

Jack Gilliland



Year of Call: 2019

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Jack Gilliland is a highly regarded junior who is frequently instructed across a range of 2 Hare Court's practice areas. His principal focus is criminal advocacy, inquests and inquiries, and professional discipline.

Jack prosecutes and defends a diversity of matters, from pre-charge through to trial, both led and as a junior alone. He was recently seconded to the Law Officers' Department in Jersey where he provided pre-charge advice in respect of numerous criminal investigations, including in relation to attempted murder. In the civil sphere, Jack is routinely instructed to seek various orders, injunctions, and remedies on behalf of local authorities.

Jack successfully represents medical professionals and others at inquest hearings and before the major regulators. He has acted at all stages of fitness to practise including in cases where dishonesty and/or sexual misconduct has been alleged. In a recent case, Jack persuaded a fitness to practise panel to recuse themselves following the inadvertent disclosure to them, by the regulator, of material which was highly prejudicial to the registrant.

Jack is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan.

Before coming to the Bar, Jack served for six years in the British Army when, following training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps. A significant part of his work involved handling sensitive material both in the United Kingdom and overseas. He previously lived for a period in the United States, where he worked in financial services and public affairs.

Professional Discipline

Notable Cases:

NMC v S

Location

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The nurse in question faced allegations of dishonesty, failing to adhere to prescribing protocols, failing to return a prescription pad upon leaving employment, and subsequently using that pad to prescribe for family and friends. The hearing, part heard from 2022, lasted two weeks. The nurse admitted many of the allegations, but not those alleging dishonesty. Submissions of no case to answer on these charges were unsuccessful. At the end of the facts stage of the proceedings, the Panel found only one of the dishonesty charges proven. The Panel subsequently found misconduct in relation to five charges spanning five months, including the dishonesty charge, and that the nurse's fitness to practise was impaired. The NMC sought a strike-off. Jack successfully argued that the nurse should be allowed to continue practising without any restriction, and that the regulator's submission was disproportionate. The Panel decided to impose a caution order for five years.

SWE v W

Jack represented a social worker facing two charges; namely, that he had sent inappropriate messages via a private messaging platform to a friend, and that he had harassed his former manager over a period of some months. The social worker of around ten years' experience had never been the subject of disciplinary proceedings before. At the hearing, the Panel determined that, although the messages reflected badly on the social worker, they did not fall within the scope of the social worker's professional practice, and they did not serve to lower the reputation of the profession. They did not amount to misconduct. Although misconduct was found in relation to the second charge (harassment), the Panel acceded to submissions that the behaviour was out-of-character, remediated, and at such low risk of repetition that a finding of impairment in the public interest was unnecessary.

Appointments & Memberships

- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Criminal Bar Association
- CPS Advocate Panel: Level 1
- Government Legal Department Junior Junior
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

Education & Qualifications

- B.A. (Hons) Political Science (First Class), University of Birmingham
- Mountbatten Programme, New York
- Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow, Washington, D.C.
- Commissioning Course, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School
- Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School

- Diplock Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Law School Dean's Scholarship, BPP Law School
- BPTC Scholarship, City Law School

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