Robert Smith

YEAR OF CALL 2005

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests & Public Inquiries, Criminal



Inquests & Public Inquiries CV

Mr Smith has experience in conducting inquests. He has represented families of the deceased, health trusts and witnesses to fatal accidents. He also has experience in conducting pre inquest hearings.

He is familiar with the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and the 2013 Rules and Regulations. He has experience of preparing submissions in relation to Article 2 hearings and in respect of narrative and short form conclusions.

Article 2 Inquests

DF Deceased (2019) (Nottingham Coroner's Court)

Represented family of deceased prisoner throughout 5 day Article 2 inquest with a jury. Detailed cross examination of a number of prison staff and management concerning practice and procedure relating to prisoner welfare. Inquest involved detailed pathological evidence regarding acute drug intoxication and the impact on the timing of death. Commended by the family following the inquest for being "excellent" throughout and being "very helpful" in what they needed to know.

Road Traffic

DA Deceased (2019) Preston Coroner's Court)

Acted for driver involved in a collision with deceased motorcyclist who was travelling in excess of the speed limit. Pre-hearing advice was given prior to the inquest concerning the giving of evidence and procedure. No adverse conclusions were made by the coroner in respect of the lay client.

Medical

JM Deceased (2011) (Stockport Coroner's Court)

Represented local health trust responsible for care of deceased via the local community crisis team in 6 day inquest. Advice given and submissions made in respect of reports to prevent future deaths.

MH Deceased (2016) (Stockport Coroner's Court)	
Represented interests of treating nurse following death of deceased during surgery.	