

BUSINESS DEFENCE SPECIALIST

Health & Safety | Environmental

Defending investigations & prosecutions

Lynn Bleakley is one of 5 directors heading up the team of 20 lawyers in the Business Defence department. She has over 28 years experience as a lawyer and is a recognised leader in business defence matters:

“...has a wealth of experiences in the fraud area, and impresses sources with her skilled handling of complex cases” (Chambers & Partners 2011)

“...thorough, attentive and with a great attention to detail” (Legal 500 2010)

“...exceptional competency & knowledge” (Chambers & Partners 2011)

“...very experienced, knowledgeable, capable” (Legal 500 2009)

“...hands on & practical approach... in depth knowledge of UK environmental law” (Chambers, 2009)

“...smart, savvy & astute” (Chambers Directory, 2008)

“...shrewd tactics, technically capable...” (Chambers, 2007)

“...A1 fantastic... knowledgeable and personable...” (Chambers, 2006)

Lynn provides advice and representation to companies (of all sizes, up to multinational) and directors about their liabilities where there have been environmental incidents, accidents and fatalities at work, including allegations of corporate manslaughter. Recent cases include representation of:

- major construction company investigated for corporate manslaughter after the death of a member of the public
- international chemical company accused of waste offences
- MD/gangleader investigated for manslaughter following deaths of staff members
- company subject to HSE prohibition notices - led to national publicity & industry wide changes
- leading textile manufacturer accused of a range of working system failures
- national property development company following a serious water pollution incident
- franchise operation accused of packaging waste offences

She has represented businesses in transport and traffic management, electrical engineering, agriculture, water treatment and the food and drink industry. She has particular expertise in advising companies subject to prohibition or improvement notices.

Lynn also advises companies about their health and safety and environmental duties eg. policies and risk assessments. She also assists companies in compiling crisis management and business recovery plans.

Lynn began her career as a barrister in commercial chambers in London and was, for several years, a senior lecturer at the Inns of Court School of Law in London. Her expertise and lecturing skills bring invitations to speak at training seminars, to the construction industry, to professionals, and at national and international conferences.



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