

## Oliver Bristow

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### About Oliver

Oliver Bristow is an associate in our Manchester office and a key member of the Environmental, Safety & Health Practice. He advises multinational clients on a broad range of environmental, health and safety laws across various jurisdictions, with a particular specialism in fire and building safety law. Oliver supports clients across a variety of industries, including real estate, manufacturing, energy, live entertainment and design and construction.

Oliver has an extensive and diverse background in regulatory law, defending companies and individuals facing criminal, health and safety, and other regulatory investigations, prosecutions, inquiries and inquests. He has acted in both defence and prosecution capacities, providing his clients comprehensive strategies with a unique perspective.

In addition to his regulatory defence practice, Oliver advises on large corporate and real estate transactions, focusing on environmental and health and safety considerations, including fire and building safety.

As a reflection of his expertise, Oliver is recommended by *Legal 500 UK* for health and safety law, and has previously been recommended for environmental law. He is also accredited by the Institute of Industrial Accident Investigators as a qualified lead accident investigator.

An active member of the legal community, Oliver is a member of the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) where he sits on its northern committee, and is also a member of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association (HSLA).

### Experience

- Representing an owner-operator of music venues in a large and complex corporate manslaughter investigation.
- Successfully defending a large-scale manufacturer, and key supplier to the NHS, in an investigation by the Fire & Rescue Service into alleged breaches of seven separate Articles of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Assisting in the defence of a criminal health and safety prosecution and a coroner's inquest, on behalf of a well-known multinational plastics manufacturer following a fatality at one of their sites.

- Advising various organisations in relation to waste and environmental permitting offences and representing them in relation to investigations by the Environment Agency.
- Advising a well-known hotel chain on several properties with combustible cladding/insulation and other fire engineering issues, successfully mitigating risk of enforcement actions by the Fire & Rescue Service.
- Conducting a comprehensive review for a major asset manager of over 100 multi-storey residential properties across England. Advising on duty holders and duties under the Building Safety Act 2022 and Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, as well as guiding stakeholders in implementing suitable compliance arrangements.
- Advising an architecture and design firm on the Building Regulations 2010 following amendments by the Building Safety Act 2022, regarding new organisational capability and individual competence requirements for principal designers; appointment as the principal designer; interaction with other duty holders; and compliance with the new duties.
- Advising a multinational engineering technology manufacturer and supplier on a real estate transaction with numerous complex environmental considerations, including contaminated land, waste and environmental permitting issues, as well as drafting a bespoke environmental schedule dealing with environmental matters, including ongoing remediation obligations, remediation validation, consultant and contractor warranties, and the apportionment of liability between the parties.

## Credentials

### Education

- BPP University Law School, Manchester, L.P.C., 2014
- University of Leeds, LL.B. (Hons.), 2013

### Admissions

- England and Wales, 2021

### Memberships & Affiliations

- Member and committee member (North), UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Member, Health and Safety Lawyers Association (HSLA)
- Lead Accident Investigator, Institute of Industrial Accident Investigators, 2024

## Recognitions

- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* for Environmental Law
- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* for Health and Safety Law

## Expertise

### Services

- Environmental, Safety & Health

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