



New Park Court

Date: 27 November 2025

Time: 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Place: Dakota Hotel (Tyne Suite), 112
Quayside, Newcastle, NE1 3DX

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General Criminal Law Update By New Park Court Chambers

Lee Fish

Year of call 2003



CRIME UPDATE –

- **Defence statements:** the pitfalls
- **Hearsay update:** res gestae evidence in domestic abuse cases

Lee Fish is a highly sought-after and experienced barrister who is recommended in the leading legal directories as “exceptional”, “a very well-skilled and excellent performer”, and “inspires confidence”.

Lee’s criminal practice covers serious, substantial and high-profile cases. He has developed notable expertise in the prosecution and defence of those accused of manslaughter, murder, rape and other serious offences. Lee has been appointed to CPS Serious Crime Panel, Specialist Fraud Panel and Rape and Serious Sexual Offence Panel.

Known for his ‘tactical mind’ and as an effective communicator, both in Court and with vulnerable clients, Lee does not shy away from having difficult conversations.

Claire Anderson

Year of call 2011



CRIME UPDATE –

- **Jury irregularities**
- **Recent case reviews**

Claire Anderson prosecutes and defends across the full spectrum of criminal offences, both on her own and as junior counsel.

She regularly works on multi-handed, factually and legally complex cases across the full spectrum of criminal law, including serious violence, sexual offending, fraud, and drug offences. Claire acts on behalf of various agencies, including the Crown Prosecution Service, HMRC, the DWP, and DVSA. She is a CPS Level 3 Prosecutor, a CPS Specialist Fraud Advocate, and a CPS Specialist Counter Terrorism Advocate.

Based in Newcastle, she is known for her friendly, honest approach and thorough preparation of her cases. Claire has a pragmatic and no-nonsense style, which puts defendants at ease.

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About New Park Court Chambers

New Park Court Chambers is a Tier 1 set for Crime and has one of the most established and widely experienced criminal teams on the North Eastern Circuit. The set has a formidable national reputation for handling substantial and high-profile criminal cases, which have attracted widespread media coverage.

New Park Court Chambers' Crime Team comprises of 17 heavyweight KCs along with a team of highly skilled and experienced junior advocates who focus on complex casework within the full spectrum of criminal proceedings and can offer advice at the investigatory stage through to Crown Court or Appeal Court proceedings.

"New Park Court Chambers is a well-regarded set on the North Eastern Circuit, noted for its expertise spanning the full range of serious criminal work. The set houses "an excellent range of good counsel" who are regularly instructed in high-profile homicides and sexual assault cases and have considerable experience of acting for both the prosecution and defence."

Chambers and Partners 2025 [Crime]

"The criminal team at New Park Court Chambers depth of expertise and knowledge is second to none."

Legal 500 2025 [Crime]

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Such casework can include:

- Homicide & Manslaughter – the prosecution and defence of complex medico-legal cases and/or cases with a complicated scientific element and multiple experts.
- Youth murders – cases involving the prosecution and defence of minors accused of murder/manslaughter.
- Non-Accidental Head Injuries in Children – instructed for both the prosecution and defence of such cases where the 'triad' of signs and their interpretation have arisen.
- Organised Crime – instructed for the prosecution and defence of 'operational' cases involving significant sums in fraud and money laundering, drugs conspiracies (Operation Venetic), firearms and gangland murders involving members of Organised Crime Groups.
- Road Traffic Offences – defendant representation in cases where the accused has been charged with death by dangerous or careless driving.
- Serious Sexual Offences – rape, assault, grooming and cases involving the young or vulnerable.
- Terrorism – instructed by the prosecution and defence at both advisory and trial stage for defendants charged with terrorism offences.
- Corporate & White Collar Crime – criminal investigations into fraud, bribery, corruption, money laundering, confiscation, corporate manslaughter, health & safety and environmental breaches.

In 2025, New Park Court Chambers was awarded the prestigious title of 'Chambers of the Year' at the LexisNexis Legal Awards 2025. The set was also awarded 'Chambers of the Year 2024' at the British Legal Awards and 'Team of the Year – Crime and Regulatory' at the Northern Law Awards.

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