

Nicholas Walker

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Appointments

- Legally Qualified Chair of Police Misconduct Hearings

Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- Criminal Bar Association
- Vice President and Executive Member of the National Association Of Legally Qualified Chairs

Overview

With over 20 years' experience in complex cases, Nicholas' practice now centres on professional discipline where he is in demand across the country for his hard-working and common-sense approach and his persuasive advocacy.

Although he no longer accepts instructions in general legal-aid crime, he will defend professionals in the criminal courts where there are concurrent or pending disciplinary proceedings. Nicholas also enjoys cases with scientific evidence and often presents complex cases involving medical specialisms at the Medical Practitioners' Tribunal Service on behalf of the General Medical Council.

Nicholas is particularly adept in cases where there are sensitive issues or vulnerable witnesses and is accredited by the Inns of Court College of Advocacy as a Lead Facilitator for Vulnerable Witness Training as well as a Northern Circuit Advocacy Trainer. He sits as Legally Qualified Chair in police misconduct hearings.

Cases

Mr O. Health Care and Professions Council

Mr O was alleged to have touched a client and acted in an inappropriate and sexual way during the course of his treatment of her. At the conclusion of the hearing the Panel dismissed all of the allegations made against Mr O.

Recommendations

“Nick has an excellent client manner and is meticulous in his preparation and presentation of cases. He maintains good communication from initial instruction to the final hearing and gains the trust and respect of clients and solicitors instantly with his calm and controlled manner.”

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“Nick Walker is a capable and confident advocate who combines intelligence and insight with approachability. He works extremely hard and is always available to discuss cases and offer advice. Nick’s advocacy is engaging to both Judge and jury; a closing speech of his was one of the best I’ve heard. I have worked with Nick on a number of occasions and it has always been a pleasure.”

“I have now instructed Nick Walker in a number of police cases involving criminal prosecutions and misconduct proceedings. These have been challenging and complex cases. Mr Walker impresses with his attention to detail, good judgment and advocacy skills. The clients warm to him and as he is able to earn and command their trust and respect. They know they are in safe hands. He is always contactable and responds quickly to enquiries and is therefore a pleasure to work with professionally.”

Nick Holroyd – Slater & Gordon

“That brings me onto your choice in barrister, Nick Walker. A person who again I think was the perfect person to represent me.

I genuinely felt that Nick had my best interests at heart. He presented himself very calm and collected, much like how I was in my career as an officer. You don’t need to scream and shout to be heard.

I was beyond impressed in my appeal hearing, I was in tears for most of it. I couldn’t help but admire how passionate he came across talking about my life and my case, he toed a brilliant line between respecting the courts, not belittling the original sentencing judge but really emphasising points which he felt were ‘misunderstood’ at the time and really got the judges to understand where I was mentally.

Nick made me feel that if my appeal failed I knew there was nothing more he could have done for me which I think says a lot.”

Former Police Officer