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David Travers KC

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Chair

David Travers KC is a leading regulatory lawyer. His practice extends over four decades and includes significant experience in health and safety, environment, product liability and recall, food safety, construction and fire safety. He also acts in associated public law matters.

David acts in cases involving a number of regulators, including Local Authorities, as well as for businesses and individual directors. He has extensive experience litigating cases involving fatalities, including corporate and gross negligence manslaughter, as well as of inquests and inquiries. (He is currently instructed in the inquests arising from the Gleision Mining Disaster.)

He also has substantial experience giving strategic and policy advice.

David is ranked in the leading independent directories including in:

Health and Safety, Environmental Law, Consumer Law, Life Sciences and Inquests & Inquiries.

David is a former Visiting Professor of Corporate Responsibility at Newport Business School (later the University of South Wales) and a former visiting lecturer at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology Business.



Cameron Crowe

2002

Cameron is a specialist in regulatory law with an emphasis on product safety, health and safety, fire safety, food safety and consumer protection.

He has been instructed by national regulators to advise on the application and interpretation of legislation and scope of powers, as well as to prosecute cases, often multi-handed and involving fatalities or the risk of death.

His defence practice includes advising on due diligence (or equivalent) systems and defences, as well as representing corporates and/or their directors in criminal proceedings, often when there has been a fatality. He has also represented corporates in challenges to safety notices or in judicial review proceedings.

He took silk in 2025, having been on List A on the Unified List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates for 6 years prior to his appointment, and is a Recorder of the Crown Court.

Recent instructions of note have related to construction products, batteries, white goods, motor vehicles, food hygiene breaches, breaches of the RRO, breaches of the HSWA, supply of machinery, and environmental cases.



Sabrina Goodchild

2017

Sabrina specialises in both the civil and criminal aspects of Consumer and Regulatory Law, including health and safety. Ranked in the directories for Health and Safety, Consumer Law, Consumer Finance and Banking and Finance, she is also appointed to the B Panel of Specialist Regulatory Counsel and to the Attorney General's Civil Panel. She is particularly experienced in inquests, health and safety prosecutions, food and product safety cases. Recent instructions include advising on vehicle emissions breaches and ebike fire investigations, defending group litigation arising from unsafe motorbikes, and acting in a Supreme Court permission application in a food prosecution.



Jonathan Goulding

1984

Jonathan is co-head of Gough Square Chambers. He was called to the Bar in 1984 and has a wide consumer and regulatory practice. A mainstay of his regulatory practice is advising and appearing in cases concerning health and safety, fire safety and product safety and liability. He has much experience in the conduct of such cases in the courts and provision of advice concerning compliance issues. He has a great interest in the topics that are the subject of this conference.



Stuart Jessop

2002

Stuart Jessop specialises in regulatory and public law specialist focusing on consumer, food, and safety.

His practice is wide and includes advising and representing companies and regulators in all stages of enforcement of health and Safety, fire safety, and food safety legislation. This includes investigations, inquests, notices and prosecutions. Recent cases include, prosecuting and defending leading retail companies for food safety offences, defending serious health and safety offences, advising and representing a company in respect of the Grenfell Inquiry and a national public transport provider in a claim for judicial review arising out of the pandemic and covid regulations. In addition, he has extensive experience in respect of product safety including advising on recalls and was involved in a recent judicial review claim concerning a recall of pet feed and the application of the precautionary principle.



Robin Kingham

2013

Robin is a specialist regulatory barrister who represents corporate clients in the retail, construction, financial services, and life sciences sectors. He is ranked by the legal directories as a leading practitioner in seven areas, including Health & Safety and Business & Regulatory Crime. He regularly defends businesses in criminal prosecutions and regulatory investigations.

Robin is a contributing editor of Consumer and Trading Standards: Law and Practice (the Pink Book). He was for many years the author of the criminal law chapter in Miller: Product Liability and Safety Encyclopaedia. He has delivered seminars on related subjects to the Office of Product Safety and Standards and to the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.



Laura Phillips

2009

Laura has specialised in regulatory law for over a decade.

She acts for and advises regulators, companies and individuals in all areas of safety law including health & safety, fire safety, product safety and food safety. She has appeared in numerous inquests, particularly in the context of a wider health and safety investigation following a death. She is the author of a book on fire safety law.

She represents multi-national organisations and VLOs including well known UK companies. She has advised national regulators on the scope and limits of their enforcement powers and on the interpretation of legislation.

Recent instructions include an inquest into the deaths of railway workers in Wales and the defence of a food manufacturer alleged to have caused a widespread outbreak of food poisoning.

She has been ranked in the directories for health and safety and consumer law for many years.



Ian Thomas

1993

Ian Thomas is a specialist regulatory barrister. He was called to the Bar in 1993 and joined Gough Square Chambers in February 2024.

He is highly regarded for his work in food and consumer products regulation including safety, labelling, claims and recalls.

He also practises in health and safety law and is instructed to represent clients at inquests and public inquiries.

In health and safety cases Ian has represented clients in matters relating to asbestos, risk assessments, work at height and pedestrian/vehicle separation.

Ian was sole counsel for one of the corporate core participants in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and was instructed in the Covid-19 public inquiry.

He has represented enforcement authorities and individuals at inquests involving fire, drowning, assisted living and building collapses.

He is a Visiting Professor at Ulster University, a committee member of the Food Law Group, a Fellow of the Society of Food Hygiene and Technology and a member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

Ian works with clients outside the UK providing advice on UK law, and he also practises in the Republic of Ireland.

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