

Lisa Roberts QC is regarded as a first-class, specialist silk in Health and Safety and Environmental Law and is instructed in some of the country's leading cases.

She is regularly instructed to act on behalf of Federated and senior ranking police officers in criminal matters and Misconduct (disciplinary) hearings and has acted on behalf of police officers, companies and the Health and Safety Executive in several inquests.

She also accepts privately-funded instructions on behalf of individuals facing criminal offences. Lisa regularly presents seminars and webinars on crime, regulatory and trading standards' law to defence solicitors, corporate clients and industry regulators.

In recent years Lisa has acted on behalf of utility companies who are facing prosecution by the regulators. She also carries out private prosecutions on behalf of the utility companies. Lisa was instructed by United Utilities to represent them throughout the DWI prosecution which followed the cryptosporidium event of the summer of 2015.

In the Legal Guides, Lisa is described as:

**"Absolutely first rate. First class in her approach and manner and she goes the extra mile in supporting instructing solicitors and representing her clients." "excellent attention to detail and is very thorough." "brilliant in court and clients love her."**

Chambers & Partners, 2021 - Health and Safety

**"A fantastic silk - she's really bright, really switched-on, utterly charming and captivating." "Very thorough and has a great manner with her clients."**

Chambers & Partners 2020

**"A class act", "She is very bright and makes very persuasive arguments."**

Chambers and Partners, 2

**"A very capable, outstanding young silk."** – Legal 500, 2018

**"Great at presenting and great with clients", "Very well respected."**

Chambers and Partners, 2018

**"An excellent advocate. Clear, concise and persuasive." "Very bright."**

Chambers and Partners, 2018

**"A skilled criminal advocate who prosecutes and defends a broad range of cases that includes significant health and safety and professional discipline work."**

Legal 500, 2017

**"She's just fabulous and clients adore her."** – Chambers & Partners, 2017

**"A really fantastic criminal barrister and advocate."** – Chambers & Partners, 2017

**"She is effortlessly charming, extremely clever and an extremely good advocate. You know you don't mess around with her."** – Chambers & Partners, 2016

**"She's a proper class act, very polished and smooth."** – Chambers & Partners, 2016

Ranked as a leading lawyer in Professional Discipline of Chambers & Partners, 2016.



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## EDUCATION

St Catherine's College, Oxford (B.A. Hons, English Language and Literature)

University of Huddersfield, CPE

Inns of Court School of Law  
Lincoln's Inn – Scholar

*"A professional, calm, bright and approachable team player."* – Legal 500, 2015

Ranked in Band 1 of Chambers and Partners 2015 as *"a tremendous lawyer"*

## Utility Companies

### 2017 - 2020

*Wessex Water* – Advising re DWI investigation

*EA v Thames* - Defending

*Yorkshire Water* - Private Prosecution

*DWI v Thames Water* – Defending.

*United Utilities* – Private Prosecution

*EA v United Utilities* – Defending – Sewage pollution.

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*DWI v United Utilities* – Defending – Cryptosporidium contamination.

*DWI v United Utilities* – Defending – Drinking water contamination (pump and alarm failure).

*DWI v Northumbrian Water* – Defending – Drinking water contamination (Reg 31 contamination).

## Regulatory

### 2018 - 2020

*Wrexham CBC v Bryn Melyn Care Limited* – Defending (death of a child in care)

*West Suffolk Council v Persimmon Homes (Anglia Limited)* – Advising defendant

*Oldham BC v Shop Direct* – Defending.

*HSE v Accrol Paper Ltd* – Defending - [https://www.lancashiretelegraph.15890125.Toilet\\_roll\\_firm\\_fined\\_after\\_worker\\_lost\\_part\\_of\\_finger\\_in\\_avoidable\\_incident/](https://www.lancashiretelegraph.15890125.Toilet_roll_firm_fined_after_worker_lost_part_of_finger_in_avoidable_incident/)

*Didcot power station collapse* – Representing one of those interviewed by police.

*HSE v Karro Foods Limited* – Defending.

*Oldham Borough Council v Shop Direct Home Shopping Ltd* – Defending.

*Cardiff City Council v Persimmon Homes Ltd* – Defending.

### 2016 - 2017

*HSE v Sheffield Forgemasters Engineering Limited* – Defending – explosion on oxygen pipeline – HSWA, DSEAR.

*HSE v Spectral Colours Limited* – Prosecuting – Machine collapse, crush injuries - PUWER.

*Asset International* – Defending – Power tools HAVS.



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**Dunkerley Steels** – Defending – Fataality.

**Valmet – Defending** – Non-fatal, fall from height  
**Maxi Haulage** – Defending – Non-fatal, fall from height.

**Aspin and others** – Defending – Fataality, fall from height.

**Redrow Homes and WPI** – Prosecuting – Fataality, traffic management.

**Severfield** – Prosecuting – Fataality, FLT overturn.

**Freight First** – Prosecuting – Fataality, runaway truck.

## 2015

**NHS and Interserve** – Prosecution of two defendants for asphyxiation of disabled child in hospital bed – widespread publicity.

**Nigel Parker** – Defending – Gross negligence manslaughter. Collapse of chimney on building site. Prosecution by CPS of builder. High Court Judge. Leeds.

**Joseph Harrison** – Crushed by hydraulic crane. Instructed directly by HSE and advised for last 12-months.

**Advising on pre charge stage regarding prosecution for fatality.**

**Reresco 2** – Amputation at glass recycling factory

**Adrian Barker** – Advised throughout and representing HSE at Inquest at which they are being 'blamed' by defence for suicide of MD at company where Joseph Harrison died.

**North Yorkshire County Council** – Amputation of child's finger at school.

**ACB Hydraulics** – Pre-charge advice re S2 offence and resulting death.

**West Pennine Carpets** – Near fatal injuries at carpet warehouse.

## Pre-2015

**HSE v Gary Edwards and Aramex** – Prosecution of individual and company. Fall from height.

**HSE v Galt Engineering and 'the company director'** – Prosecution of individual and company. Fall down mine shaft.

**HSE v WPC Ltd** – Defending – Serious crush injury at work.

## Environmental

**EA v CS and others** – Defending – Waste permits at renewable energy company.

**EA v Grogan** – Prosecution – Waste/scrap metal.

**Natural Resources Wales v Euticals Ltd** – Chemical/environmental pollution at top-tier COMAH site.

## Inquests

**Dunkerley Steels** – Representing company at Inquest into death of employee.



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**AB** – Representing HSE in suicide case where serious allegations made against conduct of HSE, all of which rejected by Coroner.

**WM** – Representing company as one of number of IPs.

**Hillsborough Inquests** – Representing retired ACC of West Midlands for evidence gathering phase of Inquests.

**AM** – Representing shop manager at large retail outlet where child died.

**DJ** – Representing G4S employee following death in custody.

**AB** – Representing HSE following death at work and subsequent suicide of owner of company.

**Acted for Merseyside police officers in death in custody case.**

**HSE v Recresco Ltd** – Representing the HSE in fatality at work involving crushing by fork lift truck.

**HSE v Forgemasters** – Representing the HSE in fatality at work involving collapse of steel casting (crushing).

## Police Federation

**Metropolitan PS v Chief Superintendent RA** – All allegations of gross misconduct and honesty and integrity dismissed

**R v LK** – Undercover officer, indecent images – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-46864974>

**R v DCI EB** – Defending – Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

**DC JC** – Gross misconduct hearing – counter terrorism officer  
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/counter-terror-detectives-sacked-skiving-11799836>

**R v Police Constable D.B.** – Defending – Misconduct (Crown offered no evidence on all sexual offences).

**R v Superintendent M.C.** – Misconduct hearing (acquitted).

**R v WPC T.D.** – Crown Court trial for misconduct (acquitted).

**R v Police Constable G.W.** – Three Crown Court trials for misconduct and theft (acquitted in all three trials).

**R v Police Constable S.J.** – Crown Court trial for rape (acquitted).

**R v Police Constable C.L.** – Crown Court trial for rape and multiple counts of misconduct (acquitted).

**R v Police Constable J.B.** – Magistrates' Court trial for assault (acquitted).

**R v Police Constable P.B.** – Gross Misconduct hearing for assault (officer kept his job).

**R v Police Constable A.K.** – Misconduct hearing – Sexual allegations.

**R v Police Constable J.J.** – Misconduct hearing – Violent allegations.

**Pre 2015 R v Police Constable R.T.** – Crown Court trial – Sexual assault (acquitted).

**R v Police Constable J.B.M.** – Crown Court trial – Theft (acquitted).



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**R v Police Constable A.B.** – Crown Court trial – Sexual assaults (acquitted).

## Private Client Work

**R v Nicky Butt** – Assault – successfully defended

**R v Arron Scholes** – Defending, assault.

**IK** – Pre-charge advice re alleged sexual offences

**RART v BC** – Successfully defending civil forfeiture proceedings brought against Yorkshire businessman.

**RART v JO** – Civil forfeiture proceedings against local businessman.

**R v SJ** – Pharmacist accused of sexual offences.

**R v AB** – Restaurateur accused of assault.

**R v CD** – Marketing executive accused of assault.

**R v KA** – Successfully defended taxi driver accused of sexual assault.

**R v CB** – Successfully appealed sentence in Court of Appeal.

## Trading Standards

### Prosecution

Lisa gives pre-charge advice to local authorities, for example to Cheshire West and Chester Council in Conspiracy to defraud. She presents seminars to local authorities on prosecuting Trading Standards' cases.

### Defence

**Cardiff CC v Persimmon Homes Ltd** – Defending, leasehold/freehold.

**Defending national energy supplier in ongoing investigation.**

**AP** – Defending – Pre-charge advice to energy supplier.

**R v Vance Miller and others** – Defending in the largest ever prosecution brought by Trading Standards. After 4 months of evidence and legal arguments all defendants were acquitted. Burton Copeland solicitors instructed Lisa and have instructed her in many other Trading Standards' cases, some of which feature below.

**R v MS and others (ongoing)** – Defending MD of large kitchen business (said to be associated with Vance Miller) in multi-handed Conspiracy to defraud.

**R v DT** – Successfully defended man facing Conspiracy to defraud and Consumer Protection offences resulting in Crown offering no evidence.

**R v SS** – Successfully defended IT businessman facing Conspiracy to defraud resulting in Crown offering no evidence.

**R v M Ltd** – Successfully defended multi-million pound car dealership – Fraud and Consumer Protection Regulations – defence costs' order made (2011)



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**R v JJ** – Successfully defended landscape gardener.

**R v Joan Higgins** – Successfully appealed sentence which had attracted nationwide interest – Grandmother ‘tagged for selling goldfish to underage boy’

**R v Dean Nixon** – Successfully defended all Fraud allegations made against builder.

**R v John Smith** – Successfully defended all Fraud allegations made against roofer.

**R v DT** – Allegations of Fraud and Consumer Protection Regulations – Nationwide replacement window company (ongoing).

## Fraud

**R v BC and others** – Successfully defended this Yorkshire boxer in a nine-handed drugs and money-laundering conspiracy. One of only two defendants to be acquitted by the jury.

**R v HR and others** – Successfully defended local businessman in multi-million pound fraud and money laundering case which collapsed at beginning of 4 month trial. (VHCC case) Defence costs’ order made.

**R v TA and others** – Defending – Crown offered no evidence against this teacher at beginning of two-month money laundering trial.

**R v GA and others** – Defending – Crown offered no evidence against this lady of good character after hearing submissions of abuse of process.

**R v SB and another** – Defending – Crown offered no evidence at trial against this businesswoman facing allegations of money laundering.

**R v Chaudhry and others** – Prosecuting multi-handed drugs, counterfeit goods, mortgage fraud and money laundering case. Defendants pleaded guilty at outset of trial. (Complex Case Unit).

**R v Fawad Ahmed and Saliah Ahmed** – Successfully prosecuted police officer and bank clerk in two month banking fraud. (Complex Case Unit).

**R v Davies, Porter and Allison** – Junior counsel for the Prosecution in four month multi-million pound fraud.

## Homicide

### 2016

**R v Bennett** – Prosecuting – Murder.

**R v Child Defendant** – Defending – Gross negligence manslaughter. R offered no evidence.

**R v FP and others** – Defending – Multi-handed murder. R offered no evidence.

### Pre-2016

**R v JS** – Defending – Acquitted of murder and other violent offences.

**R v Wayne McDonald** – Prosecuting – Attempted murder of WPC.

**R v Wayne McDonald** – Prosecuting – Double attempted murder.

**R v Rahan Arshad** – Prosecuting – Quadruple murder of Defendant’s wife and 3 children. Full life term given.



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**R v Fatima Ali** – Defending – Woman who concealed birth of her child. (Berry and Berry).

**R v Connor & others** – Defending – Double murder and attempt murder after an arson attack on a house in a Manchester suburb (Transters).

**R v Ward & others** – Defending – Conspiracy to murder that arose out of a family dispute (Draycott Brown).

**R v Faqir Mohammed** – Prosecuting – First murder conviction in this country for "honour killing".

**R v Newport Crim.L.R. 518** – Defending – Murder. "Res gestae" conviction appeal.

**R v Jacques Ainsworth** – Prosecuting – Death by dangerous driving.

**R v Liam Bertenshaw** – Prosecuting – Death by careless driving.

**R v Warren Archer** – Prosecuting – Death by dangerous driving.

## Medical Profession

**Dr SR** – Defending – Health Education England appeal tribunal.

**Dr SR** – Defending – Interim Orders Panel.

**Dr MP** – Defending – IOP.

**Dr OM** – Psychoanalyst.

**Dr SK** – Defending – IOP.

**CQC v Adesanya** – Successfully representing CQC in appeal to First Tier Tribunal.

**BB and civil aviation medical appeal tribunal.**

## Robbery and Drugs

**R v Shortman and Others and R v Joy and others** – Defending 2 cash in transit armed robberies (Berry and Berry).

**R v Corkowic and others** – Prosecuting – Cash in transit robberies.

**R v Marley & others** – Defending – Fake ecstasy tablets – Sentencing authority. (Stephensons)

## Sexual Offences

**R x IB** – Defending – Rape – Not guilty.

**R x WH** – Defending – Indecent images.

**R v SA** – Successfully defended two month multi-victim grooming case (Abbeys).

**R v Patnaik** – Prosecution of serial rapist who received 9 life sentences for rape and serious sexual assaults.

**R v Waring & McGuire** – Junior counsel for the prosecution – 2 Police Officers charged with rape.

**R v Wright** – Defending prison officer charged with sexual assaults (Russell Jones and Walker).

**R v AB** – Successfully defended police officer charged with sexual assaults (Russell Jones and Walker).

**R v Molloy** – Defending serial child rapist.



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