

# Nigel Fryer

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"Nigel is a highly experienced barrister who demonstrates exceptional confidence in the courtroom. His advocacy is both firm and fair. His professionalism and presence make him a valuable asset."

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Nigel Fryer is an accomplished leading junior whose practice encompasses complex criminal and regulatory matters.☎

His has significant experience in murder, organised drug crime, fatal road traffic offences, serious violence, fraud, serious sexual offending and historic sexual abuse.☎

He is known for his commanding presence in Court, skilful cross-examination and ability to engage a Jury.☎

Nigel's regulatory practice includes health and safety, environmental law, CQC, trading standards, and planning enforcement. He has specialist expertise in health and safety matters arising in a medical setting.

## Expertise

### Crime

Nigel is a respected leading junior with extensive experience in serious and complex crime, including homicide, organised drugs offences, serious violence, and sexual offences. Known for his strong court presence and incisive cross-examination, he is trusted to handle significant cases with clarity, confidence, and authority.

### Regulatory

Nigel has a national regulatory practice covering health and safety, environmental law, planning enforcement, and trading standards. He has particular expertise in health and safety in a medical setting, as he is regularly instructed by NHS Wales and Welsh Health Boards. He has considerable experience in matters involving pollution, waste, breaches of planning controls and statutory nuisance.

Nigel is frequently instructed to advise government bodies and business, recent examples include liability arising from RAAC, submissions to the Covid Enquiry, the legality of drug rehabilitation schemes and the provision of children's homes.

## Appointments

- CPS Level 4 Prosecutor
- Rape & Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) Panel

## Education

- Queen Mary, University of London
- UWE, Bristol

## Notable and reported cases

### Crime

- R v L (R) & F (J) [2009] 1 Cr. App. R. 16 (CA) – Defence counsel in the guideline case that established the correct approach to the prosecution of unincorporated associations. The Court upheld the terminatory ruling in the Crown Court that led to the acquittal of both defendants.
- R v RW (2024) – Leading Counsel securing the acquittal of the lead defendant in a 105 kg cocaine conspiracy.
- R v XX (2024) – Leading Counsel securing the acquittal of a defendant with profound learning difficulties accused of multiple historic rape offences against a complainant with similar difficulties.
- R v XX (2023) – Leading Counsel in Operation Empire a complex fourteen defendant county line cocaine conspiracy.
- R v XX (2023) – Leading Counsel in Operation Beechway a complex cannabis conspiracy.
- R v XX (2023) – Leading Counsel is a case of serious sexual offending against multiple complainants from the same school.
- R v XX (2022) – Leading Counsel in a historic case of serious sexual abuse of multiple children from two families two families by two defendants.
- R v XX (2023) – Led by Caroline Rees KC. Securing the acquittal of a 17 year old youth accused of involvement in a drug gang murder.
- R v XX (2022) – Led by Caroline Rees KC. Encrochat drug operation exceeding 80 kg of cocaine.
- R v XX (2024) – Secured the acquittal of a young woman accused of death by careless driving. The matter involved complex expert evidence regarding the cause of death.
- R v XX (2024) – Secured the acquittal of a prominent surgeon accused of child image offences.
- R v XX (2024) – Secured the acquittal of a man accused of attempting to kill his wife by slowly administering poison to her in her food.
- R v XX (2024) – Secured the acquittal of a man accused of a gang kidnap, threats to kill and grievous bodily harm.

### Regulatory

- R (Environment Agency) v L (R) and F (J) [2009] 1 Cr. App. R. 16 (CA) – Defence counsel in the guideline case that established the correct approach to the prosecution of unincorporated associations. The Court upheld the terminatory ruling in the Crown Court that led to the acquittal of both defendants.
- R (GLAA) v XX – Leading Counsel in the defence of a managing director accused of offences relating to the unregulated employment of Filipino vets in the UK dairy industry.
- R (HSE) v Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Defended the Health Board against charges under s.3 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from the death of three pensioners following falls.
- R (HSE) v Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Defended the Health Board against charges under s.3 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from the suicide of a patient in a mental health unit.
- R (HSE) v Powys Teaching Health Board – Defended the Health Board against charges arising from an extensive investigation into Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome related injuries to ground staff caused by inadequate equipment.
- R (NRW) v XX – Defended a significant construction company against charges arising from the discharge of silt into a river.

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