DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

Lisa Judge

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Education

Sheffield Hallam University. LLB Hons Law

Inns of Court School of Law - BVC

Professional Associations

Health and Safety Lawyers Association

Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

CoPPA

Women in the Law UK

Criminal Bar Association

Appointments

CPS Advocates Panel - Cat 4 (R)

Appointed Crown Counsel for the Falklands

Assistant Coroner for North Manchester 2018

Assistant Coroner for Manchester West 2018

Areas of Specialism

- Health and Safety and Regulatory
- Corporate Manslaughter
- Inquests
- Environmental
- Crime
- Regulatory
- Food Safety
- Trading Standards
- Consumer Protection
- Sexual Offences

- Professional Discipline
- General Medical Council (Defence)
- Motoring Offences
- Fire Safety
- Private Prosecution
- Advisory Work
- Contempt & Private Prosecutions
- Animal Welfare Law
- Pollution, Waste & Water

Profile

Lisa Judge is nationally recognised as being one of the leading barristers in the field of defence Health and Safety law and Regulatory work in this country appearing on behalf of both corporate and individual defendants.

Lisa fearlessly defends her clients.

She regularly undertakes Inquest work on behalf of companies, individuals and organisations. Inquests potentially leave interested parties and witnesses vulnerable to Criminal or Regulatory investigations.

Her expertise in the overlapping areas of Health and Safety, Crime and Professional Discipline enables her to protect client's interests during the Inquest as well as provide continuity of representation in any subsequent Criminal or Regulatory proceedings. She combines her Regulatory practice with a heavyweight Criminal practice and has an astonishingly high success rate in defending rape and sexual assault allegations.

She has represented a number of high-profile companies and individual clients and is recognised particularly for her client care and ability to prepare cases diligently and present them in a manner which is jury friendly.

Notable Cases

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Lisa Judge represented a company charged with s2 HSWA involving the fatality of an employee. The Prosecution pursued the case on the basis of the failure to undertake a Risk Assessment, the failure to recognise a danger zone and the failure to implement any effective control measures. The Company was medium sized with an £18 million turnover with a previous conviction for a breach of the HSWA. As a consequence of her participation in the inquest, detailed discussions with the client and the preparation of a compelling plea in mitigation the financial penalty imposed was £120k with two years for the company to pay. Instructing solicitors have commented that the result was remarkable in all the circumstances and particularly where the sentence imposed was less than that imposed for the previous non-fatal breach.

Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Multiple fatalities. Representing the Trust. Guilty Pleas Tendered. The systemic breaches were directly causative of the deaths;

The breaches were symptomatic of a general malaise as to culture, standards and priorities which existed at Stafford Hospital.

Hi Quality Steel

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Fatality involving employee being injured when a Stihl saw blade exploded. Issues as regards safe systems of work. Inquest and Criminal Proceedings. Guilty Plea. Represented Company. Turnover; Medium

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Bilfinger

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Fatality. Inquest and Criminal Proceedings. Guilty Plea. Contested 4 day Newton hearing. Defence successful. Representing Company. Turnover: Large

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Bellway Homes

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Injuries: Level A/High. Systemic Failings alleged. Represented Company. Guilty Plea. Contested Newton Successful.

s2 HSWA 74

Nylacast

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Representing Company. Employee fatally injured by engineering process. Safe systems of work and risk assessment issues.

Warwick Estates

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Fatality. Inquest and Criminal proceedings. Guilty Plea. Tenant fell to death down lift shaft. Systemic failings. Representing Company.Turnover: Medium

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MH

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Elderly pedestrian fatally injured by delivery van. Pedestrian segregation and traffic management issues.

R -v- Henry

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Health and Safety fatality. Individual Health and Safety Manager prosecuted. Work at Height and Safe systems of work. Acquitted.

R -v- CMB

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Individual Director Prosecuted for Health and Safety Offences resulting in the death of two contractors. Acquitted of the manslaughter offence. Guilty plea to health and safety breaches.

Heap

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Fall from height, fatality. Individual prosecuted for pervert the course of justice.

Foxhill Equestrian Services

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Fatality. Representing the director. Employee crushed when large equestrian jump fell and crushed employee.

Little Champs Nursery

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Representing company in relation to numerous health and safety offences in regards to the safety of the Nursery environment further to a crush injury having been suffered by one of the children within the Nursery.

Icon Process systems

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Representing the company, fabricator of water vessels. Work at Height and safe systems of work in issue. Serious injuries.

OSS

Practice Area: Health and Safety

Work at height. Representing Company as regards failings in relation to the planning of a work at height project. Serious injuries sustained by employee.

Davek

Practice Area: Inquest

Represented Care Home.

Death in nursing home. Hypoglycemic episode. Question as to care provided by Home and the systems as regards service user reception and acquisition of relevant material. Safe issuing of medication etc.

Andrews

Practice Area: Inquest

Death at work. Bale fall onto employee crushing him fatally. Risk assessment and safe systems of work in issue.

Palmer-Hoy

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing GeoAmey. System failure as regards the care afforded to prisoners suffering from mental-health issues.

Death in custody. Article 2

C Jones

Practice Area: Inquest

Represented Company.

Represented property management company in regards to tenant falling to his death down a lift shaft.

McManus

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Local Authority in regards to the suicide of a young girl released from a psychiatric unit. Multiple agencies involved. Article 2.

Victor

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Company.

Death of an employee at work undertaking demolition works. Safe systems of work, Risk Assessments and Method statements in issue. Extremely sensitive due to the nature of the injuries sustained and the very obvious impact upon the family.

Campion

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Utilities Company.

Death of a motorcyclist. Utilities company responsible for repairing the road. Historical documentation required to analyse the maintenance in place.

Faulkner

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Care Home.

Death in a care Home. Full investigation into the systems in place at the Care Home to investigate legionella bacteria and the resident's exposure to it.

T Singh

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Company.

Death at work. Fatalinjury caused when pressurised equipment caused high velocity expulsion ontochest of deceased.

P Andrews

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Company. Employee crushed to death subsequent to a balecollapse.

Jimmy Palmer-Hayes

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing GeoAmey.

Death in custody. Management of psychiatric ill-health within the custodial setting. Article 2.

S Hethrington

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Individual.

Tractor involved in the crushing to death of a farm worker. Traffic/pedestrian segregation.

E Mitchinson

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Individual General Practitioner.

In relation to his involvement in the clinical care of the deceased.

Kurylowicz

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing the Coroner.

s13 Coroners Act Application to reopen inquest.

T Jones

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing GeoAmey.

Death in Custody. Psychiatric treatment provided to prisoner and whether appropriate review of medical records undertaken. Article 2

C Hunt

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing GeoAmey.

Death in Custody. Article 2

PC Bill Parker

Practice Area: Inquest

Representing Utilities Company.

Death of serving police officer after bridge collapsed during Cumbrian floods.

Practice Area: Advisory Work

Greater Manchester Police Instructed Lisa Judge in relation to a High-profile prisoner (now deceased) who had refused to disclose the whereabouts of the body of a child murdered a number of decades ago.

Practice Area: Advisory Work

Lisa Judge is instructed by the Home Office to undertake a review of seized material to determine whether privilege attaches to material gathered during the execution of search warrants.

Practice Area: Advisory Work

A high-profile solicitor arrested for an offence of perverting the Course of Public Justice. Represented at the police station. No charges pursued.

R v Ward

Practice Area: Trading Standards

Largest trading standards prosecution in the UK. Defence Counsel for individual Director. Acquitted

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Moguland

Practice Area: Trading Standards

Represented prosecuting authority. Importation of dangerous Hoverboards from China. Guilty pleas tendered.

Zenith Staybright Ltd (ENTU PLC)

Practice Area: Trading Standards

Representing individual director in regards to numerous trading standards and fraud offences. Acquitted. Sale of windows to vulnerable members of the public. Multi million pound fraud alleged.

Britannia

Practice Area: Fire Safety

Represented Company and Director.

Criminal Proceedings. Listed for Trial. Resolved by way of acceptable plea. Turnover: Small.

FoodCo Ltd

Practice Area: Food Safety

Representing the company in regards to enforcement proceedings brought as a result of animal excrement and general food safety offences within the restaurant unit at Birmingham New Street.

United Utilities

Practice Area: Environmental

Numerous cases of environmental offending to include fresh and waste water. Evidence requiring tidal modelling and contested expert evidence. Newton Hearing. Turnover: Very Large

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EA v R Davies

Practice Area: Environmental

Major fire of waste recycling plant. Representing Director. Satisfactory negotiation of limited plea. No sentence of imprisonment imposed.

Holt

Practice Area: Environmental

Individual Director prosecuted for numerous large-scale fires at Plastic Recycling facility. Suspended sentence imposed.

Williams

Practice Area: Environmental

Individual Director prosecuted for numerous large-scale fires at a waste treatment facility. Ongoing.

R v Wilson

Practice Area: Murder

Mother and Two brothers indicted for murder. Junior Counsel for sole defendant acquitted of murder and all other charges

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R v Powell

Practice Area: Murder

Junior Defence counsel. Multi-handed Conspiracy to murder. Acquitted.

Practice Area: Rape

Lisa Judge represented Royal Northern College of Music student charged with rape of a fellow student but who was acquitted after trial. The Prosecution case was heavily reliant upon apparent confessions made over social networking between the Defendant and the complainant. The Defendant asserted that all sexual activity between them was consensual.

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Young

Practice Area: Rape

Defence counsel Rape. Acquitted

Operation Advance

Practice Area: Rape

Defence counsel First Cold Case Review case acquittal. rape.

Knott

Practice Area: Rape

Rape. Defence counsel Client request. Aquitted.

Knight

Practice Area: Rape

Rape - Client request. Acquitted after trial

C Evans - Rape

Practice Area: Private Client

Acted on appeal.

A Johnson

Practice Area: Private Client

Sexual activity with a child.

C Killen.

Practice Area: Private Client

Sexual activity. Successfully negotiated reduced plea such that suspended sentence imposed

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D Ward

Practice Area: Private Client

Assault. Successful in efforts to ensure that the complainant, another high-profile celebrity, was fundamentally undermined when giving evidence such that no costs were ordered and sentence imposed

was minimal.

J McEachran Assault

Practice Area: Private Client

Professional sportsman. Acquitted.

A Tinkler

Practice Area: Private Client

Assault. Acquitted.

M Ferrucci

Practice Area: Private Client

Rape. Acquitted.

A Keyte

Practice Area: Private Client

Police Officer. Assault. Acquitted.

What the Directories say

"Lisa is very good; she is a shrewd operator with great attention and retention of detail. Clients love her straight-talking pragmatism"

Chambers & Partners, 2026

"Tenacious is an understatement with Lisa."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

"She knows every case, fights tooth and nail for her clients, and is not afraid to stand up to coroners and judges when the time is right."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

'Lisa is a tenacious advocate who is always prepared. Clients love her.'

Legal 500 2025

“Lisa’s outstanding, everyone is impressed by her.”

Chambers & Partners, 2024

Lisa is a conscientious and fearless advocate.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

Lisa is excellent in court, brilliant with clients and a formidable opponent.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

She is an excellent and robust advocate with meticulous attention to detail and a great level of client service

Chambers & Partners, 2023

She is very tactical, excellent in negotiations and a strong advocate.

Chambers and Partners, 2022

She's very upfront, forthright and has a good reputation in this field. She's also a fierce advocate.
She's very experienced, hard-working, dogged and determined.

Chambers and Partners, 2021

Very thorough and she knows her cases inside and out. She's extremely good with clients and has excellent attention to detail.

Chambers and Partners, 2021

Capable practitioner with a strong reputation in the health and safety space as part of her thriving criminal and regulatory practice. She is regularly instructed on behalf of both large companies and individuals. She is known for her experience of handling cases involving sexual offences.

Very sound judgement

Chambers and Partners

Recommended for sexual offences cases

Legal 500

Regularly defends individuals and companies in major health and safety cases brought by various regulatory bodies.

She's a practical operator and a good tactician.

Lisa Judge does quite a bit of health and safety work and I highly rate her.

Chambers UK

One of the leading health and safety advocates on the Northern Circuit. She combines her regulatory work with a heavyweight criminal practice, and is noted by instructing solicitors for her highly skilled advocacy.

She is one of the best jury advocates around.

She has a no-nonsense approach and gets down to the heart of the matter.

Chambers UK

Has an excellent reputation and is recommended.

Legal 500

Has a strong junior practice in health, safety and regulation.

Legal 500

An excellent client manner....Diligent and well respected.

Chambers UK

She's a powerful advocate and a good negotiator.

Lisa is very experienced and really knows the ropes.

Chambers and Partners

A very effective communicator who quickly gets to grips with a case.

Legal 500

Capable practitioner with a strong reputation in the health and safety space alongside her thriving criminal and regulatory practice. She is regularly instructed on behalf of both large companies and individuals. She is particularly known for her experience of handling cases involving sexual offences.

She is sharp and focused with a straight-talking, no-nonsense approach.

Chambers and Partners

She has a strong track record in representing defendants in serious sexual offences cases.

Legal 500

Handles a wide range of criminal law matters. She specialises in rape and sexual offences.

She is an excellent advocate; she is down to earth and very approachable, and has good client care skills.

Chambers UK

Good manner with clients.

Chambers UK

Continues to show herself to be an outstanding performer....admired for her "commanding respect of the court."

Chambers UK

'Very competent.'

Legal 500

Regularly defends individuals and companies in major health and safety cases brought by various regulatory bodies. Her health and safety practice benefits from her criminal law work.

An experienced, pragmatic practitioner.

She has a commercially minded approach.

Chambers and Partners

Regularly defends individuals and companies in major health and safety cases brought by various regulatory bodies. Her health and safety practice benefits from her criminal law work.

Very efficient and very good at handling witnesses.

Chambers and Partners

Capable practitioner with a strong reputation in the health and safety space alongside her thriving criminal and regulatory practice. She is particularly known for her experience of handling cases involving sexual offences.

She really fights hard for her clients.

She's highly persuasive and a good person to have on your side.

Chambers UK

'Prepares cases meticulously.'

Legal 500

"is focused, gets to the heart of a case and does a good job for her clients."

Chambers UK

'A QC-level jury advocate at half the price of a silk'

Legal 500

'Wins praise.'

Chambers UK

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