



# Jonathan Underhill

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## Overview

Jonathan is a specialist criminal and regulatory crime practitioner with an emphasis on financial crime, health and safety, trading standards and regulatory compliance work.

Jonathan is ranked in both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 independent legal directories for both general criminal, fraud and business crime.

## Recommendations

"I want to give a huge thankyou to Jonathan Underhill was there at the conclusion of my case and I am so thankful for everything he has done. I can't express my thanks through words but thankyou"

### **DR – Defence Client**

Jonathan Underhill of 3PB Barristers regularly defends individuals and corporations in complex health and safety matters. He has particular expertise in handling cases regarding fatalities and serious injuries arising from regulatory breaches of duty.

Strengths: "He takes good points in cases."

"He is lovely, and very pleasant to work with."

**Chambers UK 2025/Health and safety) / Western Circuit - ranked in Band 1**

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**Legal 500 2025/Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) / Leading Juniors/ Western Circuit**

Jonathan Underhill – 3PB 'Jonathan's ability to process detail is outstanding. He brings great technical knowledge, and that gives him a wonderful air of confidence which puts his clients at ease.'

**Legal 500 2025/Fraud: Crime/ Leading Juniors/London Bar**

"Thanks for this Jonathan and ... for your help on the overall pursuit. This was without question a very serious and challenging issue for our company and you delivered the best result we could have achieved ...I am very happy with the result. I also wish to thank your Chambers admin team for their professional and proactive support that made direct access a simple tool to use."

### **MS – CEO S Ltd – Direct Access Client (Defence)**

"In a conspicuously well-drafted skeleton argument, supported by his oral submissions, Mr Underhill accepts..."

**Mrs Justice Farby – In the High Court**

"I found his approach to the cases very professional, and his cross examination was excellent, just what is required in cases like this. The council have had several chambers representing the council, I feel that Jonathan has been the best person that we have had."

**Mike Johnson ACFM (Senior Auditor) – Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council**

"Not having been in court before, I found myself in a situation that was very unfamiliar. However, I was instantly put at ease straight away from the approach of my barrister, Jonathan Underhill. He was extremely professional, understanding and took on board everything I wanted to get across in the court room. The attention to detail and the communication filled me with confidence that Jonathan was the right person to get the desired result for myself.

I would highly recommend Jonathan's services, I couldn't have asked for a better representation, he kept me calm and positive throughout my trial, and we ended up getting the correct outcome, not guilty! Thank you again"

**JS – Defence Client**

"You have been nothing short of brilliant... thank you..."

**R Cassidy – Levaes Solicitors**

"I would not hesitate in instructing Mr Jonathan Underhill in all manner of Regulatory matters. He has an almost encyclopaedic knowledge in all key regulatory areas, including Environmental, Licensing, Housing and Planning offences. His preparation is meticulous with close attention to detail. He is extremely approachable and is great at communicating to a wide range of clients, which has always led to positive feedback and requests to instruct him in future matters. He has an amazing ability to advocate complex issues in law, in a way that is easy to understand for Magistrates, Jurors and Judges. His Advocacy is simply exceptional. He is and will continue to be my first choice of Counsel."

**C Smith – Criminal Litigation Lawyer (London Local Authority)**

"I am indebted to Mr Jonathan Underhill...for his realistic and concise submissions... Mr Underhill was utterly realistic in his submissions to this court, which he advanced with commendable brevity and good sense"

**HHJ Jeremy Richardson QC – In the High Court**

"I was very impressed with Jonathan Underhill – and he had a glowing report from our environmental health manager for his advocacy at the recent noise trial he did for us"

**Local Authority Solicitor**

"I would not hesitate in instructing Mr Underhill – cases are always thoroughly prepared, time and care taken with clients and outcomes reported back promptly. The client feedback has been excellent and often accompanies with a request that he represent them again. The quality of his representation is first class."

**Lindsey Taylor (Solicitor) – Watkins and Gunn Solicitors**

"I have found Mr Underhill to be an excellent advocate who is always well prepared and courteous to all. I have had positive feedback from clients in cases he had conducted on my firm's behalf. I would not hesitate to instruct him."

**Paul Lewis (Partner) – Quality Solicitors HPJV**

Very clearly presented – a dry subject made interesting. Very useful info. Excellent trainer.

**Nikki Hutt, West Sussex County Council**

Very informative, clear, concise but with a level of relaxed delivery and humour. I enjoyed Jonathan's 'style'.

**Dee Plum, West Sussex County Council**

## Academic qualifications

- BVC (Graded Outstanding) – Cardiff University Law School
- Inner Temple Prize Winner – Outstanding Achievement

- LLB (Hons) Law & Politics – Cardiff University Law School

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- AG Panel Regulatory Advocates – A Panel
- Level 4 – CPS Panel Advocate (General Crime)
- Level 4 – Specialist Fraud Panel
- Level 4 – RASSO Panel
- Level 2 – Proceeds of Crime Panel
- Inner Temple Accredited Advocacy Trainer
- Western Circuit Advocacy Trainer
- SEC Advanced International Advocacy Course, Keble College Oxford

## **Professional bodies**

- Western Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association
- Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- Private Prosecutors Association
- Health and Safety Lawyers Association

## **Direct Access**

Jonathan Underhill is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.

# Expertise

## Crime and Regulatory Crime

Jonathan is a specialist practitioner whose *"ability to process detail is outstanding. He brings great technical knowledge, and that gives him a wonderful air of confidence which puts his clients at ease."* (Legal 500).

Jonathan is *"meticulous in his case preparation and offers a calm and assured presence in court. He is a skilful lawyer who can translate his understanding into persuasive and compelling advocacy, both in his legal submissions and trial advocacy."* (Legal 500)

He is commended for his advocacy and is considered to be *"a highly intelligent, professional and outstanding advocate"* who *"commands authority in court... and is reassuring to the ... lay client"*. He is *"good at dealing with clients with authority and calmness and makes complex issues understandable"* (Chambers and Partners).

After more than a decade of experience gathered from a heavyweight general criminal practice, his work is now focused almost exclusively on assisting individuals and companies across a range of complex criminal and regulatory matters with a particular focus on Financial, Regulatory Crime and Health and Safety matters.

He is ranked as a leading Junior in the following legal directories:

- Crime (General and Fraud) (Western Circuit) [Legal 500]
- Fraud: Crime (London) [Legal 500]
- Business and Regulatory Crime (including Health and Safety) (Western Circuit) [Legal 500]
- Health and Safety (Western Circuit) [Chambers and Partners]
- Financial Crime (Regions) [Chambers and Partners]

He is a pupil supervisor and mentor and has successfully completed the SEC Advanced International Advocacy Course at Keble College, Oxford. He is an accredited advocacy trainer for the Inner Temple and Western Circuit.

## Financial Crime incl Fraud POCA

Jonathan built his experience in Fraud, Business and Financial crime over years of acting for the Specialist Fraud Division and HMRC. He is a Level 4 CPS specialist Fraud Prosecutor and a specialist Proceeds of Crime Prosecutor.

Jonathan applies that knowledge and experience to his Defence practice, specialising in defending individual and corporate clients and has a notable practice in financial crime, including prosecuting cases involving Ponzi schemes and high-value frauds. He is regularly sought out by individuals and corporations.

*"Jonathan's ability to process detail is outstanding. He brings great technical knowledge, and that gives him a wonderful air of confidence which puts his clients at ease." He is a "fluent advocate with a calm and assured presence in court"* (Legal 500 2026 Fraud: Crime). He *"commands the attention of everyone in the courtroom"* and is *"incredibly persuasive and always very well-prepared"* (Legal 500 2026 Crime (General and Fraud)).

In 2017 he was part of the team representing a former FOREX trader who was prosecuted by the US Department of Justice for conspiracy to fix prices in the FOREX market. The trial ended in an acquittal in the Southern District of New York in 2018; building upon his experience in White Collar and commercial frauds.

He has particular expertise in handling the restraint, confiscation and asset recovery aspect of cases centring on financial misconduct. These cases are complex and require experienced representation. Jonathan acts for individual defendants,

respondents and third parties, along with corporate bodies and directors.

Jonathan firmly believes that confiscations proceedings should not be viewed as an “add on” to criminal matters. Careful analysis and legal submissions are vital. Jonathan can provide a tactical approach from the outset of a case which is often essential in securing a favourable outcome.

Jonathan has assisted in some of the most complex proceeding pertaining to:

- Confiscation of assets
- Cash forfeiture and seizure
- Asset recovery
- Third party confiscation
- Restraint Orders and Freezing Orders
- Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders
- Unexplained Wealth Orders.

## Recent Notable Cases

### Fraud and Money Laundering

- **Operation Plains (2026)** – Defence instruction. Leading Counsel for second defendant in prosecution bought by FCA. Prosecuted by, and co-defending with, Kings Counsel.
- **R v G and K (2026)** – Prosecution Instruction. Multiheaded complex benefit fraud.
- **Operation Rainy (2026)** – Defence instruction. Circa £1/2 Million VAT and Income tax evasion prosecuted by HMRC. Community Order obtained following written submissions to prosecution.
- **R v S (2025)** – Prosecution instruction. “Cash for Crash” fraud.
- **R v X and Y (2025)** – Defence instruction. Multiheaded high value Ponzi scheme fraud.
- **R v CC (2024)** – Defence instruction. Insolvency Service prosecution for illegal and fraudulent use of COVID-19 Bounce back loan. Complicated by issues surrounding culpability and understanding of the agreements signed. Issues of duress, or other pressure by organised crime groups.
- **R v TT (2024)** – Instructed for the defence. Private prosecution. Case involved alleged fraudulent provision of £1 million overdraft facilities and advance payment fees. Following robust and substantial written submission persuaded the CPS to take over the case, and to discontinue all charges against the client.
- **Operation Dafour (2024)** – Led Junior in 28 count (20 complainant) multi million pound “Ponzi” fraud
- **R v GB (2023/2024)** – Defence instruction. £450K fraud against employer. Sentenced on a basis of half of that value as a result of defence submission and expert evidence
- **R v MB (2022/ 2023)** - The 7-count indictment involved 6 separates but personally connected victims. Over a 5-year period, MB purported to invest sums in excess of £800K into both the Forex Capital Markets and various Cryptocurrency platforms. Careful financial analysis led to the court accepting a loss figure of almost half the invested sum for the purposes of sentencing. The defence team was specifically acknowledged by the sentencing judge for the hard work, attention to detail and careful analysis shown in advancing MB’s defence. Led by Benjamin Newton KC of Doughty Street Chambers.
- **Operation Kijang (2022/ 2023)** – 18 handed Conspiracy to Defraud. Secured Suspended Sentence following detailed evidential analysis upon sentencing
- **R v SB and MS (2021/2022)** – Defence instruction, multi-million diversion Fraud and Money Laundering, Inner London Crown Court. Secured only acquittal following fully contested trial
- **R v GM and JB (2021)** – Instructed for the Defence case involving fraudulent insurance claim and allegations of perverting the course of justice

- **R v W, W and S (2021)** – Instructed for the Crown in multi-handed fraud and theft case, involving the fraudulent abuse of power of attorney over a vulnerable complainant
- **Operation Aboon (2020)** – Instructed for the Defence in fraudulent VAT evasion. Successful submission of there being no case to answer at the close of the prosecution case
- **R v B (2020)** – Instructed for the Defence in Multi-Defendant case of involving money laundering stemming from a 1.2-million-dollar payment diversion fraud
- **R v H (2019/2020)** – Instructed for the Defence for 1st Defendant in multiple allegations of defrauding the DWP by alleged fabrication of the education and social care needs of 6 children over a period of 8 years and fraudulently claiming tax credits
- **R v M (2019/2020)** – Instructed to advise for the Defence on multi-defendant fraudulent evasion of VAT
- **R v N (2019)** – Instructed for the Defence – 7-year failure to declare taxable income to HMRC
- **R v S (2019)** – Instructed to Prosecute failure to declare inheritance of circa £200,000 resulting in significant benefit overpayment and subsequent contested PoCA application to seek full recovery
- **Operation 'Barren' (2019)** – Instructed for the Defence in a multi-handed fraud prosecuted by HMRC valued at £3.4 million.

### Confiscation and Proceeds of Crime

- **R v MB (2024)** – Defence instruction. Confiscation following FX and Commodities trading fraud
- **R v GB (2024)** – Defence instructions. Confiscation following complex fraud – benefit amount and property rights contested by the Defence
- **R v RH (2024)** – Instructed by Crown (Central PoCA Unit) – Advice and assistance on complex Proceeds of Crime application, involving complex and overlapping property interests
- **R v BB (2023)** – Defence instructions advising on third party challenge to restraint order at the outset of criminal proceedings against both a company and its director
- **R v VA (2023)** – Crown instructions. Successful application for appointment of enforcement receiver
- **PCC v DA (2022)** – Contested confiscation proceedings stemming from Local Authority and Trading standards investigation in counterfeit tobacco products
- **R v F (2021)** – Instructed for the Crown (Central PoCA Unit) to advise on the drafting and making of compliance order under the Proceeds of Crime Act – concerning international accounts and funds
- **R v GM (2020)** – Instructed for the Defence to advise on the making and variation of restraint order concerning multiple properties
- **R v S (2020)** – Instructed for the CPS Central PoC Unit in successful prosecution of fully contested (2 day) PoCA application involving consideration of hidden assets, tainted gifts and proportionality.
- **R v C (2020)** – Instructed to advise pre-Charge on prospect of successfully opposing and/ varying Restraint order covering multiple accounts, properties and company assets
- **R v E (2020)** – Instructed by Central PoCA Enforcement Division
- **R v K and L (2019/2020)** – Instructed for international 3rd Party clients in application to seek return of funds from accounts under AFO relating to an international money laundering investigation.

## Health and Safety

Jonathan is praised for his robust defence of private individuals and companies; most notably where such cases fall outside of traditional criminal practice. He *"shows exceptional attention to detail and always provides advice both written and in person that goes beyond expectations"* (Chambers and Partners 2026, Health and Safety).

Regulatory prosecution is a real and present risk for small and medium sized businesses who are often without their own internal compliance or legal departments. Engaging the appropriate expertise and skill in such cases, from the earliest possible point, is essential to achieve the best outcome.

Jonathan defends individuals and corporations in complex health and safety matters and has particular expertise in handling cases regarding fatalities and serious injuries arising from regulatory breaches of duty. He is a "*very strong performer with good tactical acumen*" (Legal 500 2026 Business and Regulatory (inc. Health and Safety))

His expertise extends across a range of industry sectors, including construction, transport, agriculture, food, healthcare and environmental / waste management and he is rated as a Band 1 Leading Junior for Health and Safety by Chambers and Partners.

## Recent Notable Cases

### Health and Safety

- **CQC vs. R (Ltd) (2026 – Ongoing)** – Defence instruction. Fatality case. Failure of regulatory compliance and safety requirements.
- **HSE vs. WS Ltd (2026 – Ongoing)** – Defence instruction. Fatality resulting from significant failures in the erection of scaffolding and working at height.
- **HSE vs. PHSL Ltd (2026)** – Defence instruction. Failure of compliance with asbestos management regulations.
- **HSE vs. JH Ltd (2026)** – Defence instruction. Breach of Notice of Contravention and Improvement Notices across construction sites.
- **HSE vs. DW (Ltd) (2025)** – Defence instruction. Case involving self-employed workers falling from height during the construction of a large cattle shed. Significant legal/ factual issue as to the capacity of the client during the construction process.
- **HSE vs. EER (Ltd) (2024)** – Defence instruction. HSE prosecution of company for failing to comply with work at height regulations.
- **BCC vs. PE Ltd and A (2024)** – Defence instruction. Breach of duties. Life changing injuries sustained following incident. Co-Defending with Kings Counsel.
- **DAF T Ltd (2023)** – Defence instruction. Breach of at work duties, defect machinery and inadequate guards and protections.
- **HSE vs. QBEC Ltd (2023)** – Defence instructions. 4 week contested trial. Regulatory failing as Principal Designer under the CDM's. Co-Defending with Kings Counsel.
- **HSE vs L Ltd (2023)** – Defence instruction. HSE prosecution of failure to comply with working from Height Regulations.
- **BCP vs. AC Ltd (2022)** – Prosecution instruction. Breach of Covid Regulatory Regime.
- **B v LMC Ltd (2022)** – Prosecution instruction. Breach of Covid Regulatory Regime.
- **R v B (2019)** – Instructed to prosecute "Rogue Plumber" under Fraud Act 2006 and CPUTR 2008. Case involved multiple victims over a long time.

### Food and Hygiene

- **FSA v BB Ltd (2026)** – Prosecution Instruction. Breach of improvement notice regarding failure in hygiene procedure in the meat industry.
- **FSA v G Ltd (2025)** – Prosecution Instruction. Multiple and complex alleged breached of regulatory framework relating to processing and cross contamination of meat products for human consumption.
- **R(WFC) v EY Ltd (2024/2025)** – Defence instruction. Breach of food hygiene and health and safety regulation. Alleged failure to adequately deal with cross contamination and pest control. Exposure of young and vulnerable children to pest faeces and other containments.
- **WFC v TD Ltd (2023/2024)** – Defence instructions for Director and company. Breach of pest control at high-street fast-

food franchise.

- **DCC v A and A Ltd (2023)** - Defence instruction. Breach of food safety regulations; complex issues pertaining to allergens; fatal injury and medical evidence.
- **LCC vs Morrisons Ltd (2022)** - Defence instruction on behalf of national supermarket. Involving issues surrounding the Bakers of Nailsea decision.
- **DCC v AA Ltd (2022)** - Defence instruction. Instructed for pre-charge advice and trial. Breach of pest and hazard control regulations.
- **MKBC v MM Ltd (2022)** - Defence instruction. Breach of pest and allergen control measures. Complex sentencing exercise.
- **R v FF Ltd (2021)** - Instructed for the Defence - Multiple alleged breaches of EU Directive including HACCP failures and allergen issues
- **R v EH Ltd (2019)** - Instruction for the Defence to provide advice and representation concerning Food Condemnation Proceedings, Novel Food Regulations and their applicability to SARM following the National Food Crime Units classification of such as a Novel Food for the purposes of enforcement.

### **Environmental, Housing and Planning**

- **EA v TF, AB and FF Ltd (2026 – Ongoing)** - Defence instruction in Environment agency prosecution for breach of waste transfer notice requirements.
- **CCC v WW Ltd (2025)** - Defence instruction. Appeal against revocation of waste disposal permit.
- **EA v OSS Ltd (2025)** - Defence instruction. Advice provided as to appeal against a determination by the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014.
- **SCC v XM (2025)** - Defence instruction. Successful appeal against convictions for failure to comply with a condition notice under the TCPA 1990.
- **PCC v EH Ltd and A (2024)** - Defence instructions. 30+ allegations of breach of HMO and unlawful eviction. Prison sentence avoided following complicated sentencing exercise.
- **TW v SES Ltd (2023/2024)** - Direct Access Defence instruction - Defended prosecution under Water Industries Act 1991
- **BCP v H (2022)** - Defence instruction - Fly tipping asbestos and other hazardous materials
- **R v H (2021)** - Instructed for the Defence to advise on breach of Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
- **R v HM (2021)** - Instructed for the Defence - Fly tipping and waste depositing involving hazardous materials, including asbestos
- **R v C (2020)** - Instructed for the Defence in Fly Tipping case brought by the Local Authority - called upon to assist in drafting evidential representation which led to the case being dropped as no longer being evidentially sustainable, or in the public interest.

### **Animal Welfare**

- **R(STS) v MM Ltd and P (2025)** - Defence instruction. Acting for both company and director. Systemic failure on the part of both Company and Director to comply with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement)(England) Regulations
- **CCD v DW (2024)** - Defence instruction. Successful opposition to an application for the enforcement of a conditional dog destruction order.
- **DCC v I Ltd (2022)** - Defence instruction. Animal welfare and licensing case. Death of cattle and maltreatment allegations.
- **R v HH (2021)** - Instructed for the Defence - Dangerous dogs case involving multiple dogs and injuries to the public
- **HCC v R and R (2019/ 2020)** - Instructed for the Defence in relation to Animal Welfare and Pets Licencing- including dealing with and reducing a confiscation order originally sought by the Prosecution in the sum of £1.3 Million.

# Trading Standards

Jonathan has a wealth of experience specialising in trading standards and regulatory law.

He represents local authorities, companies and individuals in criminal prosecutions and provides extensive advice regarding due diligence compliance and expert guidance on all aspects of trading standards and regulatory law and is described being *'an excellent barrister'*.

*'He is always thoroughly prepared and has an impressive knowledge of the law. He is a strong and compelling advocate who achieves good results. He is a highly intelligent, professional and outstanding advocate'* (Legal 500: Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety) 2026).

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## Recent Notable Cases

- **Operation Shade (2026/ 2027 – Ongoing)** – Defence instruction in 8 defendant Fraudulent trading case concerning miss selling of climate control technologies.
- **R v A, B and C (2026 Ongoing)** – Defence instruction. Multi-Handed Fraudulent trading case. Miss selling of call protection technologies. Valued at circa 4.7 million.
- **R v PF (2026)** – Defence instruction. Fraudulent Trading case, alleged targeting of elder and vulnerable victim, and provision of sub-standard plumbing work.
- **Operation Chippendale (2026)** – Defence instruction. Leading Counsel. Case involving £8.2 Million evasion of duty on counterfeit tobacco products.
- **R(STS) v MM Ltd and P (2025)** – Defence instruction. Acting for both company and director. Systemic failure on the part of both Company and Director to comply with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement)(England) Regulations
- **RBC v RR (Ltd) and K (2023/ 2024)** – Defence instruction (private) – Grey good cases. Thousands of imported counterfeit items. Significant PoCA application pursued by the Prosecution.
- **SBC v A Ltd and J (2023)** – Defence instruction. Instructed for trial. Counterfeit Vodka.
- **SHC v TSS Ltd and C (2022/2023)** – Acting for Company and Director. Director acquitted. Complex trading standards investigation taking place of a number of years, pertaining to thousands of examples of counterfeit goods.
- **A & D Computers Ltd v NCC [2022] EWHC 2922 (Admin)** – High Court instruction for NCC following removal of previous counsel. Praised for “conspicuously well written” arguments in the High Court.
- **R v CL (2020/2021)** – Instructed for the Defence in International importation of tobacco in breach of trademark conspiracy case. Case is privately prosecuted by the Japanese Tobacco Corp.
- **R v C Ltd (2020)** – Instructed for the Defence in Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation 2016 involving counterfeit apple products.
- **Operation 'Foxchase'** – Instructed as led Junior in a complex national secondary ticketing trading standards case.
- **Operation 'Hugo'** – Trading Standards case involving importation of farmed puppies, featured on BBC programming.
- **Operation 'Wendelin'** – Multi handed Trading standards prosecution of rouge traders involving 15 complainants.

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## Firearms

Jonathan Underhill is highly experienced and skilled, acting for both private individuals and police forces across the country, in dealing with applications for, and appeals against the refusal of, certificates and licences relating to firearms and shotguns. Jonathan also provides training and advice to organisations and other legal professionals on the operation of the licencing regime.

Jonathan has dealt with cases in which a variety of objections have been raised to the granting of certificates:

- Applicant's history of criminal convictions.
- Mental health, alcohol or substance abuse.
- Domestic violence or other behaviours involving violence or breach of the peace
- Disputes or allegations of threatening behaviour.
- Lack of a "good reason".
- Lack of a responsible attitude towards firearms/shotguns.
- Association with criminals or criminal groups

### Recent Notable cases

**WMCC v MP (2026 – Ongoing)** - Advice and representation relating to the meaning of "good reason" and application of Chief Constable/Government Guidelines.

**MCC v MW (2026 – Ongoing)** - Appeal against refusal of certificate on the basis of historic suicidal ideation and mental health concerns, on the basis of lack of declaration to medical professions in application process.

**DCCP v LE and CE (2026 – Ongoing)** - Acting for both Appellants. Appeal against refusal to renew on the basis of unproven criminal conduct, including material over which Public Interest Immunity has been asserted – applying the proceeding from *Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis v Crown Court at Kingston-upon-Thames [2023] EWHC 1938 (Admin)*.

**CCCC v PC (2025 – Ongoing)** - Acting for appellant. Appeal against refusal on the basis of temperament and impact of

diabetes. Case involving conflicting medical evidence.

**DCCP v JR (2025 – Ongoing)** – Acting for Chief Constable. Opposition to appeal, seeking on PII material – applying the proceeding from *Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis v Crown Court at Kingston-upon-Thames [2023] EWHC 1938 (Admin)*.

**CCKP v IA (2025)** – Acting for Appellant: Successful against the refusal of a shotgun certificate following a domestic incident to which the police attended and arrested the appellant.

**CCBC v AB (2024)** – Acting for Police: Opposition to Appeal against decision to refuse renewal on the basis of insecure storage of weapons and ammunition.

## Articles

Jonathan Underhill sets out a short sentencing aide memoire for cases of intentional non-fatal strangulation with reference to the key cases of *Rex v Cooke [2023] EWCA Crim 452*, *Rex v Borsodi [2023] EWCA Crim 899* and *Rex v Yorke [2023] EWCA Crim 1043*.

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Enforcing the Novel Food regime – Part 1: Overview and Rationale

In the first of a short series of bite size articles, Jonathan Underhill takes a deeper look into the enforcement of the Novel Food regime and seeks to identify and breakdown the powers made available to those agencies, who are tasked with securing compliance.

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