

TOM GILBART



YEAR OF CALL

2003, Middle Temple

EDUCATION

LLB, University College London (2002)

PROFILE

Mr Gilbert deals with all aspects of regulatory and health and safety work.

Mr Gilbert is experienced in appearing before the Magistrates Court; Crown Court; High Court; Court of Appeal and Coroner's Court.

Mr Gilbert's approach to his regulatory and health and safety work is informed by his experience of a decade at the criminal bar. For that work, Mr Gilbert was recommended by the Legal 500 on a number of occasions and was assessed in the 2013 edition as being "highly effective in complex cases".

Mr Gilbert has significant experience of jury advocacy on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence. He has conducted jury trials of the utmost seriousness including:

- murder cases
- paper-heavy regulatory offences
- fatal road traffic accidents
- large scale conspiracy cases

In addition to being well-versed in the skills of opening and closing jury speeches, Mr Gilbert also has significant experience of cross-examining expert witnesses.

Mr Gilbert prepares his cases thoroughly and works well with both his professional and lay clients.

His recent work includes:

- *The Matter of RJF* (2014) Representing the family of the deceased in a complicated inquest requiring detailed cross-examination of engineering experts and legal argument against Leading Counsel.
- *The Matter of MS* (2014) Representing a care home in a case where a resident with dementia died shortly after being attacked by another resident. Reported in the national press.
- *Environment Agency v Manning* (2014) Representing the man responsible for "one of Wigan's biggest ever environmental messes" in a case attracting significant attention from local press and the local Member of Parliament. This case involved 3 days of legal submissions before the High Court.
- *HSE v Blackburn Skip Hire* (2013) Advising and representing a company in an HSE prosecution over a fatal workplace accident.
- *R v Alston and Alston* (2012) Defence counsel in a case prosecuted jointly by the Gambling Commission and the Illegal Money Lending Team. Paper heavy case receiving national press attention.
- *R v Clephane* (2009) Junior to leading counsel on behalf of the defendant in case involving tens of thousands of pages of exhibits. Representing the Manager of a Nursing Home who was charged with offences under the Health and Safety Act.



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