PFD issued to NICE as a result of Hannah's legal submissions and no adverse findings against her client.

Inquest into the death of PQ – 2023

Acted for a Consultant Obstetrician in the inquest into the death of PQ, a baby who did not survive an emergency C-Section following undiagnosed foetal anaemia. The case involved complex expert evidence in multiple areas including the reading of cardiotocography scans which measure a baby's heart-rate in utero. The case resulted in no adverse findings against Hannah's client.

Professional Discipline

Hannah is known for her stellar representation of medical professionals across a range of regulators. She is often chosen to defend in cases with a linked criminal element – such as sexual offences or dishonesty – due to her linked expertise in criminal law.

Notable Cases:

MPTS v NN – 2024

Represented a doctor accused of misconduct following his convictions for harassment. NN sent a series of 'revenge porn' messages to his ex-partner and her boyfriend, received convictions for harassment, and failed to notify the GMC in a timely manner about those convictions. Following a contested hearing the MPTS found that NN's fitness to practice was not impaired.

MPTS v NR – 2024

Suspension lifted and Dr NR was allowed to return to practice after a Substantive Order Review hearing.

MPTS v AG – 2024

Dr AG was restored to the medical register after a Restoration Hearing following his erasure five years earlier for dishonesty offences.

Private Prosecution

Hannah has a keen interest in private prosecution work and is an active member of the PPA. She has been instructed as a junior alone, as a led junior, and has previously been seconded to a white-collar firm to work on a high-profile private prosecution.

Public Prosecution

Hannah is a Grade 3 prosecutor and is often instructed in cases that have a sexual element to them or are particularly challenging.

Hannah also represents HMRC in civil cash forfeiture cases and in the tax tribunal.

Notable Cases:

R v GBB – 2024

Prosecuted a defendant who had smuggled in a kilogram of cocaine into the UK concealed within her own body. The defendant ran the defence of modern slavery.

R v KK – Ongoing

Instructed to prosecute a child sexual offences case where the defendant was caught by undercover police officers.