



Craig Rush

Call 1989

Craig Rush is instructed in an array of regulatory matters, and in particular acts in Health and Safety cases across a range of sectors. He is often instructed on behalf of major leading companies.

He is ranked as a leading junior in Health and Safety by the Chambers Bar Guide 2017 who said "He is formidable, bright and has good judgement".

Craig is able to provide advice both pre and post charge and has acted in cases involving Leading 500 companies, city regulatory compliance, international sporting figures as well as general criminal cases.

Craig primarily appears as a leading junior defending in cases involving serious criminal allegations. With particular expertise in cases of murder, armed robbery and major drug conspiracies and allegations involving firearms.

He has particular niche experience in prosecuting and defending in trading standards and consumer protection litigation with extensive knowledge of the legal framework in relation to copyright and trade marks in the fields of music and film.

In recent years he has developed particular experience in serious fraud cases, including missing trader and substantial money laundering as well as confiscation and restraint.

Practice Areas

Crime

Notable crime cases

R v Toomey et al (Heathrow)

R v Tipple

R v Williams

R v Wall

R v Jenkins

R v Fowler (Tonbridge Securitas)

R v Penny

R v Burr (Peacock Gym)

R v Brown

R v Stokes

R v Wright

R v Johnson

R v Greener

R v Tottman

R v Van Staden

R v Yorganci

R v French

R v McNay

R v Kennedy

Fraud

Notable fraud cases

R v Nelson

R v Wise

R v Fisher

R v Wright

R v Price

R v Biddle

R v Elsworth

Health & Safety

I was called to the Bar in 1989. I was appointed to the Attorney-General's List of Counsel in 1995 and began involvement in Health and Safety work around that time. I moved up from the C list, through the B list until I was appointed to the A list in 2005. I remain A list counsel on what is now the Health and Safety Executive and Environment Agency List of Approved Counsel.

I have appeared in a large number of Health and Safety prosecutions over the last twenty years. These have been appearances in the Magistrates Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal, as Junior Counsel, Sole Counsel and Leading Counsel and both prosecuting and defending in roughly equal measure.

I have appeared for the Care Quality Commission in 3 Appellate cases involving Care Homes and the exposure to risk of residents therein in the last 2 years.

I am listed as a Leader at the Bar by Chambers and Partners in Health and Safety and also in Crime. I have particular expertise in Demolition work, including the risk arising from the exposure to asbestos and other hazardous substances.

Notable health & safety cases

HSE v Dodd & Others

Multiple fatalities following a gas explosion in Whiteley Village. Led by William Clegg QC for the complex Manager.

HSE v Ace Scaffolding

Multiple injuries following the collapse of scaffolding onto a school playground. Acted for the scaffolding company.

R v Grant Oakes

Fatality arising from a fall at height on a construction site. Gross Negligence Manslaughter prosecution in which I acted as Leading Counsel for the site foreman.

HSE v London Borough of Havering

Serious injury of a worker issued with improper saw blade in disc cutter and inadequate protective clothing. Acted for the local authority in the Magistrates Court, Crown Court and the Court of Appeal.

HSE v London Borough of Redbridge

Fatality of a child who drowned in a local authority swimming pool. Acted for the local authority.

London Borough of Barking & Dagenham v Victorious Pentecostal Assembly, Omokudu & Others

Fatal fall from height at a church. Acted for the Director of the Defendant Company.

HSE v Jempsons Supermarkets, Jempson & Jempson

Serious injury resulting in double amputation arising from traffic management failings. Acted for one of the Directors of the Defendant Company.

HSE v Lustig

Serious Injury arising from inadequate slip protection and breaches of electrical regulations. Acted for the Company Director.

HSE v Bovis Lend Lease

Fatality on the construction site of the new BskyB HQ in which a worker was crushed by steel beams falling

from a lorry. Prosecution of Principal Contractor, Haulier and Steel Fabricator.

HSE v Structuretone

Fatality on construction site in Kingsway, London in which a worker fell down an unlit, unsecured lift shaft. Prosecution of Principal Contractor and Sub-Contractor.

HSE v NAP Anglia

Fatality on construction site in Norfolk in which scaffolding collapsed killing a worker. Prosecution of Scaffolding Company and Director.

HSE v Maldon District Council

Fatality in public outdoor swimming pool in which a swimmer drowned. Prosecution of Local Authority, Junior Counsel led by Nigel Lithman QC.

HSE v Mays Pressure Die Casting

Serious Injury involving Amputation arising from the operation of improperly guarded machinery. Prosecution of company operating machinery.

HSE v Kebabery Wholesalers & Erceri

Serious Injury involving Amputation arising from the cleaning of improperly guarded machinery. Prosecution of company and Director.

HSE v Heinsen & Kent Blaxhill

Fatality during demolition of a building in which a worker fell from a mezzanine floor. Prosecution of Principal Contractor and Sub-Contractor.

HSE v Davies Veterinary Specialists

Prosecution arising from the exposure to risk of a number of Veterinarian Surgeons and Nurses by improper operation during the preparation of chemotherapy drugs. Prosecution of their employing company.

HSE v Birse Metro

Fatality during the excavation phase of the Cross-Rail project at Tottenham Court Road following failure to shut off the mains electricity cable and the exposure of a gang of workers to high voltage. Prosecution of the Principal Contractor.

HSE v 777 Demolition & Others

Fatality during the demolition of a building in Elephant and Castle to make way for the Stratus Building. The uncontrolled collapse of part of the fifth floor killed a demolition worker involved in asbestos removal. Prosecution as Leading Counsel of the Principal Contractor and a number of sub-contractors.

HSE v Langton

Fatality during the demolition phase of a project in which a specialist asbestos contractor was struck by a digger. Prosecution of the site foreman.

CQC v Comfort Call; CQC v Kent & CQC v Dorval

3 separate cases involving the closure of care homes following exposure of risk to residents and subsequent failed inspections.

Murder & Manslaughter

Notable murder & manslaughter cases

R v Saunder & Others

R v Hansell

R v McDonald

R v Hayes

R v Ben-Rauf

R v Tipple

R v Williams & Others

R v Purkiss

R v Wall

R v Beavis

R v Sabat

R v Brown

R v Bishop

R v Baker

R v Dicker

R v Dorrian

R v Jamieson

R v Nichols

Education

- LLB Hons