



# Graham Gilbert

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## Trading Standards

Graham prosecutes and defends across the full range of regulatory criminal matters, including health and safety, food safety, housing, and trading standards law. He appears for both prosecuting agencies, individuals, and companies. He is particularly adept at matters involving unusual or tricky points of law, which he combines with strong advisory and advocacy skills.

### Work Highlights include:

- **CBC v B:** having been instructed by the prosecuting local authority in housing matter, Graham responded to an extensive abuse of process argument so effectively that the application was withdrawn.
- **HSE v JSC Ltd:** represented a building company prosecuted when an employee fell through a sky-light on a project.
- **BCC v IS:** appeared for the defendant company in a prosecution under the Food Safety Act 1990. Following pleas, a low-level financial penalty was secured
- **B Ltd v SBC:** advised a pub company at interview regarding alleged health and safety failings. Following written submissions, a conditional caution was secured.
- **A v TS:** provided advice during live investigation by Trading Standards to a major national company.
- **CBC v Skelton:** successful prosecution of a builder for Consumer Protection offences.

His expertise covers many areas of environmental offence and in particular experience of animal welfare matters, with recent work including representing companies, boarding kennels, and private individuals. Alongside this, he has also appeared in matters concerning maritime law and other environmental offences, such a fly-tipping, nuisance, and planning law.

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- **UP Ltd v NCC:** appeared for the local authority in an appeal against a noise abatement notice brought by a global manufacturer of cricket bats. The matter was resolved to the satisfaction of both parties,
- **AWMG v CBC:** advised on an appeal against an enforcement notice issued by the local authority regarding the removal of trees from a specified area of land.
- **BCBC v C5BCL:** represented the defendant company at trial for a breach of a condition notice.
- **LHM v H:** instructed for the prosecuting harbour master in various matters concerning breaches of the harbour regulations.
- **RSPCA v Golden Retriever Experience:** appeared for Mr Grant St James, the owner of the popular Golden Retriever Experience, throughout the proceedings before the West Somerset Magistrates' Court. He was instructed by Paul Loughlin, a partner with law firm [Stephensons](#).

## Recommendations

'Graham is a hardworking barrister of high quality. He is intelligent and scrupulously fair. His advocacy is concise and persuasive.'

**Legal 500 2026**/Crime (General and Fraud)/ Leading Juniors/ Western Circuit

Graham Gilbert –3PB 'Graham is a hard-working and highly effective advocate. He is extremely bright, and his case preparation is second-to-none.'

**Legal 500 2025**/Crime (General and Fraud)/ Leading Juniors/ Western Circuit

"Graham Gilbert recently represented our son in Crown Court hearing in Portsmouth. We met Graham on the day of the hearing, and he immediately put us at our ease. He provided us with clear information on what was happening and stayed in touch with us throughout the day (when the hearing wasn't taking place) keeping us updated on the inevitably slow, court proceedings. After the hearing, when we could speak with our son, our son told us how helpful and clear Graham's advice had been. Being at your son's Crown Court hearing is a stressful event but we were in great hands and Graham's counsel got our son the best result at court. Graham is an excellent barrister and we have no hesitation in recommending him." - **Client**

"Just wanted to thank you for all of the hard work you put into what turned out to be a far from straightforward case! I could not have asked for a more thoroughly prepared case and very impressive legal argument which eventually lead to an excellent case outcome. Your client care was first class and I appreciated the ease and speed with which I could reach you for advice." - **Instructing solicitor feedback**

"I am so grateful to you and Graham for all your help. You are absolutely right, its a great outcome and the legal advice and support made all the difference. Graham Gilbert was excellent." - **Client feedback** to instructing solicitor.

"Graham Gilbert was very professional and charming. Would recommend him highly." - **Client feedback** to instructing solicitor.

"Once again thank you for all your thorough help in this successful prosecution and the hours of hard work sifting through the late disclosure of the evidence bundle the night before trial." - **Feedback from Environmental Health Officer.**

## Academic qualifications

- BPTC – City Law School – Very Competent
- GDL – City Law School – Commendation.
- BA Hons Ancient History – University of Exeter – 1st Class

## Scholarships

- City Law School: 7 Bedford Row Criminal Law Prize Essay
- University of Exeter awarded a Dean's Commendation for "outstanding academic achievement"

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- CPS Prosecutor – Grade 3

## Professional bodies

- Western Circuit
- Sport Resolutions Pro Bono Panel

- Criminal Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association (HSLA)