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Public and Regulatory

Jane is qualified to accept Direct Access work and is particularly experienced in Professional Disciplinary proceedings involving Healthcare Professionals, both as a Legal Assessor for Regulatory Bodies, and also as acting for Professionals.

She has appeared in hearings before the Conduct and Competence Committees of a number of Regulatory Bodies, including Nurses and Midwives, Dentists, Pharmacists, Social Workers and the Police. Her skills as an advocate and excellent client rapport, make her an ideal choice for those facing Professional Disciplinary Proceedings.

In 2006 she was appointed Attorney General's "A" list of Unified Counsel and this appointment has led to her involvement in a full range of regulatory work. She has prosecuted for Trading Standards and the Health and Safety Executive including "death at work" cases and has experience of sitting as an Appeal Judge in this area.

Jane continues to enjoy a multi disciplinary practice representing people in both the magistrates courts and crown courts in regulatory matters. She is assisted in her background and experience in this field due to her work as a legal assessor for Professional Disciplinary Bodies.

Reported cases:

Care Quality Commission v Sampson

Jane represented an owner of a care service provider business instructed by Stephenson's LLP who are leaders in the field of Regulatory Law.

New Forest District Council Licensing Authority v Bachhu – May 2017

Jane represented the license holder of a restaurant in a review of a premises license hearing following notification of an illegal working compliance order under the Licensing Act 2003 and Immigration Act 2016. She successfully argued that a revocation of the license was unnecessary and that license conditions were sufficient to promote the licensing objectives.

This was the first case of its kind as a result of the interlinking legislative responsibilities between immigration enforcement officers (The Home Office) and the Licensing Authority in the UK.

HSE v (1) Ghumra Shareef (2) United Foods 2017 – Stephenson's Solicitors (March 2017)

A HSE investigation as a result of an accident at his industrial premises resulted in criminal proceedings in the Magistrate's Court.

General Pharmaceutical Council v Smith [21st April 2016]

Successfully Defended a Registrant before the Fitness to Practice Committee of the General Pharmaceutical Council, instructed by Stephenson's Regulatory Lawyers. Groundbreaking procedure invoked which made it unnecessary for the Committee to embark upon the usual three stage process, which could have led to the Registrant's removal from the

register, suspension, or restriction upon his practice. The Committee agreed to accept undertakings from the Registrant rather than make any order against him which permitted him to continue to practice in his chosen profession.

HSE v Calsonic [2011]

Prosecuting Counsel for the Health and Safety Executive, in a death at work case at a Factory.

R v Leatherland and Pritchard [2005]

Guideline decision of the High Court identifying the duties of the prosecution to preserve evidence.

Articles

Legal Assessors' Hints and Tips on Case Preparation and Advocacy

Four of 3PB's specialist regulatory law barristers and legal assessors [David Swinstead](#); [Peter Jennings](#); [Jane Rowley](#) and [Lachlan Wilson](#) have joined forces to create an article with detailed advice on case preparation and advocacy for legal professionals.

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Recommendations

Solicitor/Client Testimonials

"I have known Jane professionally for over 20 years and can only speak in the highest terms as to her abilities, personality and commitment....In all the cases that she has handled for me, I was consistently impressed by her efforts and also by the ease with which she related to and communicated with clients, most of whom were disadvantaged and largely inarticulate. Her concern for their welfare, in the context of the outcome of the case, was obvious and this was something the clients were nearly always able to recognise".

"Jane Rowley commands the respect and loyalty of all those who instruct her. Despite her onerous schedule she will ensure that a case receives her full attention from beginning to end. She adopts a tactful yet robust approach in relation to clients facing the most serious of offences, leaving no stone unturned in the preparation of their defence whilst advising appropriately throughout. Jane is a fearless defence advocate in the most sensitive of circumstances and will valiantly continue to do battle for her client to the end regardless of the various difficulties that present themselves. In the face of an unprecedented and relentless corrosion of the Criminal Justice system, it is heartening that there remain a noble few like Jane Rowley who remain committed to providing a thoroughly professional service to those who need it."

"Extremely approachable from a client's perspective, builds good relations with clients hence repeat instructions and a strong following. Easily contactable and has always been flexible when arranging conferences with clients which have often taken place at our offices and even on weekends to fit in with clients commitments. Very thorough in both preparation and presentation. Regarded highly amongst her peers and in the profession generally. With Jane's assistance we have achieved excellent results over the 18 years, which I have worked with her, and longer for the Practice generally. Extremely hard working and committed."

"I have instructed Jane Rowley on many occasions in relation to serious and highly sensitive sex offence cases involving young and vulnerable witnesses as well as challenging high-maintenance defendants. Jane is thorough in her preparation of such cases and diligent in her attention to detail. While listening carefully to the client's instructions she is robust in giving advice which may be unwelcome. Jane is forthright in her dealings with her opponent and conducts her case in court with a direct and fearless attitude. It is always a pleasure to work with Jane as she engages in a team approach which is of great benefit to client relations."

Academic qualifications

- University of Wales LLB (Hons) Cardiff
- BVC Inns of Court school of Law London

Professional qualifications & appointments

- 1998-2000 Crown Counsel Criminal, Attorney General's Chambers, Cayman Islands Government
- Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Legal Advisor Care Council for Wales 2006-2012
- Recorder (Crime)
- Recorder (Class 2 Authorisation Serious Sexual Offences)
- Recorder Private Law Family
- Recorder Public Law Family
- Grade 4 Prosecutor on the CPS list of Prosecuting Counsel, and on the Rape Panel, Western Circuit

Professional bodies

- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Western Circuit