

Regulatory - Health and Safety

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Our team

Our Health & Safety team acts across the country to bring a wealth of experience to clients faced with the criminal and civil repercussions of regulatory issues. The team is highly regarded and is described by clients as having an "enormous depth of regulatory experience".

Our experience

We handle fatal accidents and serious injury matters, representing public and private sector clients in prosecutions and civil claims brought by all regulatory authorities. Our work includes accident investigation, preparation and reviewing of management reports, assisting in writing policies and reviewing of risk assessments. We represent clients at courts, tribunals, Coroners inquests, appeals, public inquiries and judicial reviews.

The team has represented clients nationwide faced with health & safety prosecutions, inquests and related civil claims, appearing in courts from Hexham to Portsmouth. We have extensive experience of handling prosecutions and investigations arising from fatal accidents representing both corporate clients and individuals. We will also help you handle the press in the event of a crisis and advise on employee and other stakeholder communications.

Accident prevention and pro-active health & safety management is a legal requirement and should be high on the agenda for the management in any organisation, especially in light of new penalties for individuals and businesses under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 and the Health and Safety Offences Act 2008. We offer consultative services to identify and manage business risk and disaster/crisis management. We offer a full range of training courses including tailored courses from boardroom to shop floor designed to relate to the issues identified as highest risk in your working environment as well as specialist short courses to meet specific company needs.

Meeting your needs

Our most frequently requested services include:

- 24 hour rapid response service
- Defence of manslaughter and corporate manslaughter allegations
- Defence of Health and Safety at Work Act and regulatory prosecutions
- Advice on and appeals against prohibition and improvement notices
- General compliance advice
- Accident investigation and reports
- Crisis Management
- Representation at Inquests
- Work related road safety
- Compliance audits and proactive policy advice
- Legal defence service
- Health and safety consultancy service
- Health and safety training courses
- Advising on COMAH, the CDM Regulations and other Health and Safety legislation

The team also has broader regulatory experience in areas such as health and safety; product liability; environmental; trading standards; consumer law and advertising; liquor and gaming licensing; occupational road safety; employers' liability and public liability.

Reputation

This firm makes use of its network of offices throughout the country to provide clients with comprehensive health and safety assistance. Ron Reid remains the star of the team, one client highlighted his "open and reliable approach to tackling problems," while another asserted "His valuable experience acting for both sides of the fence means he has an almost unique insight into the field."

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