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Simon Jackson KC is an experienced advocate who specialises in Professional Discipline, Health & Safety and Inquests.

Expertise

Professional Discipline

Simon appears before Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service Fitness to Practice Hearings, instructed on behalf of the General Medical Council.

He was engaged in fitness to practice proceedings concerning the prescribing of 'puberty blockers' and 'gender affirming hormones' to young adolescent trans patients by a general practitioner, and secondly, by a retired consultant gastroenterologist, who also separately prescribed testosterone to body builders, in combination with so called 'stacking' drugs, routinely used/abused in order to mitigate the effects of excess levels of testosterone.

Simon conducted professional disciplinary proceedings involving the obtaining, by a national/international cycling team doctor, of testosterone, with a view to administering it to an athlete in order to improve that athlete's performance.

Recently conducted professional disciplinary proceedings involving a middle grade psychiatrist prescribing significant quantities of medication to unseen 'medical tourists', and doing so in relation to medical disorders outside his area of competence.

Also extensive experience, both as junior and 'in silk', of representing police officers in relation disciplinary and criminal proceedings.

Notable Professional Discipline cases

General Medical Council v Dr HW [2021]



General Medical Council v Dr F [2020/2021]

Johnson-Ogbuneke v General Medical Council [2016] 1471 (Admin) 19/06/2017

Dowson v General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 3379 (Admin)

Case involving conduct of a UK based multi-centre industry sponsored medical device clinical trial.

R v Dinesh Gokani [2015]

Defending a Local Authority prosecution under s3(1) Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, relating to a fatality in a residential care home, where issues of defective design and inspection arose.

Beddi v General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 2213 (Admin)

Makki v General Medical Council [2014] EWHC 769 (Admin)

GMC v Dr. P [August 2012]

Prosecution of London 'G20' Pathologist. Dr P was struck off the Medical Register for misconduct and deficient professional performance by a Fitness to Practise Panel arising out his conduct of the Ian Tomlinson post mortem in April 2009.

Health & Safety

Both as a junior, and in 'silk', Simon has been instructed in serious regulatory and criminal cases.

The Health and Safety work has involved representing both individuals and corporate clients.

For example, acting for a self-builder/care home proprietor in criminal proceedings in relation to a fatal fall involving a vulnerable elderly resident, whose fall arose from alleged historic structural defects in terms of the design and construction of the home's wooden staircase, and the more recent management failures of inspection re: the historic defects. All this against the background of allegations of cost cutting by the contractor, when the design specification was agreed.

Simon co-presented, with Mr Justice Mark Turner, the Capita Symonds Annual H&S Lecture in London, in May 2013, arising out of the [R v Lion Steel Equipment Limited \[2012\]](#) case.

Notable Health & Safety cases

[R v Lion Steel Equipment Limited \[2012\]](#)

Corporate Manslaughter prosecution under the new CMCHA 2007. The Company pleaded guilty at the close

of the Prosecution case and it was fined £480,000 and ordered to pay substantial costs, in respect of fatal accident at factory premises where an employee fell through a roof light on a fragile roof.

R v Shah Nawaz Pola [2009] EWCA Crim 655

Re: the definition of an 'employer' re: 'migrant workers', under s53 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

R v Dinesh Gokani

Defending a Local Authority prosecution under s3(1) Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, relating to a fatality in a residential care home, where issues of defective design and inspection arose.

Inquests

Simon has also been involved in a number of high profile inquests, involving deaths in hospitals and police stations, (one of which was the longest running single death inquest). This inquest, in which counsel acted for a Health Authority (see below) resulted in Administrative Review Proceedings, and manslaughter charges being brought against some of the police officers involved in the alleged unlawful killing of the deceased. [R v Hull Coroner for East Riding of Yorkshire & Kingston-upon-Hull, (ex parte Dawson & Others [2001] EWHC 352 (Admin) & ACD 365]

Simon was recently involved in advisory work pre-inquest concerning the Shoreham Air Show fatal accidents, and separately, in relation to sudden unexpected death following failure of an elective minimal access mitral valve repair and left atrial appendage occlusion, which failures lead to the patient's cardiac arrest and death.

Simon has acted for a client operating a privately run detention facility where a detainee died [of natural causes] whilst in custody, and for a local authority where a teenage youth committed suicide after an initial assessment by social services, giving rise to issues as to the nature and extent of the duty of care owed to the deceased

Notable Inquests cases

Re: TM (Death in Custody Inquest) [2015]

Deceased a detainee in a detention centre.

Re: SB (Overseas Adventure Activity Inquest) [2014]

R v Hull Coroner for East Riding of Yorkshire & Kingston-upon-Hull, (ex parte Dawson & Others [2001] EWHC 352 (Admin) & ACD 365



Death in Custody re: Christopher Alder: Admin Review.

Appointments

- Recorder General Crime 2005 (Civil Recorded in 2006 and Class 2 Crime in 2014)

Education

- LLB (Hons), University of Leeds

Memberships

- HSLA
- ARDL