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Appointments

North West Sexual Offences Panel

Memberships

Northern Circuit Criminal Bar Association
ARDL
UK Environmental Law Association

Education

Lincoln's Inn

Environmental Regulation

Andrew has almost 20 years of experience in prosecuting and defending in serious and regulatory crime. He has a wealth of experience in presenting cases before the CCA, the Crown Court and all other lower courts, tribunals and panels. Whilst committed to criminal work, it is this experience that has allowed Andrew to transfer effortlessly into disciplinary work where he has gained significant experience representing those facing serious disciplinary proceedings.

In terms of regulatory crime, he now chooses to concentrate on representing those facing allegations brought by the various regulatory bodies. He is regularly instructed to advise at an early stage in order to achieve the best possible solution and is renowned for his straightforward and client friendly approach.

Andrew has extensive experience of representing both companies and Individuals in relation to all kinds of alleged environmental breaches, but his particular expertise lies in "Waste", "Pollution" and "Statutory Nuisance" cases involving the Environment Agency and Local Councils.

His varied regulatory practice profile allows him to readily appreciate the unique pressure faced by a client and the impact proceedings may have within the company setting and upon a client's professional and personal life. These cases invariably involve financial implications and he is adept at dealing with any proceeds of crime applications that may follow.

Andrew is often asked to speak on regulatory topics and is willing to consider invitations to assist at appropriate events. He is registered to accept instructions on a Direct Access basis.

Environmental Regulation Cases

RE v WBC [2015] – advice and representation in relation to appeal against Enforcement Notice.

FS Ltd [2014] – advice and representation of a company towards the merits of challenging or appealing the service of an Improvement Notice.

MG Ltd [2014] – advising company in relation to noise and air pollution surrounding planning appeals.

R v F and others [2013-14] – successfully acted on behalf of the company and principal director in a prosecution brought by the EA alleging many diverse breaches, including the unlawful storage and disposal of waste and ELVs at a commercial level.

Recommendations

Environmental Regulation

“Impressive and refreshingly down to earth, explained everything to me clearly”. “Always robust, but maintains a calm and friendly approach”.

“I wish to convey my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work that Stephenson solicitors and Exchange Chambers barristers have carried out for me during my recent environmental case”.

“First class, would have no hesitation in recommending to others”.

Inquests

“We can’t thank you enough for helping us to understand why our brother died and for your help in getting our views across throughout the inquest.”

“Very impressed. Andrew knew his stuff and took time to explain everything to me, at a very worrying time both professionally and personally.”

Beyond the Bar

Andrew is now a keen golfer having finally accepted his football career is over. Family time is spent travelling and walking the dog.