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Miles specialises in:

- Consumer Law
- Health and Safety Law & Inquests
- Regulatory Law
- LawTransport Law
- Disciplinary

Having been instructed in excess of 20 murder trials, numerous fraud and rape cases in the early part of his career, Miles brings his advocacy skills, and tactical awareness from large and serious criminal cases and adds common sense and judgment to try and get the best practical and commercial result for his clients.

Miles is ranked in Band 1 for leading juniors for Consumer Law in both the current Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 and Band 3 in Chambers and Partners for Health and Safety.

'He is a pillar of knowledge and support and as an advocate he is absolutely fantastic'

- Chambers & Partners UK - Consumer Law (2017)

Consumer Law: Prosecution

Miles is instructed to prosecute by a large number local of authorities both as leading junior and junior counsel.

Cases range from multi million pound ticket fraud to product safety, and Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulation cases.

Miles has considerable experience in advising and prosecuting multi jurisdiction/authority cases.

Miles was instructed as leading junior by the OFT/CMA in the first ever Pyramid Promotional Scheme case under the CPUSTR'S involving a £21 Million loss to consumers and advised the ODA in relation to their powers on seizure and prosecution for the 2012 London Olympics.

He is regularly instructed by local authorities in Unfair Trading and Counterfeit Goods cases.

Miles successfully represented Suffolk County Council in The Court of Appeal against a company and director involved in aggressive commercial practices and unfair trading.

Miles is currently instructed to advise a local authority and the DVSA in a criminal investigation into a major car manufacturer and serious product safety issues.

Miles heads up a powerful 5 PB Consumer law group who provide topical, informative and entertaining seminars at the annual TSI (Trading Standards) Conference. Both Miles and others in the group regularly provide seminars and training for local authorities on Criminal Procedure and impending consumer law changes.

Consumer Law: Defence

Miles is instructed to advise and appear on behalf of Companies, Directors and individuals alike.

For the last 20 years he has been instructed on behalf of the majority of the major supermarket chains operating in the UK in pricing, unfair trading, food safety and health and safety cases.

Miles was instructed as junior counsel on behalf of a major supermarket group in a National prosecution for misleading price indications under the CPANTS relating to seasonal produce.

Miles has advised the producers of high profile computer/console games on content and compliance with UK and EU legislation.

Miles is currently instructed to represent a major national retailer in a national unfair trading prosecution.

Miles regularly advises commercial clients on their “due diligence” systems.

Health & Safety And Inquests

Miles is regularly instructed to defend PLC's, Limited companies, Hospital Trusts, and individuals charged with manslaughter and various health and safety offences.

Miles was instructed as junior counsel for the defence (led by Graham Trembath QC) in the first ever acquittal at trial of a company charged with Corporate Manslaughter.

Miles is currently instructed to represent a number of companies in Health and Safety cases arising out of fatalities in the work place.

Miles has represented Hospital trusts, doctors, directors and families at inquests and is particularly alive to the needs of clients who may face subsequent criminal or disciplinary proceedings.

Miles has recently represented the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire in a 2 week Article 2 Death in Prison Custody case, where one of the issues was whether officers had failed to pass on potential suicide concerns to the Prison service.

Regulatory: General

Miles has been involved in Trademark, Copyright and IP theft prosecutions for the last 25 Years. He has prosecuted on behalf of FACT Ltd, BSkyB, the Premier League as well as local authorities.

He has been instructed in high profile cases that have attracted national and international publicity.

Regulatory: Prosecution

Miles prosecuted Karen Murphy on behalf of MPS Ltd in a case involving the use of an EU Member state decoder card in UK commercial premises. The case involved complex issues of EU and Competition Law and was referred to the ECJ by the Administrative Court.

He was instructed as junior counsel (led by Jonathan Caplan QC) in FACT Ltd v Ashton in the Admin Court. The case involved the use of a Virgin Media domestic system to show live Premier League football in commercial premises.

Miles was also instructed as junior in MPS v Crawford, a case involving private prosecutions and the Legal Services Act.

Miles is currently instructed to prosecute a company and it's directors for the illegal screening of Premier League Football in a group of pubs in the Midlands.

Miles is currently advising DVSA in relation to a criminal investigation into counterfeit and "grey market" catalytic converters.

Regulatory: Defence

In addition to representing companies and individuals in Criminal IP Theft allegations, Miles has acted leading junior counsel on behalf of companies involved in an OFT investigation into Price fixing in the building industry.

Transport Law : General

Miles both prosecutes and defends Companies, businesses and individuals charged with Transport Offences, in particular tachograph fraud. He also represents clients at public inquiries before the Traffic Commissioners:

Transport: Prosecution

Miles has prosecuted for DVSA for the last 20 years for offences including conspiracy to defraud and has prosecuted multi handed cases involving companies, directors and their drivers for tachograph offences. He has appeared on behalf of DVSA in both the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court. He has

represented DVSA on Public Inquiries before the Traffic Commissioners.

He is currently advising DVSA on two major criminal investigations involving car product safety and counterfeit catalytic converters.

Transport: Defence

Miles has represented companies and individuals charged with offences including Manslaughter and conspiracy to falsify tachograph charts. He has represented a major PLC at a preliminary hearing/PI and a Northern Irish company with a GB "O" licence before the Traffic Commissioners (twice). He has also represented a company before the Traffic Commissioner for Northern Ireland.

Disciplinary

Miles acts for individuals appearing before their professional disciplinary bodies and in related/subsequent criminal proceedings. Miles regularly represents Doctors appearing before the MPTS accused of dishonesty and sexual misconduct.

Miles represented a doctor who had been convicted of Manslaughter before the (then) GMC and was part of the team that prevented him from being erased from the register.

Miles also represents Pharmacists, Solicitors and Chartered surveyors before their respective professional Bodies and is currently instructed to represent an optician in disciplinary proceedings.

Education/Professional

- LLB (Hull)
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Health and Safety Lawyers Association