

Guildhall Chambers Environment Team is the foremost Western Circuit environmental law team with a national presence. Individual team members are regarded as leading practitioners in England and Wales and have proven track records for dealing with some of the biggest criminal and civil environmental cases throughout England and Wales.

The team is made up of practitioners of varying levels of seniority, including two silks and several juniors who are recent tenants of Chambers following pupillage. Team members support each other as necessary so that the team is able to offer a full-client service on environmental law issues, offering assistance in the most complex cases down to the most straightforward. Members of the team are also regular speakers at external and internal environmental law events.

"THE SET IS REFRESHINGLY UNSTUFFY, WITH PROACTIVE, HIGH-QUALITY LAWYERS, AND THEY OFFER A COMPETITIVE PRICE ADVANTAGE COMPARED TO LONDON SETS." CHAMBERS UK

Team members

ANDREW LANGDON QC

Andrew Langdon QC led the prosecution of five companies involved in the Buncefield disaster. Two companies pleaded guilty and the remaining three were convicted after a 3 month trial. Following the trial the Health & Safety and the Environment Agency confirmed this was the biggest and most complex criminal inquiry they have worked on together.



CHRISTOPHER QUINLAN QC

Christopher Quinlan QC has expertise in Environmental Law. He has prosecuted several high profile cases for Natural Resources Wales in complex cases concerned the illegal depositing of millions of pounds of waste within and without the UK.



IAN FENNY

Ian Fenny a category B prosecutor on the specialist regulatory advocates list for Environment and HSE prosecutions with a particular interest and experience in cases with agricultural aspects.



BRENDON MOORHOUSE

Brendon Moorhouse practices in both civil and criminal Environmental Law. He recently led the legal team at the Public Inquiry instructed by Gwent Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth, the Woodland Trust and CPRW in their successful opposition to the M4 extension at Newport. He is regularly instructed in cases involving sensitive planning development or permit conditions involving Environmental assessments, such as dredging (capital and maintenance) and planning cases with Environmental risk. His criminal practice includes prosecuting and defending in multi- billion/millionpound illegal waste cases. Member of UKELA Waste Working Group and UKELA Litigation Group.



STEFAN RAMEL

Stefan is an insolvency and commercial law expert, and top-rated in those areas by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. He is on the Attorney General's Regional A Panel and is regularly retained by the Environment Agency to advise in cases with an insolvency and environmental law cross-over.



SUSAN CAVENDER

Susan Cavender is a category C prosecutor on the specialist regulatory advocates list for Environment and HSE prosecutions. She has many years experience in regulatory and licensing law.



JORREN KNIBBE

Jorren Knibbe is an expert in Environmental Freedom of Information and Aarhus and advises on the use of viability assessments in support of planning applications.



SAM JONES

Sam Jones is regularly instructed to defend alleged regulatory breaches in Environmental Law. Sam is a category A prosecutor on the specialist regulatory advocates list for Environment and HSE prosecutions.



GREGORY GORDON

Gregory Gordon is nationally recognised and sought out for his expertise in wildlife, animal welfare, hunting and raptor persecution law. Gregory is a Category C prosecutor on the specialist regulatory advocates list for environmental and HSE prosecutions. Greg is also a member of UKELA and contributor to e-law.



JAY JAGASIA

Jay Jagasia brings his expertise in all aspects of Environmental law including carbon, permitting, contaminated land, waste abstraction, chemical regulation, Marine and dredging and nuisance. Jay was the Former chair of South West UKELA, and is still a member.



ALISTAIR HAGGERTY

Alistair Haggerty is a category C prosecutor on the specialist regulatory advocates list for Environment and HSE prosecutions. Alistair has recently been led by Andrew Langdon QC as part of the prosecution team in HSE v Valero Energy Ltd and B&A Contracts Ltd. The case involved two defendants, including a large multinational oil company, who were prosecuted for health & safety breaches after four employees were killed, and one very seriously injured, following an explosion at an oil refinery.



GRACE FLYNN

Grace Flynn is a new junior member of the team who is gaining experience in house through senior members involving a cross-section of Environmental prosecution and defence work.

