



Miles Bennett

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Miles specialises in:

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

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

Miles is ranked in Band 1 for leading juniors in both the current Chambers and Partners and Legal 500.

"Charming and personable, he's very passionate about every case he's involved in and fizzes with ideas"

- Chambers UK (2015)

Consumer Law: Prosecution

Miles is instructed to prosecute for a large number local authorities including as leading 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.

He is currently instructed as leading junior by the OFT in a £21 Million Pyramid promotional Scheme and advised the ODA in relation to their powers on seizure and prosecution for the 2012 London Olympics.

Miles heads up a powerful 5 PB Consumer law group who provide topical, informative and entertaining seminars at the annual CTSI (Trading Standards) Conference. Both Miles and others in the group from 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 15 years he has been instructed on behalf of the majority of the major supermarket chains operating in the UK in pricing, trade description, food law and Health and Safety cases.

Miles was recently instructed as a junior on behalf of a major supermarket group in a National prosecution for misleading price indications under the CPPTS 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 has advised commercial clients of all sizes on their “due diligence” systems.

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, sexual misconduct and research fraud.

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 has also represented Chartered surveyors and Pharmacists before their respective professional bodies

Health & Safety And Inquests

Miles has defended PLC's in the retail sector, hospital trusts, and companies charged with various health and safety offences including manslaughter.

Miles was junior counsel for the defence in the first ever acquittal at trial of a company charged with Corporate Manslaughter (Norwich CC April 2014)

Miles has recently had stayed as an abuse of process two prosecutions by the HSE (Oct 2013, Jan 2014)

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.

Regulatory: General

Miles has been involved in Trademark, Copyright and IP theft prosecutions for the last 20 Years. He has prosecuted on behalf of FACT Ltd, BSkyB, the Premier League as well as local authorities.

In the last 5 years 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 a Greek (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 a junior 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.

Regulatory: Defence

In addition to representing companies and individuals in Criminal IP Theft allegations, Miles has acted as leading junior 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 VOSA (as was) for the last 15 years for offences including conspiracy to defraud and has prosecuted multi handed cases involving companies, directors and their drivers. He has appeared on behalf of VOSA in both the Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court. He has represented VOSA on what was intended to be a 5 day PI before the Senior Traffic Commissioner for England and Wales,

Transport: Defence

Miles has represented companies and individuals charged with offences including Manslaughter and conspiracy to falsify tachograph charts. He has recently represented a major PLC at a preliminary hearing/PI and a Northern Irish company with a GB "O" licence at what was listed as a 2 day PI in Bristol.

Education/Professional

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