

BUSINESS DEFENCE SPECIALIST

Health & Safety | Environmental

Defending investigations & prosecutions

Andrew has been one of 5 directors heading up the Cartwright King business defence team of 20 lawyers since 2003. He has been a specialist criminal advocate for 10 years and has considerable experience of corporate crime and regulatory cases.

The Cartwright King business defence team has been awarded a top band ranking for many years in both Chambers Directory and the Legal 500. Andrew has been recognised as follows:

“...effective in pursuing client’s goals” (Legal 500 2010)

“...wins significant praise for his recent waste-related work”
(Chambers & Partners 2011)

“...Partner since 2003, mentioned in the 2004 and 2008 and 2009 editions of this publication in the business defence regulatory team, and has substantial and expanding regulatory defence practice, with particular specialism in health and safety matters. Routinely advises individuals, national and multinational companies in relation to extremely serious workplace incidents and situations that might lead to significant reputational consequences for the business and those concerned with running it. In addition to health and safety core practice, he also includes defending actions taken by any regulatory authority that can initiate a criminal investigation, eg Ofcom, Trading Standards, Environment Agency, BIS. The skills he acquired in criminal courts and police stations are vital in advising clients and avoiding damaging prosecutions.” (Legal 500, 2009)

“...personable, bright and goes the extra mile.” (Legal 500, 2009)

Recent cases include:

- many investigations and/or prosecutions under the H & S W Act Regulations re risk assessments, falls from height, unsafe working practices, safety equipment, machinery guarding, etc
- advising and representing individuals, directors and companies in relation to fatal accidents in the workplace
- defending a businessman in relation to serious charges arising out of a tenant’s death from carbon monoxide poisoning
- advising and representing TV production company following fatal accident
- advising national construction heavyweight in relation to asbestos release at major development
- representing industry leader in prefabricated buildings following serious injury to employee in a workplace accident
- defending national construction company in appeal against hse enforcement notices
- defending national construction company in relation to illegal deposit of thousands of tonnes of waste & aggregates
- defending heritage breed farmer for multiple water pollution offences
- defending well known regional construction company in respect of breaches of listed building planning consents
- appeal against statutory Nuisance Abatement Notice for national bus operator.



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