**PERSONAL SUMMARY**

Robert listens to his clients. He analyses the facts. He prepares in detail. He delivers advocacy with clarity. He gets results.

Robert’s wide range of experience at the Bar, from murder trials at the Central Criminal Court to inquests, and proceedings in the High Court, and Court of Appeal have provided him with an ability to adapt his advocacy and written submissions to the tribunal.

Robert often represents companies and directors and landowners charged with regulatory offences in the sphere of Environmental and Planning Law. He also acts for Local Planning Authorities in criminal matters. These technical allegations often require considerable factual analysis and a detailed understanding of the law and businesses in which they are operating. He has lectured on “Defending Environmental Prosecutions” for CPD.



**Practice Areas**

 Regulatory Law

ROBERT NEWCOMBE

Barrister

**AREAS OF** **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

**•** Public Law

• Inquests

• Environmental Prosecutions

• Planning Enforcement Prosecutions

• Planning Enforcement Appeals

• Criminal Law

Robert enjoys engaging with rules found in Statutory Instruments which can often provide unchartered challenges for statutory interpretation and review.

Robert represents families at inquests. He understands that considerable pressures exert themselves on families through a combination of bereavement and legal process. He understands the need to persuade coroners to direct a “Rule 43” – for the prevention of future deaths and considers his successes in this field to have made a real impact.

Robert also acts in complex fraud cases and has built up considerable expertise in Cyberfraud. He has lectured on “Cyberfraud and Cybersecurity” in London and at Northumbria University’s Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies.

Robert has significant insight into commercially sensitive data breaches within the Banking sector and Government institutions, as a result of virus technology in Trojan botnets, and the Data Protection Act implications.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers Criminal Bar Association

UK Environmental Law Association

Directors’ Disqualification proceedings; Information Commissioner’s Office; Financial Services offences; Health and Safety offences; and Disciplinary Hearings are all areas of the law that Robert’s experience is well suited to.

 **EXPERTISE**

**PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**EDUCATION AND PROFESIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

 **Crime**

 **Regulatory Law**

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