Mark Ainsworth

Call 1992

Clerks

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Appointments

- Recorder (2008)

Healthcare (Acting for the Professional)

Mark spent 10-15 years acting for the GMC in proceedings before the Fitness to Practice Panel and the Interim Orders Panel of the MPTS. For the past 5 years however, Mark now solely represents practitioners in such proceedings. He has also been instructed in proceedings on appeal to the Divisional Court.

He is routinely instructed in cases involving general practitioners, consultant anaesthetists, consultant gynaecologists and consultant pathologists. These cases involve matters of conduct and performance, often requiring detailed analysis and appreciation of areas of particular specialisation. Mark also represents the interests of doctors whose performance has been the subject of scrutiny during an Inquest in the Coroners Court. He has experienced of variety of such proceedings, including an Inquest into the death of a patient detained under the Mental Health Act.

Mark also represents Practitioners before the General Dental Council and the General Pharmaceutical Council.

As part of his extensive criminal practice, Mark has been involved in a number of high profile cases involving allegations of gross negligent manslaughter. These include proceedings relating to the conduct and performance of medical practitioners.

Healthcare Cases

R v V & L – alleged gross negligent manslaughter of a patient against a dentist and anaesthetist following death of patient undergoing dental procedure.

R v R – alleged gross negligent manslaughter by fork lift truck driver following accident in warehouse.

R v G & others – alleged gross negligent manslaughter by baggage handlers following accident involving baggage truck at airport.

R v S – alleged gross negligent manslaughter of elderly person due to neglect in provision of care.

Recommendations

Ranked Tier 3 in Crime (General and Fraud)
The Legal 500, 2024

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The Legal 500, 2023

“Mark is excellent. He is great with clients and is a strong advocate.”
The Legal 500, 2022

“Great with difficult clients.”
The Legal 500, 2021

“He’s methodical, always well prepared and a really thorough advocate. He’s a pleasure to be in a case with.” “Has a very amiable style with clients, who always find him reassuring. He’s super experienced and very good on his feet.”
Chambers and Partners 2020

“Great with difficult clients.”
The Legal 500, 2020

“His knowledge of the intricacies of legal issues is second to none.”
Chambers and Partners 2019

“Mark has a very straightforward style and he presents himself in a calm and persuasive manner which is particularly effective.”
Chambers and Partners 2018

“He’s an extremely experienced, intelligent, organised individual who is authoritative in court.” “He is very calm and measured, and gives difficult advice in a palatable manner.”
Chambers and Partners 2017

“He works hard and is a good barrister who does lots of prosecution.”
Chambers and Partners 2016