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Hanne Stevens is a leading regulatory barrister. Hanne spent her formative years as a barrister at 2 Hare Court as a versatile practitioner undertaking a range of criminal work.

Before her return to Chambers, Hanne was senior in-house counsel at Capsticks LLP, one of the UK's largest and most specialized firms for professional regulatory law and healthcare.

Beyond her work as a barrister, Hanne has enjoyed leadership roles in BPP Law School, human rights group, Rights Watch UK and international diplomacy at the UK Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Hanne was a presenting lawyer in the Independent Office of Police Conduct overseeing police regulation and sits on the independent decision-making panel of the Bar Standards Board.

Expertise

Public Prosecution & Criminal Defence

Hanne began her practice in the criminal courts and spent some eight years as a junior, prosecuting on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service and defending for a variety of firms, in cases involving sexual offences, grievous bodily harm, armed robbery, supply of drugs, human trafficking and murder.

Professional Discipline

Hanne has developed her expertise with a busy and varied caseload of regulatory tribunal work, including prosecuting cases for the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Social Work England, the General Chiropractic Council, The Tax Disciplinary Board and the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council.

Hanne worked in-house in the Presenting Unit at the Independent Office for Police Conduct on high-profile and sensitive police regulation cases.

Hanne was appointed to the Bar Standards Board Panel of Independent Decision Makers in 2024 as a panel adjudicator on the conduct of barristers, provisions of licences, authorisation to practise and cases that require disciplinary action, ensuring fair and proportionate outcomes whilst upholding the high standards of the bar.

Notable Cases:

SWE v K [2026]

A social worker was dishonest in 10 cases when she deprived elderly Service Users of their liberty. Removal from the Register.

RCVS v C [2025]

A former British Horseracing Authority (BHA) veterinary officer struck off the Register of Veterinary Surgeons for fabricating doctors' notes to mislead her employer.

GCC v B [2025]

A registrant touched and grabbed a vulnerable patient in an unwanted manner – conditions of practise order 12 months.

SRA v T and S [2024]

Dishonest property transactions by partners. Both struck off the Roll of Solicitors

RCVS v L [2024]

A veterinary surgeon was removed from the Register of Veterinary Surgeons after a number of dishonest and misleading failings relating to his certification of veterinary export health certificates (EHCs) were found proved.

Public Law

As an in-house barrister, Hanne advised IOPC decision-makers and investigation teams on all aspects of contentious litigation, disclosure and case preparation in complex, high-profile cases with political sensitivities, under close public scrutiny, covering issues such as misconduct in public office, abuse of position for sexual purposes, discrimination, dishonesty and use of force. She advised on ancillary litigation, including abuse of process applications, civil litigation claims, judicial review challenges, inquests, and parallel criminal proceedings. She built relationships with senior internal and external stakeholders, law firms, police forces and panel chairs. She represented the IOPC at the High Court.

Notable Cases:

R (McMahon) v Independent Office for Police Conduct [2024] EWHC 556 (Admin)

Hanne was instructed by the IOPC and successfully resisted an application for judicial review by a litigant in person in a two-day hearing, after the IOPC concluded that Greater Manchester Police's investigation into a death was reasonable and proportionate.