

Mark Rhind KC

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Appointments

• Recorder (2009)

Memberships

• Criminal Bar Association
• Association of Regulatory
and Disciplinary Lawyers

Beyond the Bar

Mark is computer literate; married with 3 children and in his spare time enjoys football (watching and playing badly) and running.

Environmental Regulation CV

Overview

Mark is experienced in defending a wide variety of cases prosecuted by the Environment Agency, in particular those involving the owners/directors of waste management companies and farms.

He has defended companies and individuals accused of breaches of waste licences and permits and has extensive experience in the areas of exemptions, ELVs, end of waste, restitution, applications and appeals for licences including under the recent Scrap Metal Dealers Act and in the financial aspects of EA prosecutions and subsequent POCA proceedings.

Recommendations

“He is highly professional, an exceptionally good lawyer equally adept in written and oral work. He is an effective and fearless advocate who advances his client’s case to the absolute maximum. If I was ever in trouble I’d want him to act for me!”

The Legal 500 2024

“Mark is a real fighter. He has made a seamless transition from an excellent senior barrister to an accomplished KC. He is equally at home with murders and other serious crime, and also serious fraud. He has achieved some unbelievable results; he really does prepare well and is patient and empathetic with clients, whilst retaining a highly professional approach. He is rated extremely highly and instructing solicitors do not hesitate to instruct him in any case, however serious or complex.”

The Legal 500 2023

Ranked Tier 1, Crime (General and Fraud)

The Legal 500 2022

“He is forthright and realistic which client and solicitors really do appreciate, yet at the same time he instills confidence and really fights for his clients.”

The Legal 500 2021

“I have briefed Mark Rhind on numerous occasions and in particular on a number of complex regulatory matters. These have included defending complex and lengthy prosecutions brought by the Environment Agency amongst others. I also brief Mark in respect of professional discipline matters, particularly medical professionals such as hearings before the NMC. His advocacy style is outstanding and invariably persuasive. Feedback from clients is always exceptional and as such I have no hesitation in recommending him to our clients.”

Rachel Adamson, Partner, Fraud and Regulatory Department, Stephenson’s Solicitors

“Mark is an excellent barrister who can be relied upon to provide a top class service to clients. He attends hearings thoroughly prepared and gets outstanding results. I am happy to recommend him for regulatory and professional disciplinary work.”

Marie Dancer, Partner, Healthcare Regulatory work, Richard Nelson Solicitors

Cases

R v B 2012 - defending the owner and manager of two licenced waste transfer stations in relation to breaches of the terms of the licence storage, transfer and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste and the setting up of unlicensed waste storage facilities.

R v B 2012 - case involving waste transfer station which caused significant pollution in nearby waterway.

R v F 2013-14 - three month crown court trial acting as leading junior the owner director of a skip hire firm in relation to allegations of industrial scale unlawful storage and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, ELVs and recovered metals on various farm sites and scrap yards across Northumberland.

R v B 2014-15 - representing the owner of a skip hire and waste management company in relation to allegations of unlawful storage and disposal over a number of sites.