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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Homicide
- Health & Safety
- Gross Negligence Manslaughter
- Alleged gangland executions
- Drugs – large scale importations and distribution network
- Fraud – M.T.I.C/ Carousel
- Proceeds of Crime
- Confiscation

## DIRECTORIES

### **Chambers and Partners 2024** **Crime – Northern Bar Band 1**

Nicholas Johnson KC has considerable experience as both prosecutor and defender in a broad range of serious criminal cases. He is particularly known for his ability to handle challenging homicide cases, including murder, gross negligence manslaughter and gangland executions. He is also instructed in cases concerning drugs, serious sexual offences, and health and safety. He additionally has substantial experience handling POCA and confiscation cases.

(Legal 500 2023) Ranked Tier 1 (Crime, Leading Silks)

“He displays excellent client care skills” (Legal 500 2020 ) Ranked Tier 2 (Crime, Leading Silks)

“He is exceptional on his feet” (Legal 500 2018) – Ranked tier 1

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Strengths: “A fantastic barrister. He is always my first choice – you won’t find anyone who can assimilate a case and know absolutely every detail like he does.”

“He is unflappable, good on the law and has a great manner with clients.”

Recent work: Defended a defendant accused of murder, who believed that the victim had burgled his daughter’s home.

### **Chambers and Partners 2020** **Crime– Northern Bar Band 1**

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Strengths: " He is absolutely amazing – his advocacy is fantastic and his attention to detail is second to none. He's great with clients, and is straightforward, honest and candid" "A serious fraud silk who is also excellent in homicide cases. He's a proper team leader and a master tactician".

Recent Work: Secured the successful prosecution of paedophile coach Barry Bennell, who was previously found guilty of abusing several boys as young as 14.

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Strengths: "Nicholas is excellent, he is very good at collating information and understanding complex evidence in a clear way." "An innovative leading counsel who is the man to go to if highly complex legal submissions are required."

Recent work: Instructed to prosecute a six-handed gangland murder case involving the targeted assassination of a man outside a pub in Manchester.

### **(Chambers and Partners 2018)**

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Strengths: "He is absolutely meticulous, he's very impressive" "He is particularly good, destined for great things."

Recent Work: "Acted for the prosecution in R v Donovan, Taylor and Spendlove, relating to the murder of Merseyside PC Neil Doyle and the serious assault of two other police officers.

### **(Chambers and Partners 2017)**

"His recent practice is concentrated on all forms of homicides, including manslaughter and those resulting from negligence and gangland executions. He also has a strong track record of handling drugs and fraud cases. He equally acts in prosecution and defence.

Strengths: "His obvious qualities are thorough preparation and the ability to deal with differing types of witness. He is quite prepared to stick to his guns.

Recent Work: Acted in the R v O'Shaughnessy and Others case involving gang street violence that culminated in the fatal stabbing of a young man.