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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Serious regulatory crime
- Corporate manslaughter
- Gross negligent manslaughter
- All forms of regulatory enforcement and compliance, including :
 - Health and safety
 - Environmental
 - Health care and food safety offences
 - Coroner's inquests
 - Catastrophic personal injury litigation
 - Occupational health
 - Clinical negligence
 - Sports law
 - Shipping law/ accidents

PROFILE OVERVIEW

Historically, over decades, has been instructed in cases by, and involving, the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, the Office for Nuclear Regulation, the Office of Rail Regulation, the Department of Trade and Industry, by the Crown Prosecution Service, by the British Transport Police, by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, by DEFRA, by Public Health England, by the Forestry Commission, CQC and by many local authorities throughout England and Wales.

Currently/ recently much of work involves, and has involved, instructions to act on behalf of many large corporate defendants, on behalf of multinational companies, NHS Trusts, construction companies, sports clubs, Football League Clubs, hotel chains, large national retail outlets, forestry companies and by numerous other organisations and individuals facing prosecution and regulatory enforcement decisions by the Crown Prosecution Service, by Government Departments and by Local Authorities.

For fifteen years was one of the Attorney Generals three appointed Standing Counsel to the Health and Safety Executive and the Office of Rail Regulation. Of the three was the only one in Chambers outside London.

For decades, as both junior counsel and then in silk, has been instructed by both the prosecution and increasingly on behalf of many defendants to conduct some of the most complex, sensitive and high profile cases that are brought in the UK. Handles cases of national public interest, deals with difficulties and sensitivities with evidence and public interest, with fatal accidents, multi defendant cases, abuse of process, complex legal or scientific issues and the interpretation of EU Directives and Law. When both prosecuting and defending, is often involved very early on in a case, giving strategic advice on issues emerging in casework or investigations and giving strategic advice. Is often used, and acts, as a resource of expert advice.

Very well experienced in the Crown Court, in the High Court Divisional Court, in the High Court Business and Property Court, in the High Court Kings Bench Division, in the Court of Criminal Appeal, in the Court of Civil Appeal and in the Coroners Court (including work associated with the Hillsborough Inquest and subsequent prosecutions). Also experienced in Mediation and the mediation process.

Work covers areas/ industries ranging from the construction, nuclear, gas, explosives, offshore, chemical, munitions, manufacturing, engineering, leisure, farming, forestry and electricity industries through to the railway infrastructure, asbestos, NHS trusts, medicine, disease cases, public health cases, ionising radiation cases, defective product cases, the emergency services, sports clubs, sports venues and zoos (he has been involved in all three of the cases, in the UK, which have involved a zoo animal killing its keeper).

PROFILE OVERVIEW

Involved in, and was requested to advise during, the consultation process relating to the introduction and implementation of the Sentencing Councils Definitive Guidelines for 'Health and Safety Offences, Corporate Manslaughter and Food Safety and Hygiene Offences'.

He has been classed as a Leader at the Bar since 2002 and has been ranked, since taking silk, as a Leading Category 1 silk/ Band 1 ranking silk in both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

CURRENT & RECENT WORK

Currently instructed on behalf of numerous defendants/ potential defendants in relation to multiple prosecutions/ potential prosecutions involving fatal accidents and accidents involving catastrophic injury around the UK.

Currently instructed by the prosecution (the Office for Nuclear Regulation) in relation to the prosecution of three corporate defendants following a fatal accident at the Hinkley C nuclear power station in Somerset. Also instructed by the Office for Nuclear regulation in relation to a separate prosecution involving a worker crushed by rebar mesh. Currently also instructed to defend in a prosecution brought by the Office for Nuclear Regulation in relation to an accident that occurred at the Dungeness Nuclear facility in Kent.

Recently instructed to prosecute the first ever prosecution under the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003. It concerned Sellafield Limited's management of its cyber security systems over a four year period. Due to the sensitivity and national importance of the case, involving the potential for a cyber-attack and potential access to the UK's sensitive nuclear information, it had to be heard by the Chief Magistrate at Westminster Magistrates Court.

Recently acted for one of UK's major port operators in relation to the alleged illegal importation of explosives, over a ten year period, in breach of licence conditions.

Acted for the Managing Director of a roofing company, in a prosecution following case the death of a worker. The charges in the case involved corporate manslaughter, gross negligent manslaughter and health and safety offences. Other recent cases involving manslaughter have involved the prosecution of a train guard for the manslaughter of a 16 year old girl, the death of a young diabetic worker who collapsed and fell to his death whilst working at height, a worker cooked to death in an industrial canoe oven and a victim crushed to death by electric gates.

Other recent defence cases, in multiple high profile prosecutions, whilst acting on behalf of corporate defendants, have involved prosecutions resulting from death and catastrophic injury on construction sites, in factories, in warehouses, in food processing plants, in steel works, in a transport depot/ hub.

In another very high profile case, he was instructed to prosecute National Grid Gas in relation to the gas supply network involving high rise multi occupancy buildings around the UK. This was a prosecution directly flowing from an investigation following the Grenfell Tower disaster.

In another high profile case, involving one of the most complex investigations ever carried out by the police, he was instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute a defendant who caused a gas explosion that decimated a whole town centre and injured many. The case involved offences of causing an explosion likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property (coupled with health and safety offences against a corporate defendant). Instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service. Following conviction Pascal Blasio sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment (the corporate defendant fined).

Other recent prosecution instructions have included: the prosecution of Northern Gas Limited following a fatal gas explosion in Yorkshire; the prosecution of two Defendants following a fatality at the Carlsberg factory in Northampton; the prosecution of two Defendants following a hydrogen explosion at a chemical factory; the prosecution of three Defendants after a care worker was stabbed in the neck with a knife by the resident at a care home; the prosecution of four Defendants arising out of a fatal accident involving a lift collapse; the prosecution of a children's home following the death of a child by hanging whilst in care.

CURRENT & RECENT WORK

Recently instructed by a leading, specialist, NHS Trust in an investigation carried out by CQC following the death of a patient and then in the subsequent Coroner's Inquest involving the death.

Recently acted on behalf of both the prosecution and on behalf of a number of corporate Defendants in relation to food safety offences.

Also holds the potential prosecution brief for a prosecution that arises out of the death/ asphyxiation of a small child in a nursery. Also currently instructed in a number of high profile Coroners Inquests, including in the Inquest involving the asphyxiation of the nine month old child in a nursery.

Currently instructed in a number of significant different cases/ pieces of litigation, all in the High Court, involving shipping collisions/ accidents, all of which have health and safety/ environmental issues and considerations. Also instructed in a case involving the drowning of the entire crew of a capsized tugboat.

Involved in a number of Mediations ahead of trials listed in the High Court (including one involving multiple claims arising from a gas explosion and one involving huge claims, running to multiple millions of pounds, arising out of a shipping collision).

Defence brief for national retailer in relation to enforcement issues involving Covid regulations.

Other recent work of interest

- Instructed by National League football club in relation to issues involving the National Football League and FA following the cessation of the national League football season.
- Instructed to advise upon issues affecting sports grounds during the Covid pandemic.
- Instructed by a forestry company in relation to a criminal investigation arising out of water pollution allegedly caused by forestry works.
- Instructed by a company in relation to the alleged illegal felling of trees.
- Instructed by company following seizure and confiscation of imported tobacco products by HMRC.
- Instructed on behalf of a number of Claimants in multi million pound tetraplegia/ catastrophic injury cases.
- Instructed on behalf of a Defendant in a fatal accident claim following the death of a worker at a TATA steel works plant.
- Instructed on behalf of a Defendant in relation to an application for a Group Litigation Order/ claim for personal. Injury damages and losses allegedly sustained by a large number of claimants as a result of pollution/ nuisance on neighbouring construction site.
- Representing a sports manager/ agent in relation to a dispute involving a MMA/ UFC fighter.
- Instructed in a libel case involving the owners of Blackpool Football Club.

NOTABLE CASES

Court of Appeal Criminal Division

- **R v Northern Gas Networks:** Appeal against one of the largest fines imposed in a health and safety prosecution. Case involved significant failings by one of the UK's main gas distributors. Appeal involved important issues concerning the SGC Guidelines.
- **R v Electricity North West Limited** [2018] EWCA Crim 1944: Appeal against conviction and sentence. Case involved important issues of law concerning the Work at Height Regulations 2005, issues of foreseeability, inconsistent verdicts and the SGC Guidelines.
- **R v Polyflor Ltd** [2014] EWA Crim 1522; [2014] I.C.R. 1142: Appeal against conviction in relation to the structure of s.2 of Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the implications of negligence of an employee who was injured during the course of their employment, submissions of no case to answer and the issue of exposure to risk.
- **R v Watkin Jones** [2013] EWCA Crim 969: Appeal against sentence and the imposition of a large fine following conviction at trial for an offence which led to the death of an employee on a construction site.
- **R v Christopher McGee** (on appeal from Holroyd J; manslaughter): Appeal against a sentence of imprisonment following conviction, after trial, for the manslaughter of a 16 year old girl by a train guard.

Coroners Inquests

- Hillsborough Inquests: Heavily involved in the evidence concerning, and instructed to advise upon and deal with, a large range of disclosure and legal issues in relation to the fresh inquests; instructed by members of the original Steering Committee and involved in liaison with the Coroners team, the IPCC and the Stoddard Inquiry.
- Inquest involving the death of patient whilst undergoing treatment for epilepsy at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (Liverpool Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the death of an HGV driver, crushed to death between two HGV's at a major transport hub (Northampton Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the fatal shooting of PC Ian Terry, a serving Greater Manchester Police Officer, by another officer during an unauthorised MASTS training exercise (Manchester Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the death of an elderly lady who drowned after her care entered and became submerged in a dock in Liverpool (Liverpool Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the death of a worker after falling from height (Maidstone Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the death of a worker who died after complications from series burns caused after entering into a trough containing milk of lime (Sefton Coroners Court).
- Inquest into the death of a zookeeper killed by a tiger at the Hamerton Zoo in Cambridgeshire (Huntingdon Coroners Court)
- Inquest involving the asphyxiation of a nine month old child in a nursery (Stockport Coroners Court).
- Inquest involving the death of a worker, crushed to death in a an underground storage depot (Chesterfield Coroners Court).
- Advising on a fatal accident in a warehouse in North Wales, ahead of a coroner's inquest.

NOTABLE CASES

Manslaughter

- **R v RCL, Richard Lennon** (Manchester Crown Court): Prosecution involving the death of a worker after falling from height through a fragile roof.
- **R v Pyranha Moulding, Paul Keddie & Others** (Liverpool Crown Court): Prosecution involving the death of a man, cooked in an industrial oven.
- **R v Kenneth Thelwell and S Cooper & Sons Ltd** (Chester Crown Court): Prosecution involving the death of a man crushed to death by electric gates. Case involved charges of manslaughter and a variety of health and safety offences.
- **R v Siemens Diematic Ltd, Stow Ltd, David Hill and David Hastie** (Nottingham Crown Court): Prosecution involving the death of a foreign worker during the construction of a warehousing facility. Case involved a number of charges of manslaughter and health and safety offences.
- **R v Christopher McGee** (Liverpool Crown Court): Prosecution involving the prosecution of a train guard for the manslaughter of a 16 year old girl, who was dragged under a train that he was in control of.
- **R v Hutchinson Engineering Ltd & others** (Nottingham Crown Court): Prosecution involving the death of a young diabetic worker who collapsed and fell to his death whilst working at height. Case involved allegations of manslaughter and health and safety offences.
- Advising on a Corporate Manslaughter prosecution following a fatal accident on the Isle of Man.

Emergency Services/ Railway Infrastructure

- **R v Greater Manchester Police, PC's Eric & Francis (Manchester Crown Court)**: HSE counsel in a lengthy inquest following the death of a serving firearms officer, shot dead by a colleague in an unauthorised firearms training exercise. Subsequently prosecution counsel in the prosecution of the Greater Manchester Police force and two serving firearms officers in relation to health and safety offences arising out of the shooting.
- **R v Network Rail and Jarvis Plc (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution following the death of a child on the railway infrastructure.
- **Re Geisner (UK) Ltd**: Advising in a wide ranging and technical case relating to an investigation concerning the design/specification of railway engines/rolling stock.
- Ionising Radiation/ Nuclear Industry/ Office of Nuclear Regulation
- **R v Sellafield Ltd** (Westminster Magistrates Court): This case involved the first ever prosecution under the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and concerned Sellafield Limited's management of its cyber security systems over a four year period. Due to the sensitivity and national importance of the case, involving the risks involving interference with and the infiltration of some of the UK's Sensitive Nuclear Information, it had to be heard by the Chief Magistrate at Westminster Magistrates Court.
- **R v NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited, Laing O'Rourke Delivery Limited & Bouygues Travaux Publics** (Bristol Crown Court): Prosecution arising out of the death of a worker at the Hinkley C nuclear power station in Somerset.
- **R v Laing O'Rourke Delivery Limited & Bouygues Travaux Publics** (Bristol Crown Court): Prosecution arising out of a worker crushed by rebar mesh.
- **R v Sellafield Ltd** (Carlisle Crown Court): Prosecution involving exposure of workers to plutonium caused by airborne radioactive contamination during diamond core drilling work at the Sellafield nuclear site.
- **R v Meyer Group Ltd** (Liverpool Crown Court): Prosecution arising out of historic exposure of workers, and agency workers, to ionising radiation over an extended period.
- **R v PC Richardson and BNFL Ltd** (Carlisle Crown Court): Prosecution following a fatal accident in a reactor chimney at the Sellafield nuclear site in Cumbria.
- **R v Sellafield Ltd** (Carlisle Crown Court): Prosecution involving plutonium poisoning following the exposure of an employee to plutonium at the Sellafield nuclear site.
- Advising the Office of Nuclear Regulation on cyber security issues, the enforcement of and the risks pertaining to compromise of Sensitive Nuclear Information held by those operating within the UK's nuclear industry.
- **R v XPO Transport Solutions Limited** (Canterbury Crown Court): Prosecution following a serious accident at the Dungeness nuclear site in Kent.

NOTABLE CASES

Offshore Industry

- **R v BHP Billiton Petroleum Ltd (No 1) (Liverpool)**: Prosecution following a poisonous hydrogen sulphide gas escape on an oil rig.
- **R v BHP Billiton Petroleum Ltd (No 2) (Liverpool)**: Prosecution involving a large oil spillage causing marine, coastal and beach pollution.

Gas, Chemical, Explosives, Electricity, Poisoning

- **R v Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution of one of the UK's major port operators in relation to the alleged illegal importation of explosives, over a ten year period, in breach of licence conditions.
- **R v National Grid Gas (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution with wide-ranging implications, following the Grenfell Tower disaster, involving the gas supply to hundreds of high-rise buildings in the UK and involving multiple failings to protect the public and emergency workers from the risk and consequences of gas leaks.
- **R v Northern Gas Networks (Leeds Crown Court)**: Prosecution and a subsequent appeal against one of the largest fines imposed in a health and safety prosecution. Case involved significant failings by one of the UK's main gas distributors. Appeal involved important issues concerning the SGC Guidelines.
- **R v Carlsberg Supply Limited and Crowley Carbon Limited (Birmingham Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving death and series injury caused by the release of anhydrous ammonia gas in the refrigeration plant at the Carlsberg Brewery in Northampton.
- **R v Pascal Blasio and Contract Natural Gas Limited (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving an explosion that destroyed a town centre. Offence of causing an explosion likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property (coupled with health and safety offences against the corporate defendant). Instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service. Following conviction Pascal Blasio sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment (the corporate defendant fined).
- **R v Greenway Environmental Ltd and Packawaste Ltd (Chester Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a chemical explosion and fire that destroyed a whole industrial estate.
- **R v PJ Livesey Ltd and Mark Wakefield Demolition Ltd (Manchester Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a gas explosion that destroyed an old hospital.
- **R v Enterprise Inns Plc (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a fatality due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **R v Corus UK Ltd, SES Ltd and Switchgear Engineering Ltd (Sheffield Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a fatal accident after a worker came in contact with a high voltage busbar at the Corpus plant in Scunthorpe, set on fire and burned to death.
- **R v BAE Land Systems Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a fatal accident in the munitions industry after a worker was killed in an explosion whilst working with lead styphnate.
- **R v Paul Kay (Manchester Crown Court)**: Prosecution following the Irlam gas explosion. Case involved the prosecution of a gas fitter following the destruction of three houses in a huge gas explosion.
- **R v Kendal Calling Ltd and Piper Event Services (Carlisle Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving catastrophic injury after electrocution on 11,000 – volt overhead power lines.
- **R v Sonae UK Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a huge dust explosion at a wood chip processing plant.
- **R v Transco Ltd (Warrington Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a large explosion caused during repairs to gas main leading to multiple injuries.
- **R v Nipa Laboratories UK Ltd (Burnley Crown Court)**: Prosecution in an environmental / chemical pollution case, emanating from industrial premises causing ill health and vegetation damage.
- **R v National Grid Gas Ltd (Preston Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving the death of a child associated with the gas infrastructure.
- **R v Electricity North West Ltd (Preston Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving the death of a worker whilst working a height on the electricity infrastructure.
- **R v Catalloy Limited (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving a huge explosion during the manufacture of a nickel catalyst in a reactor.
- **Fireworks**: Advising in case involving the explosion of a firework storage facility, resulting in a double fatality.
- Defence brief in relation to an investigation following a fire and the destruction of a large part of a specialist cancer hospital

NOTABLE CASES

Children Cases

- **R v Bryn Melyn Care Home Limited (Mold Crown Court):** Prosecution of a care home company after a thirteen year old girl, with mental health issues, hung herself at the home.
- **R v Derby City Council (Derby Crown Court):** Prosecution after a young child was crushed to death by park railings.
- **R v BSN Medical Ltd and Empress Mills (1927) Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after a young child drowned in an industrial water pit.
- **R v Lovell Partnership (Newcastle Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a child falling from scaffolding in city centre location.
- **R v Croxteth Park Enterprises Ltd. (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a child that fell through a fragile roof of industrial premises.
- **R v Loparex Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the drowning of a young child in a remote part of an industrial site.
- **R v JA Jones Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the death of a teenager killed whilst on trial bike on a country estate after coming into contact with a wire that had been placed across a track.
- **R v Caersws FC (Mold Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of a 12 year old boy, crushed to death by some goalposts whilst playing football.
- **R v Greenwood Forest Park & Others (Caernarfon Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a child that fell to his death from a zip wire.
- **R v Live The Adventure Ltd (Shrewsbury Crown Court):** Prosecution involving serious injury after failure of rope attachment on a high ropes course.

Medical/ Health Care

- **Operation Millenium Forge:** Advising in a case concerning a vulnerable resident, in sheltered accommodation, who died from overdose of medication.
- **Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust:** Instructed on behalf of the UK's only specialist hospital trust, dedicated to providing specialist neurology, neurosurgery, spinal and pain management treatment, in relation to a CQC investigation following the death of an in-patient at the hospital.
- **R v Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council (Bolton Crown Court):** Prosecution involving an elderly resident in care home who was strangled to death by her cot side.
- **R v Heart of England NHS Trust (Birmingham Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of an elderly patient after admission to hospital.
- **R v Leavy & Leavy (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution after an elderly patient fell to her death from a window in a care home.
- **R v Huntleys Country Stores Limited (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution in relation to a serious E.coli outbreak following a live animal event at a farm.

Asbestos

- **R v Pectel Ltd and Keltbray Ltd (Wirral Magistrates Court):** Prosecution following the unsafe removal of asbestos whilst decommissioning work taking place.
- **R v Stockport Metropolitan Council (Advice on asbestos removal):** Instructed in relation to the management of asbestos removal from schools and housing estates.
- **R v Birse Build Ltd, Andrew Brightmoor and Gary Cusack (Rotherham Magistrates Court):** Prosecution following the unlicensed removal asbestos from schools.
- **R v Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust (Telford magistrates Court):** Prosecution involving the management of asbestos at a hospital.

NOTABLE CASES

Construction Industry/ manufacturing/ factory

- **R v Sonae Industria (UK) Ltd & Metso Paper Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a double fatality during maintenance work on a production line.
- **R v Amberley Homes Limited (Maidstone Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of a roofer after falling through defective scaffolding.
- **R v Graham Engineering Limited (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a worker, crushed to death by a piston whilst worker under a metal press.
- **R v GXO Logistics Limited (Woolwich Crown Court):** Prosecution involving alleged traffic management issues at a Sainsbury's supermarket distribution centre.
- **R v Bowmer & Kirkland and Bingham Davies Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following the collapse of a tower crane in a city centre, causing catastrophic injury and massive property damage.
- **R v JCK Ltd (Isle of Man):** Defence counsel in health and safety case involving a fatal accident after a man was crushed to death after a dumper truck overturned.
- **R v Jaguar Landrover Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of a worker on the production line at the Defendants premises on Merseyside.
- **R v Shawton Engineering Ltd, AMEC Ltd and Buro Happold Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution in relation to the prosecution of three companies following the death of a man during the construction of a link span bridge.
- **R v Bryn Thomas Crane Hire, Siteweld Construction Ltd, Frederick Scott and Benjamin Lee (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a crane fell over during a lifting operation.
- **R v Watkin Jones & Sons Ltd (Mold Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a labourer fell from height through an unguarded roof void.
- **R v Assystem Ltd (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident when a worker was crushed to death by an overhead travelling crane.
- **R v McLean Homes Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after man was crushed to death by a telehandler reversing on a construction site.
- **R v John Riley Civil Engineering Ltd (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after a young worker suffered a broken neck and was then buried when a trench in which he was working collapsed.
- **R v AMEC Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident when a worker was killed when concrete blocks fell from the top of a tall apartment block during construction.
- **R v Dawson Wam Ltd (Chester Crown Court):** Prosecution after a worker was killed after being struck by a concrete pipe that whipped during piling operations.
- **R v AJ Bull Waste Handling Ltd (Kingston Upon Thames Crown Court):** Prosecution following a serious accident in which upper limbs were traumatically amputated in machinery.
- **R v MB Plastics Ltd and Birse Water Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of a telescopic forklift truck driver.
- **R v Pugh and Allen (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a worker was crushed to death by a hangar door that fell during construction work at Liverpool Airport.
- **R v UCS Civils Ltd and Pochin Concrete Pumping Ltd (Doncaster Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident during concrete pumping operations.
- **R v Fluor UK Ltd, Hertel UK Ltd and Shaw Group (Knutsford Crown Court):** Prosecution involving catastrophic injury caused by a fall from height after a MEWP was knocked over during the construction of a chlorine plant.
- **R v DC Thomson Ltd and JP King Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following catastrophic injury after a scaffold collapse.
- **R v Hussain & Others (Sheffield Crown Court):** Prosecution following the collapse of a row of occupied shops and flats.
- **R v Telford Pressings Ltd (Telford Magistrates Court):** Prosecution following traumatic amputation of limbs in machinery.
- **R v Pirelli Tyres Ltd (Carlisle Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after an employee was cooked to death in an autoclave.

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- **R v Pierhead Housing & Others (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the prosecution of multiple Defendants following the collapse of a row of terraced properties.
- **R v Costain Ltd & Galliford Try Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution involving traumatic amputation in a rotating augur at waste water treatment works.
- **R v Edgemere Projects Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution concerning the death of a worker who was crushed to death after a stack of pallets, containing tonnes of brick, collapsed and fell onto him.
- **R v Befasa Salt Slags Ltd & Porvi Construcciones Y Contratas (Caernarfon Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the prosecution of two companies (one a Spanish company) following the death of a Spanish worker after the collapse of an industrial hopper in an aluminium recycling plant.
- **R v Shafi & Others (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution involving fatal accident following a fall from height whilst carrying out roofing work.
- **R v Spence Roofing and Cladding Limited, Dennis Spence, Baron Demolition Limited and Ian Blacklin (Newcastle Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of a young worker after falling through a fragile roof on a construction project.
- **R v New Space Ltd & Others (Southwark Crown Court):** Prosecution involving serious injury after a fall from height.
- **R v Felt Supplies Ltd & Wazir Hussain (Leeds Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the Managing Director of a company who was dragged into and killed by large industrial machinery.
- **R v ACP Concrete Ltd (Carlisle Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after an employee was crushed to death during the construction of a concrete staircase.
- **R v Port of Sheerness Limited (Folkstone Magistrates Court):** Prosecution following an accident, leading to a lower limb amputation, in a warehousing facility at the Port of Sheerness.
- **R v Befasa Salt Slags (Caernarfon Crown Court):** Prosecution involving numerous HAVS (hand arm vibration syndrome) and RIDDOR offences.
- **R v XPO Logistics Ltd (Bristol Crown Court):** Prosecution following a worker being crushed between two work vehicles.
- **R v Pin Mills Ltd (Manchester Magistrates Court):** Case involving health and safety/risk issues associated with a textiles storage facility.

Other Work Related deaths

- **R v Associated British Ports and Hooper Transport Limited (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution involving the asphyxiation of a worker, buried under thirty tonnes of rice at the Liverpool docks.
- **R v XPO Transport Solutions Limited (Nottingham Crown Court):** Double prosecution relating to an accident involving serious injury at a transport hub in Derbyshire and a fatal accident in a transport hub in Northamptonshire.
- **R v Electricity North West Limited (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution following the death of an overhead linesman whilst working at height.
- **R v JFC Plastics Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution after a man was dismembered and killed in an industrial hopper.
- **R v Mowlem Ltd, 3 D Scaffolding Ltd, RAM Services Ltd and David Swindells (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a fall from birdcage scaffolding in an industrial water tank.
- **R v European Metal Recycling Ltd (Wolverhampton Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a man was crushed to death in a scrap yard.
- **R v TNT Logistics UK Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after a man fell from a HGV during loading operations.
- **R v Geoff Fielden Ltd (Derby Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after an employee fell from pallet racking.
- **R v Klockner UK Holdings Ltd (Stoke Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after worker killed by a 1.38 tonne c hook.
- **R v Sovereign Rubber Ltd and David Wilcox (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a worker crushed to death in a large rubber crushing machine.

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- **R v WFEL Ltd and Unisign Producttie Automatisering BV (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident, after massive head injuries, caused when a workers head was struck by the ram in large military engineering machine.
- **R v Highland Access Ltd, Amey Infrastructure Services Ltd and Mouchel Parkman Services Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after the arm of a mobile working platform, on the back of a service vehicle, failed causing the worker in it to be thrown from height.
- **R v North of England Zoological Society (Chester Zoo) (Chester Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident when an elephant keeper was attacked and killed by a female elephant in the elephant house at Chester Zoo.
- **R v South Lakes Wild Animal Park (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after a tiger attacked and killed its keeper.
- **R v David Lewis Civil Engineering Ltd (Cardiff Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving a worker killed by high pressure water release.
- **R v Love and Joy Ministries Ltd and others (Liverpool Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident involving the death of a volunteer member of a church congregation after falling through a fragile roof whilst working at height.
- **R v Bakkavour Foods Ltd (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident when a worker was crushed to death by a pallet.
- **R v Altak Ltd & APB Engineering (Manchester Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after a worker was killed after being struck in the neck by a bolt that sheared off a trailer.
- **R v Sandwell Roofing Ltd & Stephen Brennan Scaffolding (Wolverhampton Crown Court):** Prosecution involving a fatal accident after a worker fell through a fragile roof.
- **R v Chargot Ltd & Others (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution after a worker killed after a dumper truck overturned.
- **R v South Lakes District Council (Carlisle Crown Court):** Prosecution involving two fatal accidents associated with refuge vehicles and traffic management issues.

Road / Motorway infrastructure

- **R v Tarmac Ltd, Liverpool City Council, Enterprise Liverpool Limited (Liverpool Crown Court):** Case concerning a fatal accident, involving an elderly man crossing a main road upon which road works were being carried out.
- **R v Cumbrian Industrials Ltd (Preston Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident on M6, caused by inadequate traffic management during carriageway works.
- **R v Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services Ltd (Chelmsford Crown Court):** Prosecution following serious injury in an accident caused by defective temporary traffic management on the highway.
- **R v JDM Accoord Ltd (Stafford Crown Court):** Prosecution following a fatal accident after worker crushed to death during road improvement works.
- **R v PJ Musgrave Electrical Services Ltd (Warrington Crown Court):** Prosecution after a large drum of electrical cable pulled onto busy motorway during work to install automatic number plate recognition technology.
- **R v Birmingham City Council (Birmingham Crown Court):** Prosecution following a triple fatal accident after a tree fell across a major trunk road leading into Birmingham City Centre.

NOTABLE CASES

Leisure/ Retail industry

- **R v Silsden Sports Club (Bradford Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving a barrier that smashed through the windscreen of a Royal Mail vehicle, causing serious head and facial injuries to the driver.
- **R v Clinton Page & Angela Ruscoe (Paggan Pubs Ltd) (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving serious injury sustained during a public firework display.
- **R v Prime Resorts Ltd (Preston Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a fatal accident after a maintenance engineer was dismembered after being caught up in a roller coaster at a theme park.
- **R v Total Fitness UK Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving a chlorine gas release, and the ill health side effects of the same, at a leisure centre owned and operated by Defendant.
- **R v Britannia Adelphi Hotel Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution following a fatal accident after a student drowned in a hotel swimming pool.
- **R v McColls Ltd (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving exposure of employees to the risks associated with lone working and armed robberies.
- **R v Nu Kleen Services Ltd (Chester Crown Court)**: Prosecuting following serious injury sustained in the aftermath of the Creamfields music festival

Food Safety Cases

- **R v Asda Stores Ltd (Liverpool City Magistrates)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at one of the Defendants stores.
- **R v WM Morrisons Limited (Wirral Magistrates)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at one of the Defendants stores.
- **R v Utopia Hotels Limited (Kingston Upon Thames Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at one of the groups hotels.
- **R v Signature Living Limited (Liverpool Crown Court)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at one of the groups hotels.
- **R v Coffee on the Lake Limited (Wirral Magistrates Court)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at an ice cream and food outlet.
- **R v WWR Projects Limited (Wirral Magistrates Court)**: Prosecution involving food hygiene offences at an ice cream manufacturing unit.

DIRECTORIES

Nigel has complete mastery of the technical side of the subject matter. He is a true specialist with a completely rounded view on how to prosecute a lot for HSE. He is extremely hard working and is very good with clients.'

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Strengths: "He has an immense depth of knowledge." "He is a good performer in court and a solid practitioner."

Recent work: Acted on behalf of the HSE in relation to a serious incident which occurred at the Carlsberg brewery in Northampton involving the leak of ammonia gas during refurbishment works. The leak resulted in the death of one contractor, very serious injuries to another and the admission to hospital of 22 individuals including Carlsberg employees, contractors and members of the emergency services.

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Crime

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- Health & Safety – major & complex criminal prosecutions
- Criminal manslaughter / gross negligence manslaughter

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