

Montu Miah

Year of Call: 2013

Practice areas

- Crime
- Regulatory Law and Professional discipline
- Public Law, Judicial Review and Coronial Law

Montu Miah is a barrister with substantial experience across criminal, regulatory and public law matters.

Prior to joining Great James Street Chambers, Montu was employed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority as a Senior Legal Adviser, where he provided legal and regulatory advice across a broad range of complex and high-profile matters. His work included conducting litigation and advocacy before the Magistrates', Crown and High Courts, as well as specialist tribunals for specific matters concerning the discipline of solicitors and their practice. He regularly develops case strategy in complex regulatory proceedings, advises on public interest and evidential issues, and undertakes advocacy in contested disciplinary and restoration to the Roll matters before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal.

Montu worked as an Advisory Lawyer with the General Dental Council, advising on healthcare regulation, judicial review and statutory appeals, including matters involving professional misconduct and fitness to practice. He also previously worked as a Lawyer with the Electoral Commission, advising on regulatory enforcement, electoral law in all countries of the United Kingdom, judicial review, secondary legislation and public law matters.

Montu previously practised as a Crown Prosecutor with the Crown Prosecution Service, where he advised police forces across England and Wales and prosecuted a wide range of criminal offences in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court. His experience includes handling serious and sensitive criminal matters, including Youth Court proceedings, trials involving cases ranging from serious violence to complex fraud and homicide. Montu developed a particular expertise in prosecuting matters concerned with all driving related concerns, including drink and substance-related driving.

Montu accepts instructions in criminal law, regulatory and disciplinary proceedings, judicial review, public law, coronial law and associated appellate matters. He has extensive experience advising in complex statutory and regulatory frameworks and is particularly well placed to act in cases involving public bodies, professional regulators and being ardent in addressing issues of procedural fairness.

Montu on occasion acts pro bono and appears in matters before the Environment and Traffic Adjudicators in London. Alongside his legal practice, Montu remains qualified as an independent social worker and undertakes pro bono work involving child protection and child in need matters, with a particular specialism in advising in kinship care, child arrangement/special guardianship orders and family reunification matters.

Criminal Law

Montu has extensive experience in criminal prosecution and advocacy. He is instructed to both defend and prosecute in trials, sentencing hearings and case management proceedings in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court. His criminal experience includes advising on charging decisions, reviewing evidential sufficiency and public interest considerations, and prosecuting offences ranging from motoring matters to serious violence, fraud and homicide. Montu's work also includes prosecuting matters on behalf of local authorities, including planning enforcement and

breaches of housing law related matters. He is experienced in working closely with police and enforcement agencies across England and Wales and has significant expertise in case preparation, legal drafting and oral advocacy in complex and sensitive matters.

Regulatory & Professional Discipline

Montu has significant expertise in regulatory and professional discipline proceedings. Through his role with the Solicitors Regulation Authority along with the General Dental Council and Electoral Commission, he has advised on and conducted litigation concerning professional misconduct, fitness to practice, statutory appeals, judicial review and regulatory enforcement action.

He regularly undertakes advocacy before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, Police Misconduct Tribunals and has experience managing high-profile and legally complex matters involving public interest considerations, procedural fairness and statutory interpretation. He welcomes instructions from both regulators and individuals in disciplinary, investigatory and appellate proceedings.

Public & Judicial Review Law

Montu accepts instructions in judicial review and wider public law matters. His experience includes advising public authorities and regulators on statutory powers, policy, enforcement decisions and challenges brought before the High Court. He has acted in matters involving electoral law, regulatory enforcement, licensing, public decision-making and procedural fairness.

His experience acting both within regulatory bodies and local government provides him with detailed insight into public authority decision-making and administrative law principles.

Scholarships & Awards

- Jules Thorn Scholarship, Middle Temple – Postgraduate Diploma in Law
- Jules Thorn Scholarship, Middle Temple – Bar Professional Training Course

Appointments & Memberships

- Judicial appointment as Tribunal Chair, Valuation Tribunal for England (appointed by the Lord Chancellor)
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Social Work England
- Criminal Bar Association
- CPS External Advocates Panel – General Crime Level 1

Languages

- English
- Bengali