

Scott Ivill

Call: 1997

"Scott is meticulous in his preparation, and he has a calming manner with clients and a persuasive style of advocacy that is highly effective with fitness-to-practise panels."

Chambers UK 2025 (Professional Discipline)



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Scott Ivill has 25+ years experience and has consistently been described by the leading industry guide as being a “leader of the Bar”.

Highly regarded by both professional and lay clients, Scott is in great demand in each of his practice areas. He is renowned for his accomplished advocacy, his ability to manage complex issues and his excellent judgement. He has a tremendous commitment and dedication to his clients’ cases, and comes with a reputation for robust advocacy, fearless cross-examination and an unwavering determination to succeed.

Extremely hard-working, Scott adopts a meticulous approach to the detail of every case, and he has a charming and approachable manner that immediately puts his clients at ease. His belief in a team approach means that Scott works closely with all involved to achieve the best possible outcome and is regularly the subject of positive client feedback. Recent client feedback has included: “I doubt we could have been more ably represented...you were excellent counsel” and “You could not have done a better job, I am truly grateful” and “You are a very, very good barrister”.

Scott is highly recommended in Legal 500 & Chambers UK for both Professional Discipline and Crime, cementing his reputation as a leader in both fields. He is also extremely experienced, and sought-after, in the field of Inquests.

Scott accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions.

Expertise

Professional Discipline

Scott advises and represents professionals throughout the entire professional discipline process. He regularly appears in fitness to practice cases where he defends regulated professionals in the health care and financial disciplines.

He also acts for Regulators such as the General Osteopathic Council. As an extremely experienced leading junior, Scott is able to deploy the highest skills of advocacy – honed in the most serious cases in criminal practice – to optimum effect in mounting submissions and

in the cross-examination of witnesses. His ability is such that he is regularly the subject of positive comment from instructing solicitors. His experience in this field, and inquests more generally, allows for continuity of representation in cases involving the potential culpability of healthcare professionals.

Recent client feedback has included: “Thank you so much, you have saved my career” and “If there was a model of how to submit on the facts and UPC then you have just shown it.”

Scott was also an appointed legal advisor to the General Pharmaceutical Council for many years.

Cases

Doctor PL

Multiple allegations resulting in the GMC seeking an 18-month ISO. Following argument advanced by Scott, the panel determined that No Order should be made. Scott was instructed by Radcliffe Le Brasseur solicitors.

Doctor HA

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Nurse RN

Represented a senior nurse, of good character, accused of 11 separate matters of misconduct. Scott successfully persuaded the Conduct & Competence Committee of the Nursing & Midwifery Council Panel that there was no case to answer on five of the 11 charges, that a further five charges had not been proved and that the final, admitted, charge did not constitute misconduct.

PO

Instructed on behalf of the General Osteopathic Council presenting one of their longest ever cases. Multiple allegations of dishonesty. Facts and unacceptable.

Professional conduct proved. The Sanction was Removal. In addition to presenting the case, Scott provided advice as to the drafting of the allegations and their juxtaposition with the Act and the Code. He also drafted the skeleton argument that formed the basis of the case.

Inquests

Scott is an experienced inquest advocate where he acts for healthcare professionals (allied to his professional disciplinary work) and Trusts. Inquests form a central part of his practice and he is an accomplished practitioner who is regularly requested to act in this area of law. He will always seek to ensure that his clients' risk of future professional disciplinary proceedings or prosecution is avoided or minimised.

Cases

Dr M

Instructed in a seven-day inquest following a death on discharge from hospital. Scott represented a doctor who was, at the time of the

death, a trainee vascular surgeon and who is now a trainee neurosurgeon. The Coroner thanked Scott for his assistance in what the Coroner described had been “a very difficult inquest.” Narrative conclusion with a neglect rider. PFD referral on multiple issues. Although a number of health care professionals were the subject of trenchant criticism, no such criticism was levied at Scott’s client. This case was reported in the national press. Scott was instructed by Nabarro solicitors.

Dr K

Instructed in an Article 2 inquest, acting on behalf of a Doctor. Following the five-day hearing the jury returned a short from conclusion of suicide. Scott was instructed by BLM solicitors.

CM

Instructed on behalf of a Nurse who had been tasked with the care of the deceased following elective laparoscopic surgery for a hernia at a private hospital. A cause of death was post-operative haemorrhage. Narrative conclusion. No finding of neglect.

RH

Accepted instruction on a pro-bono basis in a high-profile inquest on behalf of the family of one of three soldiers killed whilst travelling in a Mastiff armoured patrol vehicle in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. An improvised explosive device had been placed in a tunnel below the road and triggered using a command wire from a nearby compound. The fatalities were a direct consequence of the blast overmatch. Issues included whether the British Government had provided a vehicle that was fit for purpose and shortcomings in the relaying of intelligence. Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths report sent by the Coroner. The case was widely reported in the media.