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Memberships

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Overview

Michael has been instructed in major heavyweight criminal cases for over twenty years, though in recent years his practice has gravitated to regulatory, private client and defendant insured work.

His involvement in a number of notorious cases, including those from the Strangeways riots of the early 90's, countless 'Gunchester' murder trials, to the defence of the infamous serial killer Dale Cregan and of Thomas Mair, the killer of MP Jo Cox, has given him a wealth of experience of advocacy at the sharp end, which he now deploys in defending companies faced with inquests and prosecutions. He has led for the defence and the Crown in countless cases.

Highly sought after for his regulatory work, Michael's practice encompasses food safety, health and safety (defence and prosecutions), police and prison officer disciplinary hearings and Inquests.

Recommendations

“A very smooth speaker and operator, he is very client-friendly and very engaging.”

“A no-nonsense and very able barrister.”

“Charming, hard-working and diligent.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“He does the heavyweight work.”

“I would be happy to have him representing me, he’s a well-respected junior.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

Cases

The following are examples of recent Inquests where Michael has appeared on behalf of companies which have received significant media attention:

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/malling/news/inquest-hears-tragic-scuba-divers-44707/>

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/heating-engineer-died-after-one-tonne-8167728>

Other cases that have attracted significant press interest:

<http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/Dad-buried-alive-deep-trench-west-Wales-building/story-23054751-detail/story.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3053590/No-prosecution-death-nine-day-old-baby-Joshua-maternity-unit-midwives-failure-spot-infection-sparked-inquiry-18-baby-deaths.html>

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/maghull-private-tutor-steven-heatman-3373708>