

Lee specialises in regulatory and criminal law.

In much of his work he is instructed by insurance practices and national law firms to defend corporate clients and individuals in regulatory crime matters, including health and safety, fire safety and road traffic cases.

Lee regularly represents Interested Persons in Inquests, whether they arise out of health and safety, road traffic or other matters. He is regularly instructed to appear in the Crown Court in general crime matters (including POCA). He represents drivers in the Magistrates' Courts for a range of road traffic offences.

Lee also advises and represents clients in environmental, trading standards (including food safety and consumer protection), professional disciplinary and licensing cases.

Lee has been instructed in matters of national significance, including the Gosport Independent Panel Review, the Manchester Arena Inquests and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

As well as having a solid defence practice Lee also prosecutes. He is a Level 2 CPS prosecutor for general crime and a Level 2 prosecutor on the CPS Specialist Panel Serious Crime Group list. He has been appointed to List C of the Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law. Lee is also on the RSPCA's list of approved counsel.

Lee is a member of the Health and Safety Executive's independent Disputes Panel for Fee for Intervention (FFI).

He is authorised to represent members of the public under the 'Public Access' scheme.

Prior to joining the Bar Lee was a solicitor in some of the most highly regarded regulatory crime teams in the country. He was recommended by Legal 500 for his health and safety work. Lee continues to offer corporate support to solicitors who require assistance with due diligence, litigation, document review, witness familiarisation and risk advice.

## NOTABLE CASES

### Health and Safety and Fire Safety

**HSE v MS and CS** – secured the acquittal of a director prosecuted by the HSE for breaches of the general duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act and contravention of a Prohibition Notice.

**Fire Service v G** – represented a former health and safety officer prosecuted for risk assessment offences spanning a period of 10 years.

**Multinational Company** – advised a multinational company regarding its responsibilities for vacant commercial and residential properties under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order.

As a solicitor Lee represented the acquitted individuals in *R v Sterecycle & Others* *R v Love & Joy Ministries & Others*



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## PRACTICE AREAS

Regulatory Law

Criminal Law

Business Crime

Inquests & Inquiries

Professional Discipline

Public Law

## EDUCATION

LLM (with Distinction)

MSc module in Fire Safety Law (First)

Qualified Lawyer's Transfer Test

Police Station Accreditation

Bar Vocational Course

LLB (Hons)

Lee has advised a number of multinational corporate entities on their obligations under health and safety and fire legislation and continues to do so. As a solicitor he was recognised in Legal 500 for his expertise in health and safety.

## Inquest and Inquiry work

**Gosport Independent Panel** – appointed by the Secretary of State for Health, as Junior Counsel to Kate Blackwell QC, in the Gosport Independent Panel. The panel was constituted by the Minister to examine and report on historical events relating to the care, treatment and deaths of patients of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Portsmouth.

**Grenfell Public Inquiry** - instructed by Government Legal Department to assist the Home Office with the disclosure exercise following the fire that occurred in 2017.

**Manchester Arena Inquests** – instructed by the Solicitor to the Inquests to assist with the disclosure exercise.

**Inquest touching the death of motorcyclist** – represented the driver of a vehicle involved in a collision with the deceased.

**Inquest touching the death of a student** – represented a University following the death of a student in student accommodation.

**Inquest touching the death of an elderly resident of Council accommodation** – represented the Council in an Inquest that explored the Council's obligations towards an elderly resident.

## General Crime

**R v B** – represented a defendant charged with a s20 wounding after striking a partner with a hammer. The defendant was given a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

**R v V** – prosecuted a prisoner for escaping from lawful custody after jumping from a moving prison van whilst on a dual carriageway. The defendant was convicted.

**R v G** – The defendant was accused of robbery. Lee made a successful application to dismiss based on identification evidence.

**R v W** – The defendant was accused of breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order by having history-deleting software on his phone. Lee made a successful application to dismiss the offence based on the Crown's misunderstanding of the technical evidence.

**Lee was led junior for the Crown in Operations Telet and Quartz:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-45681608>

<https://news.merseyside.police.uk/news/total-of-more-than-60-years-in-prison-for-amphetamine-lab-gang-following-nwocu-and-nca-investigation-374873>

## POCA

**R v M&S** – represented two interested parties from whom over £30,000 had been seized during investigations into a relative's criminal offending. The interested parties recovered £27,000.



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## Road Traffic

**R v S** – represented a driver accused of driving without due care and attention following a collision with a road collision with a pedestrian. The case was dismissed at the close of the prosecution case.

**R v M** – represented a driver in a special reasons hearing whose mum forgot to insure his car. Special reasons were found.



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