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Health & Safety



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rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

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Canby Fiona <i>Temple Garden Chambers</i>
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Ferguson Craig <i>2 Hare Court</i>
Kendrick Julia <i>Crown Office Chambers</i>
Le Fevre Sarah <i>3 Raymond Buildings</i> [A]
McGee Andrew <i>2 Bedford Row</i>
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Day Tom <i>2 Hare Court</i> *
Dos Santos Alexander <i>Serjeants' Inn Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Harris Mark <i>Six Pump Court</i>
Hunt Quentin <i>2 Bedford Row</i>
Mehta Sailesh <i>Red Lion Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Murphy Jack <i>Crown Office Chambers</i>
Ostrowski Nicholas <i>Six Pump Court</i>
Powell Oliver <i>Outer Temple Chambers</i>
Purnell James <i>Henderson Chambers</i> [A] *
Sage Katie <i>Crown Office Chambers</i>
Stein Alexander <i>2 Bedford Row</i> *
Thorogood Bernard <i>No5 Barristers' Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Wright Ian <i>Five Paper (ORL)</i> ◇
Wright Lucy <i>Crown Office Chambers</i>
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Balysz Mark <i>Crown Office Chambers</i> *
Band 1

Crown Office Chambers

THE SET

Crown Office Chambers houses a strong bench of senior and junior barristers who are experienced in the handling of prosecutions arising from a wide range of health and safety offences. Areas of expertise for the team include food safety

prosecutions and cases brought under the HSWA. Members are noted for their expertise in corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter cases, and regularly appear in inquests and major cases, including the Topshop/Topman fatality matter. The team is well regarded for its representation of major corporations and their directors. Instructing solicitors report: "This is a leading set in the sphere of health and safety. We regularly entrust our most complex matters to KCs and juniors at Crown Office."

Client service:

"Toby Sparrow is exceptional and leads a strong regulatory clerking team."

"Always attentive and understanding and will help and deliver results wherever possible."

"You can always rely on a friendly, helpful and prompt response to all queries and requests."

SILKS

Simon Antrobus KC (see p.907) Simon Antrobus KC represents companies in high-profile health and safety prosecutions and corporate manslaughter cases, and is considered a go-to barrister for a long list of major corporations and private individuals. He is regularly instructed to undertake the most serious fatality cases.

Strengths:

"Simon is an excellent advocate, gaining the trust of clients, judges and juries alike."

"His meticulous preparation, rounded personality and sublime courtroom manner make him one of the standout individuals in this area."

"He understands and articulates the strategic issues in a case with ease."

"Simon is one of the best in this field. He makes clients confident because he makes it clear he's going to do his very best for them."

Dominic Kay KC (see p.988) Dominic Kay KC handles a large volume of health and safety prosecutions, regularly undertaking corporate and individual manslaughter prosecutions for clients from various industry sectors including the retail, construction and agriculture sectors. He has particular expertise in multi-fatality accident cases.

Strengths:

"Dominic is a very impressive advocate. He has an excellent manner with clients and instils confidence from the outset."

"He gets excellent results and provides first-class strategic advice and representation based on his considerable experience in this area."

"Dominic is a formidable advocate with the legal intellect, court presence and personality to bring

something unique to the cases he works on.”

“A very personable and diligent silk. He has great client care skills and insight into cases with strategic issues.”

James Ageros KC is a specialist health and safety silk who handles an array of defence and prosecution work. He has a number of enviable clients including construction companies, hospitals and local authorities, which he has represented across the full spectrum of health and safety matters. He is particularly expert at undertaking complex inquests and high-profile inquiries.

John Cooper KC is hailed for his extensive knowledge and expertise in the health and safety and regulatory arena. He is praised for the volume of inquests and trial work he undertakes on behalf of major companies and directors. He is routinely called upon to handle cases arising from serious injury or death.

Strengths:

“A formidable advocate known for his willingness to fight for his clients.”

“One of the best advocates in the business – he’s got great trial skills and is impressive in front of a jury.”

James Maxwell-Scott KC (see p.1007) James Maxwell-Scott KC advises clients on both civil and criminal matters pertaining to fatal and non-fatal accidents, and represents a wide range of clients from private individuals to large organisations. He has been involved in some of the most high-profile public inquiries and inquests involving multiple fatalities, including the Grenfell Tower fire.

Strengths:

“He’s always strong at identifying commercial issues that would affect the client.”

“He’s very knowledgeable and he puts the clients at ease.”

“James has incredible attention to detail and an ability to quietly digest information and formulate a plan.”

JUNIORS

Malcolm Galloway specialises exclusively in health and safety and is instructed to undertake high-profile investigations on behalf of a wide range of clients including local authorities, transport companies and multinationals. He is particularly sought out by commercial clients facing prosecution and is an expert in corporate manslaughter investigations.

Strengths:

“He is a heavyweight advocate but also personable and compassionate with clients.”

“Malcolm is a very good eye for detail and great on his feet.”

“He’s very experienced and very able.”

Alice Jarratt is a criminal regulatory expert who specialises in health and safety matters and complex inquest proceedings. She is instructed to represent directors, employees and major companies in the most high-profile and severe health and safety prosecutions.

Strengths:

“Alice is very determined in her advocacy, beautifully prepared and absolutely fearless.”

Mike Atkins (see p.909) Mike Atkins is a leading practitioner in the criminal regulatory field who represents individuals and companies facing

charges of corporate and gross negligence manslaughter. He also possesses expertise in fire safety cases and food safety law. His clients include multinational corporations, company directors, public bodies and employees.

Strengths:

“He is meticulous in his preparation and, as a result, you can be confident that he will leave no stone unturned for your client.”

“He pays fantastic attention to detail and is thorough in his case prep.”

“Mike is strong in all competencies and is exceptionally enthusiastic and hard-working.”

Julia Kendrick regularly receives instructions covering the full spectrum of health and safety law. She handles health and safety prosecutions arising from serious and fatal accidents, and is also regularly sought after for cases relating to food safety, fire safety and road traffic offences. Kendrick is an expert in cases arising out of accidents on construction and demolition sites.

Strengths:

“She really is great with the clients.”

“Julia is very personal and puts clients at ease.”

“She’s an effective advocate.”

Sandesh Singh represents clients in various health and safety-related matters which include HSE and police investigations, prosecutions and inquests. He handles sensitive cases concerning on-site accidents resulting in death and serious injury to employees, hospital patients and members of the public.

Strengths:

“His attention to detail is very impressive; he considers strategy very carefully and appreciates commercial aspects of advising very large companies.”

“Hard-working with a keen eye and superb attention to detail.”

“A very tenacious advocate.”

Harry Vann is an experienced barrister with a respected health and safety practice which entails handling cases of serious injuries and death. He has a wide client base consisting of those in the transport, construction and manufacturing sectors, whom he regularly represents in HSE prosecutions and various other regulatory matters.

Strengths:

“A counsel who has a strong grasp of the issues and an ability to deliver a strong performance.”

“On his feet he’s got a very commanding presence. He’s very sharp and absolutely knows what he’s doing.”

“He’s strategic in his thinking and approach.”

Jack Murphy advises clients on a variety of health and safety matters, including manslaughter cases and prosecutions under the 1974 Act. His clientele includes both large-scale companies and individuals.

Strengths:

“He’s a really technical barrister who gets into the detail of the case really quickly.”

“A very good advocate.”

“He’s very sharp, bright, quick and a good team player.”

Katie Sage is adept at both defending and prosecuting health and safety cases. She has experience handling fatal accident and serious injury matters. She frequently appears in both the

Crown and Magistrates’ courts.

Strengths:

“Katie is never phased by complex and large-scale issues that require a detailed analysis.”

“She does a lot of our cases because she’s very reliable and very diligent.”

Lucy Wright possesses experience in both the prosecution and defence of health and safety matters. Her work covers explosions, gross negligence manslaughter and fatal falls.

Strengths:

“She’s exceptionally hard-working, very careful, considered and detailed.”

“Lucy is very bright, very quick to pick up on points and get into the detail of the case very quickly. She’s very clear on her feet as well.”

Mark Balysz KC (see p.911) Mark Balysz KC is a leading health and safety law barrister who defends clients in highly complex prosecutions. He is experienced in the handling of both individual and corporate manslaughter cases.

Strengths:

“Mark is outstanding. He is technically superb and achieves excellent results. He also is very personable and builds a good rapport with clients who immediately feel at ease with him.”

“He is a formidable trial advocate with an extensive technical knowledge. He has a wonderful manner with all clients and is thoroughly committed to achieving the best outcome for them.”

“Diligent and thorough and good with clients, instilling their confidence from the outset.”

Henderson Chambers

THE SET

Henderson Chambers maintains its reputation as a leading set for complex and high-profile health and safety matters. Members are regularly called upon to represent defendant corporations in inquests and prosecutions arising from fatal accidents and breaches of the HSWA and Fire Safety Regulations. The team is also instructed by the HSE and other regulatory bodies, and has continued to appear in several high-profile matters, such as the Grenfell Tower inquiry. “Henderson Chambers are consistently able to assist with complex matters, no matter what the issue,” says one interviewee.

Client service:

“Jason Housden and Daniel Kemp do everything they can to make your life easier.”

“The clerks are extremely responsive and an absolute pleasure to deal with.”

“The team is always prompt and reactive.”

SILKS

Prashant Popat KC (see p.1029) Prashant Popat KC is an esteemed silk specialising in health and safety and product liability cases, who regularly acts in high-profile corporate and individual manslaughter prosecutions. His list of clients includes large corporates such as Network Rail and Thames Water, fire services and local government authorities.

Strengths:

“Prashant’s ability of dealing with cases involving large corporates is second to none.”

“He is one of the silks of choice – he’s just exceptional. He has a very sharp brain and he’s great on

his feet.”

“He’s really a outstanding, technical barrister and he’s really hard-working.”

Oliver Campbell KC (see p.927) Oliver Campbell KC is a revered silk who has a fine reputation in the health and safety field and is involved in high-profile cases. He is an expert in fatal accident and corporate manslaughter cases. Campbell is noted for his representation of clients facing prosecution, or being under investigation, for incidents relating to fire safety.

Strengths:

“Oliver is fantastic in the detail – analytical and very well prepared. That translates to impressive factual recall and impressive performance in court.”

“He is an excellent and strategic advocate. He has great attention to detail and is fantastic with clients.”

Toby Riley-Smith KC (see p.1036) Toby Riley-Smith KC is an experienced litigator who is regularly called upon to represent multinational corporations and government bodies. Riley-Smith is also routinely instructed to represent individuals at inquests.

Strengths:

“His mind works incredibly quickly and he is brilliant at developing case strategy from the outset.”

“He’s a very good and very effective advocate in court.”

“Toby’s absolutely superb with solicitors but also clients in terms of his bedside manner.”

Tim Green KC (see p.964) Tim Green KC has considerable experience defending and prosecuting organisations in health and safety matters. He is well regarded for his handling of cases arising from breaches of the HSWA, breaches of Fire Safety Regulations and fatal accidents. He regularly represents the HSE and several local authorities, as well as public and private corporations.

Strengths:

“His written communication is very strong; he is incisive and cuts to the core issues. He is superb.”

“Tim is a very hard-working and generous barrister.”

Andrew Kinnier KC (see p.991) Andrew Kinnier KC handles a wide range of cases in the health and safety field. He is particularly adept at handling matters arising in the construction and railway sectors. He frequently acts for his clients at inquests.

Strengths:

“Andrew is responsive, strategic and practical.”

“He is very competent, concise, focused, clear and analytical.”

Angus Withington KC (see p.1076) Angus Withington KC is a health and safety practitioner who is particularly adept at representing clients in the construction sector in HSE investigations and prosecutions. He regularly handles matters stemming from accidents leading to death and catastrophic injury.

Strengths:

“Angus is a really effective advocate; he has a good eye for detail and clients love him.”

“He is responsive, good on his feet and always goes an extra mile.”

“His level of service is always exceptional.”

Kathleen Donnelly KC (see p.947) Kathleen Don-

nelly KC is a respected health and safety barrister with notable experience representing companies in prosecutions and various regulatory matters stemming from incidents leading to death or serious injury. She has also acted for local authorities in sensitive health and safety-related inquests.

Strengths:

“She commands the attention of the court.”

JUNIORS

James Purnell (see p.1031) James Purnell is routinely called upon to assist defendants in investigations and prosecutions. He also has notable experience of advising regulatory bodies, including the HSE and ORR.

Strengths:

“He’s very responsive, really nice to work with and really knows his stuff.”

Band 2

2 Bedford Row

THE SET

The barristers at 2 Bedford Row are experienced in the prosecution and defence of corporate manslaughter and individual gross negligence manslaughter cases. Market sources note: “Their KCs and juniors are all really well known in the health and safety arena.” Members are instructed in matters arising in several different industry sectors, including hospitality, construction and transport, and are regularly called upon to act for and advise clients on cases involving the Regulatory Reform Act and complex prosecutions relating to breaches of fire safety. The set’s enviable client list includes major corporations and their directors, as well as the HSE, the ORR, and fire and rescue authorities. Recent work highlights include providing counsel in the Grenfell Tower inquiry.

Client service:

“They are extremely, responsive, helpful and proactive.”

“Paul Rogers is very helpful and available.”

The senior clerk is John Grimmer.

SILKS

Christine Agnew KC regularly prosecutes for the HSE in matters concerning serious and fatal accidents. She has notable expertise handling cases involving gross negligence manslaughter, corporate manslaughter and serious regulatory breaches.

Strengths:

“She’s such a good advocate and so knowledgeable.”

“A very strong courtroom advocate.”

Jim Sturman KC is a barrister with an enviable reputation who defends large companies in connection with health and safety matters, many of which involve fatalities. He is an expert in major investigations into regulatory breaches and regularly handles cases involving manslaughter by gross negligence.

Strengths:

“A very able and respected practitioner.”

JUNIORS

Shauna Ritchie (see p.1036) Shauna Ritchie handles health and safety law along with a diet of general criminal matters. She is regularly instructed to undertake both prosecution and defence matters involving fatal and non-fatal incidents. Ritchie also has considerable expertise in cases involving hazardous substances, particularly asbestos, and is regularly instructed to undertake inquests arising out of work-related deaths.

Strengths:

“Shauna is hugely experienced in heavyweight regulatory matters.

“She never fails to impress. She is extremely responsive, which instructing solicitors and clients value when faced with fast-moving and fast-paced investigations.”

Eleanor Sanderson (see p.1041) Eleanor Sanderson focuses her practice on the defence of companies and individuals in severe non-fatal cases, corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter cases. She is also highly expert at representing clients in inquests. Sanderson handles matters involving fire safety and has been instructed to appear in high-profile inquests.

Strengths:

“She’s a very impressive junior in terms of work ethic and ability to digest large quantities of evidence.”

“Eleanor has superb judgement. She is also adept in what points to make, super smart and very good on the law.”

“She is very persuasive, calm and impresses clients.”

Andrew McGee acts for both the prosecution and the defence in an array of complex criminal and regulatory cases within the remit of health and safety. He is also an expert at handling gross negligence manslaughter allegations. McGee has appeared at all levels of the court system, including the Supreme Court.

Strengths:

“Andrew is a superb advocate.”

“He’s always well prepared and instils confidence in clients.”

Craig Rush handles an array of regulatory matters and has been instructed in numerous health and safety cases across a range of sectors. He is also regularly called upon to undertake complex cases for the Care Quality Commission and HSE. He has particular experience defending major companies in HSE prosecutions arising from fatal accidents and severe injury incidents occurring on site.

Strengths:

“He is an excellent advocate.”

“An excellent cross-examiner and excellent at speeches.”

Quentin Hunt is instructed in both the prosecution and defence of investigations and prosecutions arising out of fatal and non-fatal accidents. He represents companies, individuals and government bodies under investigation by regulatory bodies or the police. Hunt takes a particular interest in cases involving public interest and is noted for being highly skilled at cases concerning accidents occurring at construction sites.

Alexander Stein (see p.1053) Alexander Stein has

recognised expertise in health and safety matters and is regularly instructed to prosecute cases on behalf of the HSE. His work covers a wide spectrum of cases, including gross negligence manslaughter and serious accident claims arising from workplace accidents. He also acts for both individuals and corporates facing prosecution.

Strengths:

"He is so down to earth, very good at recognising the stresses and strains of a matter, and is very collaborative in his working style."

2 Hare Court

THE SET

2 Hare Court is a well-regarded criminal set which is regularly called upon to act for and advise corporates, individual directors, local authorities and enforcement bodies such as the HSE and Environment Agency. Members are experienced in the handling of health and safety matters relating to deaths at work and in care homes, as well as complex enforcement matters involving hazardous substance accidents. The team is highly regarded for its expertise in corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter cases. The set's tenants also frequently appear at inquests and high-profile public inquiries. High-profile work handled by the set includes acting for Pret-a-Manger following a series of allergen cases. Interviewees report: "2 Hare Court has a very knowledgeable and impressive offering of counsel."

Client service:

"The team offers an excellent level of service. They are very responsive and regularly go above and beyond."

"Julian Campbell is an excellent clerk."

SILKS

Jonathan Laidlaw KC (see p.993) Jonathan Laidlaw KC is an expert advocate, lauded for the breadth of his expertise in health and safety cases, public inquiries and inquests. He defends companies and directors in regulatory, disciplinary and professional matters, and regularly acts for those facing prosecution by the HSE. He is now highly sought after in the US market to represent corporates facing health and safety prosecutions, particularly those concerning corporate manslaughter.

Strengths:

"A superb KC and a strategic mastermind."

"Jonathan has an excellent reputation."

David Whittaker KC (see p.1072) David Whittaker KC represents both companies and individuals in a variety of cases, including those concerning serious and fatal incidents. He represents clients across a range of sectors, such as hospitality, transport and construction.

Strengths:

"An excellent advocate who's great with clients."

"He understands all of the intricacies of a case and the clients absolutely loved him."

JUNIORS

James Buchanan (see p.924) James Buchanan is recognised for his involvement in complicated health and safety cases, predominantly those relating to workplace accidents. He acts for cli-

ents in various sectors, including the construction and transport industries. Buchanan comes highly recommended for his capabilities in representing major corporate bodies facing prosecution and investigation.

Strengths:

"James is a heavyweight performer in health and safety. His work ethic, ability with clients and jury advocacy are all outstanding."

"His attention to detail shows itself in conference and at court."

"He is an excellent advocate, strategist and has a great demeanour with clients."

Craig Ferguson is an expert defence practitioner who represents corporate bodies and professional individuals in fatal accident cases. He has significant experience in a range of sectors including the oil and gas, transport and construction industries. Ferguson possesses particular expertise in handling criminal regulatory cases arising from fatal accidents and catastrophic injuries.

Strengths:

"He is an incredibly engaging advocate – he's very charming and hugely persuasive."

"He is a reassuring and calming influence on clients and solicitors alike."

"Craig is absolutely excellent. He's a very personable barrister who makes everyone feel at ease."

Alexandra Tampakopoulos (see p.1057) Alexandra Tampakopoulos handles a diverse caseload of regulatory work and acts for the defence in highly complex health and safety cases, many of which arise from fatalities. She appears in high-profile inquests. She is also regularly called upon to advise on food safety matters.

Strengths:

"Alex meets the needs of the client and always impresses."

"She is good with detailed, technical cases and also understands the 'human' side to these cases."

"She thinks strategically and always looks ahead."

Tom Day (see p.943) Tom Day is well regarded for his representation of a range of clients in prosecutions brought under the HSWA. His enviable client list includes charitable bodies and individuals, as well as several corporates and their directors. He is well versed in matters arising in the construction sector, and is noted for his expert handling of prosecutions arising from injuries sustained while working at height and other accidents in the workplace.

Strengths:

"He is fantastic on his feet a very good jury lawyer."

"Tom is a really good advocate."

Outer Temple Chambers

THE SET

The barristers at Outer Temple Chambers are well regarded for their expert handling of prosecutions arising from a wide range of health and safety offences. The set houses considerable experience in cases arising from maritime accidents, and its members are regularly instructed to both prosecute and defend complex prosecutions brought by the Maritime and Coastguard Authority. Cases involving fatal rail crashes and fires also form a key part of the set's practice. Additional areas of strength for the team include gross negligence

manslaughter and corporate manslaughter cases, as well as complex HSE investigations. Sources say: "The practitioners are bright, responsive and have worked on many of the leading cases in the regulatory field." Advocates from Outer Temple recently represented clients in the Didcot Power Station case.

Client service:

"A hugely capable team. I am always impressed with the professionalism of Nicholas Levett."

"The clerks are easy to deal with and very responsive."

SILKS

Ben Compton KC is a heavyweight practitioner who is instructed in major disaster cases, representing company directors and corporate defendants. He has an enviable clientele of leading construction companies, retailers and corporations. Compton is noted for his work in corporate manslaughter and gross manslaughter cases.

Strengths:

"Ben is a hugely capable lawyer and a go-to silk for complex regulatory cases."

"He has a level of gravitas that gives clients great confidence."

"He's obviously very clever and has a huge amount of experience. He is also good on his feet, but is also really good with the clients."

James Leonard KC frequently leads in highly complex health and safety cases, acting on behalf of large multinational corporations and company directors. His areas of expertise also include workplace fatalities and corporate manslaughter cases. Leonard has represented household names including British Airways, Virgin Media Group and Sainsburys.

Strengths:

"He is a fantastic advocate but he also has great client relationship skills. He takes the time to understand the commercial issues and he tailors his advice to the client."

"He's a person that clients want fighting in their corner."

"James is a very experienced silk."

JUNIORS

Paul Rogers manages a diverse caseload incorporating both corporate crime and health and safety cases. He handles a large volume of cases on behalf of individuals and company directors facing prosecution for health and safety offences involving serious injury or fatalities.

Strengths:

"Paul is a strong advocate."

"He works extremely well with clients."

"He's very thorough, hard-working and responsive."

Oliver Powell is a well-regarded practitioner with considerable experience in defending both companies and individuals in a range of health and safety matters. His work spans several sectors including construction, manufacturing and healthcare.

Strengths:

"Oliver is incredibly bright, yet able to put everyone at their ease when forming a strategy for a case."

"He was meticulous in his analysis of the evidence,

very sensitive in terms of his view tactically, also very reassuring in front of a client.”

Six Pump Court

THE SET

Six Pump Court houses a strong bench of seasoned health and safety practitioners who are regularly called upon to handle prosecutions arising in the oil and gas, manufacturing, transport, construction and retail sectors, among others. Members are particularly well regarded for their expertise in environmental offences and food safety matters, and have experience both prosecuting and defending complex and high-value cases. The set’s clients include several large multinational organisations, as well as local authorities and regulators such as the HSE, FSA, ORR and MCA. Sources say: “They have strength in depth at all levels from silks through to juniors.” Recently the advocates defended a company at trial in relation to release of asbestos in school.

Client service:

“The clerks are excellent and deal with inquiries competently and efficiently.”

“They are always available, responsive and helpful.”

“Nothing is too much trouble for them, they look after you splendidly well. They are an utterly charming group of people.”

Richard Constable is the senior clerk.

SILKS

Stephen Hockman KC (see p.975) Stephen Hockman KC conducts defence work for major corporate clients in prosecutions often involving serious injuries or fatalities.

Strengths:

“Stephen’s extraordinary – he’s an amazing advocate and he works staggeringly hard.”

Mark Watson KC is a specialist in regulatory matters who represents defendants facing prosecution for corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter. He is an expert at handling cases arising from rail disasters.

Strengths:

“He’s very clever and a very good advocate. He’s very determined and works terrifically hard for the clients he represents.”

“Mark has very good tactical judgement and is hands-on with the practical organisation of case.”

“He absolutely is the fount of all knowledge when it comes to regulation and regulatory law.”

JUNIORS

Gordon Menzies is an experienced advocate who has over 20 years of knowledge and experience in the health and safety field. He handles matters for clients in various sectors including the transportation and construction industries, and also frequently advises on prosecutions arising from severe injuries.

Strengths:

“He is a direct and persuasive advocate who never fails to get to grips with all aspects of his cases.”

“Gordon’s very bright, very experienced and thorough. He has great attention to detail but is also extremely personable and approachable.”

“He puts in the effort from the outset. He’s also great with clients and any experts involved.”

Pascal Bates is an astute practitioner with a significant civil and regulatory law practice. He regularly prosecutes on behalf of local authorities and the HSE, and is routinely sought out for his strategic advice pre-charge. He has considerable experience handling cases concerning fatal accidents and serious injuries.

Strengths:

“He’s an excellent trial advocate, he’s very impressive in front of a jury.”

“I was astonished by the amount of attention to detail and by his knowledge on every single point.”

Lee Bennett (see p.916) The majority of Lee Bennett’s busy practice is devoted to defending corporations, their directors and local authorities against the HSE in regulatory matters pertaining to serious and fatal accidents within the workplace.

Strengths:

“He was exceptional in his advocacy in difficult circumstances and the amount of detail and information that needed to be managed. He is fantastic with clients and counsel.”

Mark Harris is an esteemed junior who has significant expertise across the whole spectrum of health and safety law. He devotes much of his practice to regulatory work, undertaking cases relating to waste management and pollution control. Harris regularly handles matters concerning construction sites, the railways and hazardous substances.

Nicholas Ostrowski Nicholas Ostrowski’s practice sees him acting on behalf of both the prosecution and defence in complex health and safety cases. He is well versed in rail-related incidents, and has experience acting for the ORR. His broad expertise also encompasses fire and food safety matters, and he frequently appears for his clients at inquests and in criminal proceedings.

Strengths:

“Nick is a really diligent, calm and affable character, which instils confidence.”

“He is a persuasive advocate.”

“He provided prompt and insightful advice.”

Temple Garden Chambers

THE SET

Temple Garden Chambers is well regarded for its handling of complex health and safety prosecutions and enforcement proceedings. Areas of expertise for the set include gross negligence manslaughter and corporate manslaughter cases, as well as prosecutions arising from workplace fatalities and rail accidents. Members are also regularly called upon to represent their clients at inquests and public inquiries. The tenants are noted for their expert representation of both defendant corporations and prosecuting authorities. Sources note that they offer an “excellent level of expertise.” Recent work highlights include acting on behalf of clients in the Croydon Tram disaster.

Client service:

“The clerks are very helpful and respond quickly to queries.”

“The clerks are very helpful and respond quickly to queries.”

Dean Norton is the senior clerk.

SILKS

Keith Morton KC (see p.1016) Keith Morton KC has extensive experience within this field of law, exclusively acting on behalf of defendants in the most complex of health and safety cases, including corporate manslaughter cases. He is also adept at undertaking inquest work and public inquiries.

Strengths:

“Keith is personable and detailed in his preparation and approach to every aspect of a case.”

Dominic Adamson KC is a talented silk who represents individuals and companies across a wide range of sectors including the construction, healthcare and rail industries. He has acted in landmark public disaster cases such as Hillsborough and the Ladbroke Grove rail crash. Adamson has a strong track record of handling cases involving fires and explosions.

Strengths:

“Dominic is excellent with clients and gets to the core of an issue.”

“He is great to work with and a very good advocate.”

“He is able to simplify complex issues.”

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Fiona Canby is an established health and safety lawyer who specialises in high-profile inquest work. She has been instructed in several inquests, including the Didcot Power Station collapse. She exclusively represents defendants in criminal regulatory proceedings and is routinely instructed to act for employers.

Strengths:

“Fiona provides excellent client service and her expertise is second to none in relation to inquests as well as HSE prosecutions.”

“She’s sensible, measured, intelligent and charming.”

Band 3

3 Raymond Buildings

THE SET

3 Raymond Buildings is noted for its expert handling of health and safety prosecutions arising across a range of sectors, including construction, transport, care and retail, among others. Members are sought after to act for regulators such as the HSE and ORR, as well as regulated corporations and individual directors. Areas of expertise for the team include food and fire safety matters, corporate manslaughter cases and prosecutions relating to serious and fatal accidents at work. The set’s tenants also regularly appear in inquests and major public inquiries, such as the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and the inquest into the Croydon tram crash.

Client service:

“They are a very efficient clerking team.”

“The clerks are accommodating, they come back to us straight away and they are on top of things.” Eddie Holland is the senior clerk.

SILKS

Jonathan Ashley-Norman KC (see p.908) Jonathan Ashley-Norman KC is instructed by public

agencies and regulatory bodies such as the ORR and HSE to prosecute individuals and corporate bodies in complicated health and safety cases. He routinely handles fatal cases arising from workplace incidents, as well as high-profile inquests.

Strengths:

"Jonathan is very robust and determined to succeed."

Stephen Walsh KC manages a broad regulatory practice which encompasses health and safety law as well as food safety matters. He acts for both the defence and the prosecution, advising individual clients and corporate bodies in cases relating to fatal accidents and serious injuries. Walsh is also highly expert in construction, elite sports and fire safety.

Strengths:

"An extremely bright, able and strategic-thinking barrister."

"He is extremely calm under pressure and gives good and clear advice."

JUNIORS

Sarah Le Fevre is recognised for her health and safety practice. She represents a long list of regulatory authorities such as the HSE and the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. She has also been instructed in numerous prosecutions and inquests by the ORR.

Saba Naqshbandi (see p.1018) Saba Naqshbandi is a well-regarded practitioner who undertakes a range of health and safety cases. She is particularly adept at handling fire safety cases arising from fatal incidents.

Strengths:

"Saba is one of the main go-to counsels for fire safety matters."

"She is someone we appreciate for her client skills and practical approach."

"She's a very effective advocate."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Miles Bennett (5 Paper Buildings) Miles Bennett is an advocate with a growing reputation in the market for his courtroom prowess and health and safety expertise. He is routinely instructed in high-profile inquests, representing doctors, directors, companies and hospital trusts. Bennett is increasingly instructed to defend clients facing prosecution on gross negligence manslaughter charges.

Strengths:

"Miles is hugely experienced."

"He really does fight incredibly hard on behalf of the client."

"He is quite formidable in his own right."

Valerie Charbit (Red Lion Chambers) Valerie Charbit is experienced in the handling of health and safety prosecutions arising in the construction, energy and manufacturing sectors. She regularly acts for the HSE as well as several well-

known organisations in cases involving fatalities and serious injuries.

Strengths:

"Valerie is a really great advocate. She's also very diligent and hard-working."

"She works very hard and she's very thorough."

Adrian Darbishire KC (QEB Hollis Whiteman) Adrian Darbishire KC is a renowned practitioner who represents companies facing prosecution for corporate manslaughter. His other areas of expertise include fraud, professional misconduct and cases relating to health and safety breaches.

Strengths:

"Adrian is fantastic to work with. He has a great eye for detail and strategy and he is a great advocate."

"He's very intelligent in the way he handles trials."

Alexander Dos Santos (Serjeants' Inn Chambers) Alexander Dos Santos' practice covers a wide spectrum of matters, including handling high-profile cases involving fatalities. His clients include government agencies, organisations and individuals.

Gerard Forlin KC (Cornerstone Barristers) Gerard Forlin KC represents clients across a broad spectrum of industries, and has a particular interest in rail, aviation and the emergency services. He has strong experience of handling public inquiries and inquests.

Strengths:

"He is a phenomenal advocate court."

"Gerard knows his stuff, he's very good with the clients and his written work is excellent. He's very thorough and to the point."

"He's superb with clients."

Deanna Heer KC (5 Paper Buildings) Deanna Heer KC elicits praise for her extensive knowledge and expertise in health and safety law. She appears in high-profile prosecutions on behalf of individuals and corporations dealing with fatalities or serious injuries. She also regularly acts for the HSE in complex cases. Heer is an expert in corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter charges.

Strengths:

"Her mastery of the detail is brilliant, she takes control of a case."

"She is meticulous in her preparation, calm and immensely practical."

Jamas Hodivala KC (Matrix Chambers) Jamas Hodivala KC is regularly called upon to represent both individuals and companies in cases concerning fatal accidents, and is well versed in cases involving allegations of corporate manslaughter. He is also a Grade A prosecutor for the HSE.

Strengths:

"Jamas is very thorough, commercially astute and always accessible in the provision of legal advice."

Richard Lissack KC (see p.999) (Fountain Court Chambers) Richard Lissack KC is an expert practitioner boasting specialist expertise across a range of legal sectors including health and safety,

professional discipline and regulatory law more widely. He is sought out to undertake high-profile matters of the utmost severity.

Strengths:

"He is a standout silk. He has a broad ranging practice and he's very much at the top of his game."

Richard Matthews KC (The Chambers of Richard Matthews KC) Richard Matthews KC is an impressive silk who has a wealth of experience in cases spanning the full breadth of regulatory and criminal health and safety issues. He has represented international corporations and individuals, as well as FTSE companies, in investigations and prosecutions brought by the HSE. He is also noted for his representation of individuals at inquests arising from accidents at work.

Strengths:

"Richard is at the top of his game."

"He's an outstanding and persuasive advocate."

"He's great with the jury and an impressive advocate."

Sailesh Mehta (see p.1010) (Red Lion Chambers) Sailesh Mehta both prosecutes and defends in some of the most important regulatory cases involving health and safety, fire law and environmental law. He advises and represents the HSE and a number of fire brigades throughout the country, and a large proportion of his cases concern fatalities or near fatalities. Mehta has also acted for directors of large corporations facing prosecution for corporate manslaughter.

Bernard Thorogood (No5 Barristers' Chambers) Bernard Thorogood is an accomplished junior with a health and safety practice which is respected by commentators nationwide. He has acted in relation to a number of fatal accidents which have been widely covered in the national press. He has experience representing individuals, companies and families.

Strengths:

"Bernard is exceptional – he is great with clients and has fantastic attention to detail."

David Travers KC (Gough Square Chambers) David Travers KC is a well-regarded silk who has handled a number of leading regulatory cases within the field. He routinely defends prosecutions relating to fatal accident cases occurring in the workplace. He fields considerable expertise in cases arising in the rail and construction sectors.




Ian Wright (Five Paper) Ian Wright is an experienced barrister with recognised health and safety expertise. He possesses a biochemistry background which adds a helpful edge to his work in cases involving construction, engineering and energy companies. He is regularly instructed in notice appeals.

Strengths:

"He's an excellent cross-examiner; he quickly identifies the relevant issues and pursues them."

"He's a very good strategist. He's always well prepared, has a mastery of the papers and he's a commanding presence in court."

Midlands

Health & Safety	Health & Safety
Leading Sets	Leading Juniors
Band 1	Band 1
No5 Barristers' Chambers	Puzey James <i>St Philips Chambers</i>
Band 2	Thorogood Bernard <i>No5 Barristers' Chambers</i>
St Philips Chambers	Band 2
Leading Silks	Bridge Ian <i>No5 Barristers' Chambers</i>
Band 1	Hopkins Christopher <i>No5 Barristers' Chambers</i>
Green Tim <i>Henderson Chambers (ORL) ◊</i>  *	Mills Ben <i>St Philips Chambers</i> 
* Indicates individual with profile.	Pole Tim <i>No5 Barristers' Chambers</i>
 direct access.	
◊ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	

Band 1

No5 Barristers' Chambers

THE SET

No5 Barristers' Chambers is a highly regarded set on the Midlands Circuit, and is regularly instructed to both prosecute and defend a wide range of health and safety offences. Members are noted for their adroit representation of individual and corporate defendants, as well as several regulators and local authorities. A number of tenants are on the Regulatory List of Prosecution Counsel for the HSE, EA and CQC, and the team also has experience of appearing at inquests. Instructing solicitors note that they have "a number of very experienced barristers in Health & Safety work, who can grapple with complex issues and set clients at ease."

Client service:

"Chris Norman is always responsive."
 "With Christopher Norman I know nothing is missed. He has specialist knowledge of the area of the work he clerks for, so discussions on cases are effective."
 "Chris Norman is the person I deal with and he's always incredibly helpful. When I talk about going above and beyond what is expected of clerks, that's what he'll do for us."

JUNIORS

Bernard Thorogood is an astute senior junior who has developed an enviable regulatory practice. He prosecutes and defends complex health and safety cases across the country and is also adept in related inquests. He continues to elicit praise for his extensive experience and knowledge of health and safety law.

Strengths:

"Bernard is exceptional; he's 100% committed to the work and to the client."

Ian Bridge is experienced in both the defence and prosecution of health and safety cases. He is well placed to handle serious injury and fatal accident incidents across a range of industries, including construction and manufacturing.

Strengths:

"Ian's really responsive and always up for a fight."
Christopher Hopkins is held in high regard throughout the market for his ability to represent clients in cases arising from fatal incidents. He is routinely called upon to defend private companies, although he also boasts notable strength in acting as the prosecution.

Strengths:

"Chris is reliable, intelligent and a thorough advocate."
 "He puts clients at the centre of his work and immediately puts them at ease."
 "He's a very good strategist and is very persuasive in court."

Tim Pole is a well-regarded health and safety practitioner in the Midlands who acts for local authorities and the HSE, as well as various private sector entities. He has experience handling prosecutions and HSE investigations and navigating through sentencing exercises following serious injury and death.

Strengths:

"He's an experienced junior who has a direct and pragmatic style."
 "Tim is very hard-working, very able and fights his corner very skilfully."

Band 2

St Philips Chambers

THE SET

St Philips Chambers is noted for its expert representation of local authorities and regulatory bodies such as the HSE and FSA in health and safety prosecutions arising from a wide range of offences. Members are also regularly called upon to act for defendants in complex cases and in

inquest proceedings. The team is particularly well regarded for its handling of matters involving catastrophic injuries and fatalities. Sources note that they have "a number of very experienced counsel who are able to handle the most complex and serious regulatory cases."

Client service:

"The clerks always provide a very good service and are available to assist with everything needed."

Joe Wilson is the chambers director and Alan Durham is the senior regulatory clerk.

JUNIORS

James Puzey is a noted junior who is regularly called upon to prosecute and defend complex health and safety matters. He has considerable experience in the handling of fatal accident cases. He is also adept at undertaking inquest work.

Strengths:

"He's always impeccably prepared."
 "He's very methodical, considered in his approach and prepares well in advance. His cross-examination is excellent and he's very cool under pressure."

Ben Mills is an experienced barrister noted for his expert handling of complex health and safety prosecutions, including those arising from fatal accidents. He is routinely called upon to act for the HSE and local authorities, and has been on the Attorney General's List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates for several years.

Strengths:

"Ben is always perfectly prepared and on top of his brief."
 "His advocacy is very persuasive and he's very good at thinking on his feet."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Tim Green KC (see p.964) (Henderson Chambers) Tim Green KC is a skilled barrister who maintains a dynamic health and safety practice, split between prosecution and defence work. He is well regarded for his expert handling of cases arising from death or serious injuries at work. He also practises environmental law.

Strengths:

"He's a very smooth advocate and courtroom operator."

Northern/North Eastern

Health & Safety
Leading Sets
Band 1
Deans Court Chambers
Leading Silks
Band 1
Hayton Michael <i>Deans Court Chambers</i> A
Lawrence Nigel <i>7 Harrington St Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Roberts Lisa <i>Lincoln House Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Band 2
Greaney Paul <i>New Park Court Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Hassall Craig <i>Park Square Barristers (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Horlock Timothy <i>Deans Court Chambers</i>
* <i>Indicates individual with profile.</i>
A <i>direct access.</i>
◇ (ORL) = <i>Other Ranked Lawyer.</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1**Deans Court Chambers****THE SET**

Deans Court Chambers is highly regarded for its expertise in a wide range of health and safety matters. Members have experience of prosecuting and defending offences, and offer considerable expertise in complex cases arising from workplace accidents. The team is also frequently instructed in gross negligence manslaughter and corporate manslaughter cases, and has extensive experience representing local authorities, major corporations, rail operators and company directors. The set's tenants are particularly adept at handling cases arising in the healthcare, rail, construction and retail sectors. Interviewees note that they are "very confident in their ability to deal with the most complex matters."

Client service:

"We always receive an excellent service."

Peter Kelly is the senior criminal and regulatory clerk.

SILKS

Michael Hayton KC specialises in criminal and regulatory work. He represents companies and their directors, as well as medical professionals such as doctors, in health and safety prosecutions. He has considerable experience in cases involving workplace fatalities.

Strengths:

"He is extremely well thought of in the space and a good advocate."

Timothy Horlock KC is a well-regarded regulatory silk who is frequently instructed by clients in heavyweight health and safety cases. He acts for both the prosecution and the defence, and is comfortable handling matters arising from a broad range of industry sectors.

Strengths:

"He has gravitas – both clients and opponents respect him."

"Timothy is brilliant, he has very good strategic judgement."

JUNIORS

Health & Safety
Leading Juniors
Band 1
Hart Joseph <i>Deans Court Chambers</i> *
Smith Peter <i>Deans Court Chambers</i>
Welch Austin <i>Lincoln House Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Band 2
Gent Tom <i>Deans Court Chambers</i>
Hughes Lee <i>Lincoln House Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Judge Lisa <i>Deans Court Chambers</i> A
Pojur David <i>Lincoln House Chambers (ORL)</i> ◇
Stevenson Robert <i>Park Square Barristers (ORL)</i> ◇ *

Joseph Hart (see p.969) Joseph Hart is instructed by both the defence and the prosecution in cases involving breaches of health and safety regulations. His work includes workplace accidents and fire safety matters. He regularly represents parties at inquests.

Strengths:

"Joe is a very experienced and able advocate. His experience in the fire safety sector is second to none."

"He's very good with clients, very pragmatic and a very good advocate."

Peter Smith is a specialist defence barrister who represents individuals and companies in enforcement actions brought by the HSE and local authorities. He acts for domestic and international clients from a broad spectrum of industries including transport and construction.

Strengths:

"His expertise in this area is standout and he's an outstanding litigator."

"Peter has an excellent manner with clients and he prepares cases very well."

Tom Gent has a strong track record of handling cases involving the construction and farming sectors. He has further experience of representing companies, directors and individuals. He is astute at advising on cases arising from serious injuries and fatalities. He also boasts an impressive client list consisting of renowned insurers such as Zurich.

Strengths:

"He produces very strong written work."

regularly defends individuals and companies in major health and safety cases brought by various regulatory bodies. Her health and safety practice benefits from her criminal law work.

Strengths:

"Lisa's outstanding, everyone is impressed by her."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Paul Greaney KC (see p.964) (New Park Court Chambers) Paul Greaney KC is a well-regarded criminal barrister who is noted for his adroit handling of high-profile inquests and inquiries as well as regulatory matters. He provides counsel to companies, individuals and organisations, and is adept at advising on corporate manslaughter cases.

Strengths:

"He's very strategic and clearly has significant

gravitas. He also has a very lovely manner with clients."

Craig Hassall KC (see p.969) (Park Square Barristers) Craig Hassall KC is commended for his ability to handle high-profile cases involving fatalities and serious injuries. He regularly prosecutes on behalf of the HSE, although he also has experience of representing corporate defendants. He is able to offer additional expertise in fire safety and food safety matters.

Strengths:

"Craig is excellent and can cut through any complex case to the heart of the issues. He gives clients confidence and handles sensitive issues extremely well."

"He has a brilliant court presence."

Lee Hughes (Lincoln House Chambers) Lee Hughes is noted for his ability to act on behalf of both individuals and corporate clients in cases concerning fatal incidents. He also has considerable experience of handling prosecutions for the HSE.

Strengths:

"He is tactical and strategic in his thinking."

"Lee is on top of the detail and has the case law at his fingertips."

Nigel Lawrence KC (7 Harrington St Chambers) Nigel Lawrence KC is a regulatory crime specialist who regularly prosecutes health and safety cases involving non-fatal injuries and workplace deaths for the HSE, local authorities and other regulatory entities. His work stems from a broad range of sectors, including construction, nuclear, railways and munitions. He also represents defendants and appears at inquests.

Strengths:

"Nigel prosecutes significant health and safety work."

David Pojur (Lincoln House Chambers) David Pojur has experience defending companies and directors in serious and fatal cases. He has particular expertise in handling issues arising from allegations of gross negligence manslaughter.

Strengths:

"He has a wide range of experience in health safety law."

Lisa Roberts KC (Lincoln House Chambers) Lisa Roberts KC has a varied practice which includes a strong focus on crime and health and safety work. She often appears in inquests.

Robert Stevenson (see p.1054) (Park Square Barristers) Robert Stevenson is a well-regarded practitioner who both prosecutes and defends health and safety cases. He is regularly instructed in fatal and serious injury matters.

Strengths:

"A very good advocate in health and safety prosecutions. He's always fully prepared and on top of the case."

"He's a pleasure to work with and a very solid operator."

Austin Welch (Lincoln House Chambers) Austin Welch is a specialist in regulatory crime who often appears in health and safety cases. He is adept at acting on behalf of clients from the construction and waste sectors. He has expertise in food safety

offences and cases relating to infectious disease outbreaks.

Strengths:

“Austin’s attention to detail is excellent and his advocacy is persuasive and strong.”

“He is an incredibly sound and skilled advocate.”

Western

Health & Safety
Leading Silks
Band 1
Brunner Kate <i>Albion Chambers</i> A
Langdon Andrew <i>Guildhall Chambers</i>
Vaitilingam Adam <i>Albion Chambers</i>
Leading Juniors
Band 1
Cotter Nicholas <i>3PB Barristers</i> *
Jones Samuel <i>Guildhall Chambers</i>
Tutt Richard <i>Pump Court Chambers</i>
* Indicates individual with profile.
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Ranked Lawyers

Kate Brunner KC (Albion Chambers) Kate Brunner KC is an accomplished barrister who both defends and prosecutes health and safety cases. She regularly handles cases involving fatalities and provides advice to healthcare trusts relating to Care Quality Commission enforcement actions. Her clients include the HSE, companies and directors. **Nicholas Cotter** (see p.938) (3PB Barristers) Nicholas Cotter has notable experience of repre-

senting private individuals as well as companies in complex health and safety cases. He regularly handles cases arising from a wide spectrum of incidents.

Strengths:

“He’s a real specialist in the area. He also goes above and beyond and has meetings with clients to reassure them.”

“Nicholas is experienced in this field and he’s very highly regarded.”

Samuel Jones (Guildhall Chambers) Samuel Jones acts for both the prosecution and the defence in relation to a wide range of health and safety cases. He is especially well versed in workplace accidents, including fatalities. He is also adept at handling matters concerning environmental and fire safety issues.

Strengths:

“A strong and tenacious advocate.”

“He is clearly an expert in fire safety law, but he also has a good hands-on approach to clients and he makes himself available to offer support as and when needed.”

Andrew Langdon KC (Guildhall Chambers) Andrew Langdon KC is a renowned criminal silk who has extensive experience in health and safety matters. His track record includes prosecuting on

behalf of the HSE and the Environment Agency as well as representing defendants in health and safety cases.

Strengths:

“He provides pragmatic, commercial advice and he’s a standout trial advocate.”

Richard Tutt (Pump Court Chambers) Richard Tutt is a well-regarded practitioner who possesses experience defending and prosecuting health and safety cases. He is instructed in fatal accident and serious injury claims and regularly appears in inquests and public inquiries.

Strengths:

“He has represented our clients for the most serious offences and regularly achieves highly favourable results.”

Adam Vaitilingam KC (Albion Chambers) Adam Vaitilingam is an experienced practitioner who acts on behalf of clients in serious injury and fatal cases. His clients stem from both the construction and agriculture sectors.

Strengths:

“He is an absolutely fantastic advocate – he’s very calm, cool and collected, and the clients have a huge amount of confidence in him.”

“Adam is a quality silk.”