

Gavin J Anderson

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Qualifications:



Practice

Gavin Anderson specialises in white collar crime and regulatory cases. He appears regularly in the High Court of Justiciary, Sheriff Courts and disciplinary tribunals throughout Scotland.

He is regularly instructed to defend in health & safety prosecutions involving fatality or serious injury, road traffic offences and environmental crimes involving pollution and waste management, as well as other forms of commercial crime, including fraud, money laundering, bankruptcy, licensing, financial services and company director offences. He has acted for accused persons, partnerships and companies facing prosecution as well as regulators including the Financial Conduct Authority, local authorities and police forces in the exercise of their enforcement functions.

Health & Safety Prosecutions

Mr Anderson has a wealth of experience defending criminal proceedings arising out of fatal accidents in the workplace. He regularly acts for individuals, companies, partnerships and public bodies facing prosecution.

Fatal Accident Inquiries

Mr Anderson appears in Fatal Accident Inquiry proceedings, often linked to criminal health and safety investigations.

He has appeared in FAls relating to deaths in the workplace, in custody and at school.

Environmental Crime

Mr Anderson has extensive experience in environmental crimes concerning pollution, waste management, planning and breaches of enforcement notices.

He appeared for the successful appellant in *Scotbeef Limited v Procurator Fiscal, Stirling [2014] HCJAC 61*, where the High Court of Justiciary reduced fines imposed in the Sheriff Court for river pollution and enforcement notice offences.

Financial Crime and Investigations

Mr Anderson has extensive experience in cases of alleged fraud, money laundering, bankruptcy, licensing, financial services, data protection and company director offences. He has provided advice in relation to bribery both nationally and internationally.

He has acted for both accused persons and companies, as well as financial institutions and regulators concerning bribery and large-scale frauds, including boiler-room fraud, carousel fraud and Ponzi schemes.

The very serious nature of the allegations made against commercial clients in such cases means that often Mr Anderson's work in this field is advisory at the investigative stage, with many contentious matters remaining out of the public domain.

Professional Discipline

Mr Anderson provides advice and representation in relation to professional disciplinary proceedings and appears regularly before a variety of regulatory tribunals.

He is a member of the Legal Advisers Pool for the Disciplinary Scheme of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Media Law

Mr Anderson has advised media organisations in relation to reporting restrictions and contempt of court issues surrounding high-profile criminal proceedings.

He appeared for News Group Newspapers Limited in *A v Procurator Fiscal, Dundee 2018 SLT 72*.

Memberships

The Health and Safety Lawyers' Association

The United Kingdom Environmental Lawyers' Association

The Fraud Advisory Panel

The Financial Services Lawyers' Association

The Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

The Proceeds of Crime Lawyers' Association

What the Directories Say

Chambers UK Bar 2018 – Ranked Band 1 for Health & Safety - "Hard-working, thorough and approachable."

Legal 500 UK 2017 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Health and Safety, and Regulatory - *'A very safe pair of hands; he has an excellent manner with clients and is a highly skilled court practitioner.'*

Legal 500 UK 2017 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Crime - *'Very approachable and communicates well with clients.'*

Legal 500 UK 2017 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Planning, Environmental and Licensing - *'He has great attention to detail.'*

Chambers UK Bar 2017 – Ranked Band 1 for Health & Safety – "He maintains very high standards in his Court advocacy, his written work and how he relates to both clients and instructing solicitors" "He has very deep knowledge and is great to work with"

Legal 500 UK 2016 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Health and Safety, and Regulatory – "Presents cases in a manner that is effective, sympathetic and persuasive"

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Legal 500 UK 2016 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Crime – “He communicates advice in a clear, reasonable and unequivocal way to the client”

Legal 500 UK 2016 – Ranked as a Leading Junior for Planning, Environmental and Licensing – “Experienced in handling environmental crimes, such as pollution and waste managements matters”