



Practice Profile

Charlotte Newell is an experienced criminal practitioner, ranked in Chambers & Partners UK Bar and Legal 500 Guides, who has established a substantial criminal practice prosecuting and defending at the very highest level.

Charlotte has developed a formidable practice appearing in cases of the utmost gravity in the Crown and Appellate Courts and has developed particular expertise in the Prosecution and Defence of serious sexual allegations and cases involving young and vulnerable witnesses. Charlotte is known for early and thorough case preparation as well as an incredible attention to detail, an approachable but no-nonsense advocate who regularly wins praise from the judiciary and those that instruct her.

She is committed to continuing professional education, maintaining and promoting the high standards at the Bar retaining its role as a specialist profession of advocates. To that end, Charlotte has been a pupil supervisor since 2005 and many of her pupils have gone on to take tenancy. A member of the Criminal Bar Association Education Committee, Charlotte is involved in the organisation of lectures, conferences, seminars and webinars to the criminal Bar, notably the renowned bi-annual CBA sexual offences conference.

Charlotte Newell is an advocacy trainer for Grays Inn, has lectured the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal tribunal on the handling of vulnerable advocates and is a lead facilitator in the vulnerable witnesses advocacy training scheme.

Areas of Practice

- Homicide & Corporate Manslaughter
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Sexual Offences
- General Crime
- Prosecution
- Appellate
- Confiscation, Civil Recovery & Asset Forfeiture
- Cyber Crime
- Regulatory & Professional Discipline
- Terrorism

What The Directories Say

'Incredibly hardworking, with a level of preparation that is second to none.' *Legal 500 - 2019*

'Incredibly hardworking and meticulous, with an attention to detail that is second to none.' *Legal 500 2017*

"Conscientious, supportive, hardworking and forward-thinking." *Legal 500 2016*

News

Legal 500 2018

25 October 2018

Chambers are delighted to again be recognised by the Legal 500 with a record fourteen members featuring in their latest edition and again plaudits for the clerking team. Rankings include General Crime, Fraud and Regulatory & Discipline.

The 'fantastic' 5KBW has dealt with many high-profile criminal cases over the last year and is 'fast becoming a leading chambers thanks to the ability and experience of its counsel'. 'I have yet to find their weak link,' said one solicitor.

The 'highly efficient and friendly' clerks' room 'can be relied on to provide you the best barrister to suit your client's needs'. The 'inimitable' Lee Hughes-Gage 'epitomises all of these high qualities'.

[Link to 2018 edition here.](#)

14 year old Acquitted of Murder

24 October 2018

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[News Report Here](#)

Recent Cases

R v W & ors [C.C.C] 2018

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[News report here](#)

Operation Patipo [Woolwich] 2018

Large Scale Importation of firearms, ammunition and Class A drugs

Charlotte Newell represented this young woman accused of conspiracy to possess firearms and live ammunition with intent to endanger life and conspiracy to possess large amounts of Class A drugs importing them in to the UK via the Eurotunnel. Found not guilty on all charges after trial. Instructed by Bark and Co

Operation Bloomeria [2017-2018] 2018

Prosecution of a network of paedophiles

Charlotte Newell was instructed by CPS International & Organised Crime division Prosecuted this network of individuals for offences by paedophiles including streaming child sexual abuse on an online conferencing platform including the live streaming of a rape of a child in the USA.

BBC news report here.

R v. Kibusi & ors [C.C.C.] 2017

Revenge Execution

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell in this prosecution of 3 men for the "Revenge Execution" of a rival gang member following a knife fight the previous day. The victim was shot in the chest with an automatic pistol at close range during broad daylight in a street in Ilford East London. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 30 years.

News report here.

R v B [Canterbury] 2017

Historic Sex Abuse

Charlotte Newell represented this vulnerable adult with learning difficulties accused of historic sexual offences towards his learning disabled daughter. He was cleared of all charges following trial. Instructed by Bond Joseph Solicitors.

R v S [Snaresbrook] 2017

Coercive & Controlling Behaviour towards wife

Charlotte Newell successfully defended this husband who faced a four day trial, charged with "Coercive & Controlling Behaviour towards his wife". The defendant was acquitted of all charges. Instructed by ABV Solicitors.

R v. S&H [Snaresbrook] 2017

Ultra Orthodox Jewish man charged with Kidnap and Rape of ex-wife

Charlotte Newell prosecuted this Ultra Orthodox 62 year old jewish man who was jailed for 13 years for the kidnap and rape of his ex-wife after refusing to grant her a religious divorce. He held her in a secret dungeon in Hackney, East London.

Daily Mail report.

R v. Sroka [C.C.C.] 2017

Murder of girlfriend by jilted lover

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell for the prosecution in this Old Bailey murder trial involving the brutal killing of a 29 year old woman by her jealous boyfriend when he discovered a Post Office redirection letter confirming she was leaving him.

R v. Miakheel [C.C.C.] 2016

Murder.

Charlotte Newell was Led by Brendan Finucane QC for the Prosecution in the case of a 15 year old Boy charged with murder after a fatal stabbing in the midst of a drug deal.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-35469598>

R v. Huckle [C.C.C.] 2016

Child sex offences

Charlotte Newell was Led by Brian O'Neill QC in this Prosecution of prolific sex offender Richard Huckle dubbed "Britain's worst paedophile" for offences spanning a decade with numerous victims including babies and toddlers. 22 life sentences with a minimum term of 25 years imposed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36458472> <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3620004/Britain-s-worst-paedophile-Richard-Huckle-admits-scores-attack-children.html>

R v. Fruen [C.C.C.] 2016

Murder

Charlotte Newell was led by Simon Dennison QC in this Prosecution of a neighbour dispute which led to a fatal stabbing at the end of Christmas day.

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/14564713.Mottingham_man_guilty_of_manslaughter_after_stabbing_neighbour_to_death_on

R v. Arthy & ors [C.C.C.] 2016

Conspiracy to import Firearms

Charlotte Newell appeared for the defence of a female defendant accused and cleared of conspiring to import vast amounts of automatic weaponry after a lengthy Old Bailey trial. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/663359/harry-shilling-michael-defraigne-cuxton-marina-rochester-kent-michael-topolski>

R v. A & A [Portsmouth] 2015

Child Cruelty

Charlotte Newell successfully defended the wife of a couple on allegations of child cruelty against 3 of their 10 children including falsely accusing a 9 year old boy of sexually abusing his siblings. Instructed by Edward Hayes LLP.

R v. Steinmetz [Snaresbrook] 2015

Rape & Kidnap

Charlotte Newell appeared for the Prosecution in the trial of Haredi Jewish man who imprisoned and raped his ex-wife in a home made "dungeon". Prosecuted to conviction in the absence of the victim.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/orthodox-jewish-man-who-tied-raped-ex-wife-london-sex-dungeon-makes-legal-history-1510132>

R v. Phillips & ors [C.C.C.] 2015

Murder

Anthony Orchard QC led Charlotte Newell for the Crown in this Old Bailey Hackney Gangland murder.

News report here.

R v. Kharrahassan & ors [C.C.C.] 2014

Importation of £5m of Cocaine

Sarah Forshaw QC leading Charlotte Newell represented a greengrocer who was charged and cleared of smuggling £5m of cocaine in fruit and vegetables. Co-defendants sentenced to 17 years. instructed by Bark & Co.

Daily Mail report here.

R v. Raison & Dent [Snaresbrook] 2014

Child sex offences

Charlotte Newell acted for the Prosecution in case involving a woman who had been persuaded to abuse her own children by a paedophile she met on the internet.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2559456/Pregnant-woman-abused-nine-month-old-baby-five-year-old-girl-paedophile-met-internet-jailed-six-years.html>

R v. M [Maidstone] 2014

Child sex offences

Charlotte Newell was instructed in the successful defence of an 85 year old former police officer suffering from Alzheimer's and accused of molesting a 4 year old child in 1966. Instructed by Thos Boyd Whyte.