

# Silas Lee

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Silas' practice spans regulatory, public law and criminal work. In criminal cases, Silas has been exclusively instructed by the defence on both a privately and publicly funded basis. He has a reputation for astute legal analysis and is a robust defender of all clients, from all backgrounds.

He has particular expertise in the overlap between criminal and regulatory prosecutions. He has experience representing professionals charged with serious misconduct in the criminal courts and in proceedings against professionals accused of criminal conduct by their regulator.

Silas is currently instructed as led junior representing a police officer accused of years long corruption, misconduct in public office and perverting the course of justice. He is also instructed by a regulator bringing a case involving allegations of rape and sexual assault against a professional.

His expertise extends to issues of data protection and the defence of allegations of data misuse.

Silas was previously instructed by the Infected Blood Inquiry, working on their investigation into the UK Blood Services, as well as preparing examination of key witnesses. He has also been seconded to the Nursing and Midwifery Council, bringing serious cases against registered professionals including those involving the death of patients, allegations of violence against service users and allegations of sexual misconduct against patients and colleagues.

# Expertise

## Crime

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Silas has represented clients accused of fraud, serious violence, supply of drugs and serious sexual allegations. He has particular expertise in the representation of client's with complex mental health and neurological issues. Silas has been instructed in an array of cases involving challenges to expert evidence, as well as in cases involving complex disclosure and investigation issues including making applications of abuse of process.

### Notable Crime cases

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#### R v IA (ongoing) Birmingham Crown Court.

Defence of a police officer accused of corruption.

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#### R v M (2023) Isleworth Crown Court.

Defendant acquitted of possession of criminal property, £1390, in circumstances where he was found with eight types of controlled drug. Given a suspended sentence with no punitive requirement for eight counts of possession with intent to supply class A, B and C drugs.

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#### R v K (2023) Isleworth Crown Court.

Prosecution offered no evidence in a case involving an alleged assault on a police officer captured on CCTV. The trial was adjourned to allow the CPS to consider representations about the defendant's mental health, following which the case against him was dropped.

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#### R v T (2022) Woolwich Crown Court.

Defendant was a youth upon arrest for having a bladed article in her possession in public. There was then an unexplained delay of around 11 months, leading her to be dealt with as an adult in the Crown Court. Upon service of a skeleton argument addressing abuse of process, the Crown offered no evidence.

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#### R v C (2022) Kingston Crown Court.

Eight-month sentence suspended for 18 months for a defendant convicted of seven counts of indecent/prohibited images of a child, including of category A.

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R v AC (2022) Croydon Crown Court.

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44-month sentence for defendant convicted of indecent images counts (circa 1,000 Class A moving images of children from 2-4 years old) and multiple breaches of an SHPO. Defendant had previous for indecent images and child sexual abuse and had received prior sentences of immediate imprisonment.

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## Business Crime & Fraud

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Silas has represented clients charged with fraud and money laundering, as well as in POCA proceedings following conviction. He is a member of the chambers fraud team and has worked with leading counsel in the preparation of legal argument in the Court of Appeal on the law of private prosecutions and abuse of process.

## Public Law

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Silas has previously been instructed by public inquiries and bodies responding to inquiries. He has years of experience in the investigation and preparation of cases against both public bodies and private organisations.

## Criminal Regulatory

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Silas has considerable expertise in cases involving Data Protection, Misconduct in Public Officer and other areas of criminal regulatory and compliance work. He accepts instructs from organizational and individual clients and is available to provide advice at any stage, including in respect of policies, compliance and once proceedings have commenced.

## Professional Regulation

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Silas has a busy regulatory practice and accepts instructions from both professionals and regulators. He spent six months seconded to the NMC bringing serious and complex cases against nurses and midwives. He has particular expertise in the cross-over between criminal and regulatory cases, having represented professionals in the Crown Court charged with serious offences.

## Notable Professional Regulation cases

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NMC v X (ongoing).

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Instructed in a case of rape and sexual assault by a nurse against a colleague.

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NMC v XA (2022).

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Allegations of sexual misconduct and assault found proved against a nurse in respect of several patients, including a mother and child together.

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NMC v XB (2022).

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Allegations of violence upheld against a nurse responsible for a vulnerable mentally ill patient.

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## Education

- Silas has been the recipient of the Buchanan Prize, the Lord Denning Scholarship and the Hardwicke Award.

## Publications

[Anonymous witness evidence and the right to a fair trial](#)  
[Fit for Purpose? Fitness to Plead and Mental Health in the Magistrates' court](#)  
[The end for encrochat challenge?](#)  
[Fitness to Practise Proceedings: Ten Top Tips – Webinar](#)