

Sean Smith

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Education

- Nottingham Trent University (1989 – 1993) - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 2:1
- The College of Law, London (1993 – 1994) - Postgraduate Diploma, Bar Vocational Studies (BVC)

Beyond the Bar

Rugby, Football, Cricket, Golf.
Also comedy and music gigs.

Trading Standards

Overview

Sean has experience of representing individuals and corporate clients against alleged breaches of trading standards brought by prosecuting authorities such as the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and local authorities.

He provides advice and representation in relation to a range of matters including fraudulent trading, counterfeit goods, product safety, food safety and standards, and animal welfare matters.

Bringing a wealth of knowledge and practical experience from his criminal practice, Sean is regularly involved in the related constraint and confiscation proceedings that may arise in such cases.

Cases

TS v W - Trading Standards prosecution - represented a multi-million pound company and was able to secure them a minimal fine for allegations involving trading standard breaches.

TS v L - Further trading standards prosecution in which the allegations surrounding the operation of the legitimate operation of a business in which the defendants were said to be a principal. After submission of various documents and arguments on behalf of the defendant trading standards ultimately offered no evidence without the matter needing to progress to trial.

Recommendations

“A top level performer.”

The Legal 500 2022

“His strength is his ability to communicate with people at whatever level, putting them at ease and generating instant trust.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Calm, measured, and highly intelligent.”

The Legal 500 2020

“Sean always gets the best outcomes for my clients.”

“The client could not have asked for better judgment on the case. Sean went out of his way for the client, and his calm manner really helped put him at ease.”

A member of the judiciary recently praised Sean for his “outstanding advocacy” and “hard work” during a case.