



## Richard Littler KC

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### Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- ARDL
- PPA

### Education

- LLB Manchester University
- Inn: Grays

### Police Law

Richard has been representing police officers for many years. Officers and the Federation demand the highest level of representation. Richard delivers this and has developed an established reputation for excellence in this area. Richard has represented officers within Merseyside, Lancashire, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire Constabularies. Richard has experience not only at first instance hearings but also on appeal.

He is an exceptional lawyer, good with clients, respected by others, a fighter and a solid jury advocate as can be seen from the numerous recommendations, testimonials and success whilst defending in silk.

Richard is not only Head of the Manchester Criminal Department but also Head of Professional Discipline within chambers. He also specialises in defending police officers up to and including the rank of superintendent, both in the Crown Court and before their disciplinary bodies. He is also regularly instructed to defend those before the GMC, GCC, Football Association Disciplinary Panels and Inquests.

He has a determination never to give up on a case, and will pursue a case to the highest level of appeal in order to achieve the correct result.

### Police Law Cases

*Superintendent Paul Staniforth (2023)* defending 6 week misconduct and PAT in discipline case brought by Gwent Police concerning sexual harassment of a junior female colleague.

**PC Gaffney (2023)** – defending misconduct and PAT in discipline case brought by GMP concerning abuse of process issues and dangerous driving / dishonesty allegations.

**DI Ben Meakin (2021)** – defending misconduct and PAT in discipline case brought by Derbyshire Police for senior officer alleged to have contravened professional standards by engaging in a campaign of sexual harassment towards 6 young female police officers whilst on duty.

**Sgt Emmett (2021)** defending misconduct brought by GMP regarding senior officer alleged to have deliberately spat at a detainee. Officer's conduct caught on CCTV. Issue for the Panel was not simply factual; the psychiatric condition of the Officer and whether her impulsivity and lack of control was brought on from her previous diagnosis of PTSD.

**PC Frazer Green (2020)** – Officer at a misconduct hearing. Alleged to have accessed police systems without policing purpose. Issues of Abuse of Process and the relevance of a mental health diagnosis of adjustment disorder to the actions of the officer.

**R v DC Harrison** Liverpool Crown Court (2014) – Data Protection Act. Offences.

**R v PC Sweeney (2015)** – Manchester Crown Court. Possessing unlawful images.

**DC McNeal (2015)** – Misconduct Hearing – Alleged unlawful detention of a vulnerable female.

**Sgt McCourt (2015)** – Misconduct Hearing and PAT – Senior police officer alleged to have sexually harassed 4 separate females.

**PC Ross Walters (2016)** – PAT hearing allegations of indecent assault.

**PC Cheung (2016 and ongoing)** – Misconduct hearing – Alleged assault on suspect and perverting course of justice.

In 2014 Richard represented a Detective Constable at a Misconduct Hearing in Leeds following her unlawful detention and admitted assault captured on CCTV of a 16 year old girl who was alleging she had been raped. Richard managed to persuade the panel that such conduct amounted to Misconduct and she was not dismissed.

## Recommendations

### What do Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 have to say?

“Richard has a fabulous manner with his clients and is able to adapt his style from the formality of the court room to that of the conference, communicating advice to client in a practical, understandable, and direct manner. He is a fearless and compelling advocate and does not shy away from making the tough submissions.”

#### The Legal 500 2025

“Richard is a passionate advocate with a true commitment to those he represents.”

“Richard is very easy to work with, provides a great service and gets good outcomes.”

“He is very friendly, approachable and has a good manner with clients. He listens and his advocacy in court is fantastic.”

“An outstanding advocate, he is extremely hard-working, easy to work with and has great client care.”

“Richard is an excellent silk. He is accommodating and approachable with the most vulnerable clients.”

“Richard is very friendly and approachable and has a good manner with the client.”

“Richard is a very impressive jury advocate, and he is able to take difficult circumstances and make it sound persuasive.”

“Richard is a passionate advocate with a true commitment to those he represents.”

#### Chambers and Partners 2025

“Richard is a very hard working silk – his advocacy, both written and verbal, are excellent. He is an excellent advocate that juries warm to, and clients are delighted to have him on their side.” **The Legal 500 2024**

“His attention to detail is great and his advocacy is amazing. He has incredible knowledge of the law.” **Chambers and Partners 2024**

Ranked Tier 1 for Professional Disciplinary Law Ranked Tier 2 for Crime (General and Fraud) **The Legal 500 2023**

“He has a wonderful calming manner with clients.” **Chambers and Partners 2023**

“An exceptionally bright KC.” “He is a brilliant advocate with an excellent manner with clients.” **Chambers and Partners 2022**

“Richard Littler KC is another stand-out name and displays expertise in cases involving terrorism, organised crime and fraud.” **The Legal 500 2022**

“A leading advocate in the criminal and regulatory arena.” “His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.” **The Legal 500 2021**

“His broad practice includes cases of serious violence and terrorism.” **The Legal 500 2020**

#### What others say about Richard?

“I have worked with Richard for many years, dealing with some of the most serious and complicated cases. He is fearless in his defence of clients, meticulous in preparation and consistently gets brilliant results.” **Damian Wall Senior Partner & Criminal Defence Lawyer Complex Crime.**

“..his attention to detail has been exceptional. The hard work and commitment he gives to the cases is proven by the great results that he receives. His client care is wonderful and the clients not only want to use him again but recommend his services to others, which in itself is a sign of the quality of his work.” **Kerry Morgan Senior Partner & Criminal Defence Lawyer Complex Crime.**

## Beyond the Bar

Richard has written many published legal articles, regularly presents lectures to fellow professionals, attends schools and universities to meet with students and is currently part of a professional committee advising and contributing towards a government report on ADHD in the Criminal Justice System: A case for Change (a topic Richard has a strong personal interest in).

He is also a keen musician and has played lead guitar in a number of bands performing at venues such as Kendal Calling Festival, the Cavern, Band on the Wall, the Deaf Institute and other well-known venues. He and the charity punk band Red Corner raised money for important charities and performed at the Manchester Legal Awards Ball in 2018.