

'Recommended for prosecution and defending serious criminal matters' 2019

'Very well known for his expertise in health and safety matters', 2018

'His practice includes a mix of health and safety cases, inquests and environment-related regulatory work', 2014

John Harrison was called to the bar in 1994 and was made Queens Counsel in 2016. John is a criminal law and regulatory specialist and has a specific expertise in regulatory areas including Health & Safety, Environmental Law & Trade Descriptions. He has a particular interest in financial regulation, particularly regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and Code of Practice (CoP) HMRC investigations.

John is an extremely popular barrister who has earned a reputation of being both a master tactician and an outstanding trial advocate. He is well known for his capability to handle the most complex of cases with a clear, pragmatic approach. John's background in civil litigation and commercial law makes him particularly well placed to assist clients in a huge range of litigation areas. He is a particularly popular choice for cases involving substantial factual and legal complexity.

Although his Chambers are based both on the Northern and North Eastern Circuits he has a national practice. For further information or to instruct John Harrison KC please contact the Director of Clerking, David Wright.

Health & safety, corporate manslaughter

R v. Roofing Consultants Limited – prosecution, fatality following fall from height, health and safety offences.

R v. Al Amin Warehouse – prosecution, fatality following fall from height, health and safety offences.

R v. Huntley Mount Engineering – prosecution, fatality involving a young apprentice at an engineering company, health and safety offences.

R v. Pyranha Mouldings – prosecution, fatality at a canoe factory, health and safety offence

R. v. Sherwood Rise Ltd – prosecution, fatality at a care home, elderly resident neglected, health and safety offences.

R v. Andrew Jones Pies – prosecution, fatal explosion in a factory, health and safety offences.

R v. Pavers – defence, asbestos contamination offences, first case after new sentencing guidelines came into force, successful argument they did not apply due to prosecution delay.

Environmental

EA v. Fenny – unauthorised waste operation offences at various sites in Middlesbrough area.

EA v. Smith – waste management offences described as the worst ever seen in South Yorkshire.



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R v. Glan McCallum – defence, part of Operation Clío, allegations of conspiracies to defraud by using copy-cat websites, not guilty verdicts prior to trial

R v. Thwaites – defence, involving the deployment of test purchase officers as covert human resources.

WYCC v. Hemingway – defence, mis-selling second hand cars, confiscation proceedings.

NYCC v. Wileman – defence, company director alleged to have allowed false statements to be made on his company's behalf.

Corporate advice

Corporate advice – Corporate clients obviously wish to maintain confidentiality but issues dealt with have included:

- ❖ Private prosecutions;
- ❖ Product safety;
- ❖ Industrial noise;
- ❖ Asbestos contamination;
- ❖ Waste disposal;
- ❖ The water industry;
- ❖ Suspected fraudulent activity internal and external to the corporate;
- ❖ Various FCA issues, including applicability of regulations and guidance (PERG); and,
- ❖ Co-operation with investigating authorities within the context of health and safety investigations.



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