



Mark Ainsworth

Call 1992



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Appointments

- Recorder (2008)
- Specialist Regulatory Panel – List C (Health and Safety and Environment Law)

Inquests

Since 1992, Mark has developed a practice that combines extensive experience of cases before the Crown Court with more specialised areas of practice in related regulatory fields. With regards to the Coroner's Court, Mark has provided representation in inquests around the country, often lasting up to five weeks. These have included Article 2 inquests and jury inquests. In particular, Mark has extensive experience representing the interests of doctors whose performance has been the subject of scrutiny during an inquest in the Coroner's Court.

Mark has represented a doctor in an inquest into the death of a patient detained under the Mental Health Act. He has also represented a doctor in an inquest into the death of an elderly patient who had died shortly after her admission to hospital, and a doctor in an inquest into the death of a patient who had died having been authorised for transfer between hospitals without a secure airway. With regards to medical disciplinary practice, for over 12 years Mark has frequently appeared before the MPTS (as it now is) in proceedings relating to the fitness to practise of medical practitioners.

As well as medico-legal work, Mark has also been involved in cases involving alleged Police misconduct as well as cases involving breaches of health and safety regulations. As part of his extensive criminal practice, Mark have been involved in a number of high profile cases involving allegations of gross negligent manslaughter. These also include proceedings relating to the conduct and performance of medical practitioners before the FTPP and the IOP of the MPTS.

Between 2002 and 2009, where due to changes to electoral law the method of voting was extended to include postal voting, Mark was instructed in three cases of electoral fraud, relating to both general and local elections and involving a detailed analysis of electoral law.

Recommendations

Ranked Tier 3 in Crime (General and Fraud)
The Legal 500 2024

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The Legal 500 2023

“Mark is excellent. He is great with clients and is a strong advocate.”
The Legal 500 2022

“Great with difficult clients.”
The Legal 500 2021

“He’s methodical, always well prepared and a really thorough advocate. He’s a pleasure to be in a case with.” “Has a very amiable style with clients, who always find him reassuring. He’s super experienced and very good on his feet.”
Chambers and Partners 2020

“Great with difficult clients.”
The Legal 500 2020

“His knowledge of the intricacies of legal issues is second to none.”
Chambers and Partners 2019

“Mark has a very straightforward style and he presents himself in a calm and persuasive manner which is particularly effective.”
Chambers and Partners 2018

“He’s an extremely experienced, intelligent, organised individual who is authoritative in court.” “He is very calm and measured, and gives difficult advice in a palatable manner.”
Chambers and Partners 2017

“He works hard and is a good barrister who does lots of prosecution.”
Chambers and Partners 2016