



### Teresa Hitchcock

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Teresa Hitchcock's practice is broad-ranging, and covers all areas of environmental, health and safety, product safety and food safety law, and has recently expanded its remit to cover regulatory aspects of healthcare.

Teresa's client base is very diverse. She regularly advises large international businesses but also government departments, non-profit organisations and local authorities. Key areas of Teresa's recent practice have included regeneration projects, climate change law, the impact of conservation law on industrial operations allocation of regulator liabilities in corporate transactions, defending remediation requirements both statutory and civil, a number of major health and safety investigations and legal compliance projects.

Product Stewardship is an integral part of her practice and Teresa is often involved in strategic decision making on product compliance and recall matters.

Teresa is UK head of Safety Health and Environment (SHE) within the Regulatory and Government Affairs group. Before qualifying as a solicitor, she worked as a senior environmental and health and safety regulator in local government, and thereby acquired extensive practical experience of regulation and compliance.

#### RELATED SERVICES

- Environment, Health and Safety
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs

#### RELATED SECTORS

- Mining
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Industrials

## CREDENTIALS

### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Prior Experience

1991 to date, DLA Piper (National Head of SHE (Safety, Health & Environment) since 1996)

1986 to 1990, Principal Grade Environmental Health Officer North West Leicestershire District Council Food

Safety/Health and Safety/Pollution Control

1984 to 1986, Senior Grade Environmental Health Officer Erewash Borough Council, Ilkeston Pollution and Health and Safety

1981 to 1984, District Environmental Health Officer Erewash Borough Council, Ilkeston Food Safety

## Recognitions

Teresa is described in *Legal 500* 2011 as 'excellent' and 'extremely knowledgeable' who 'understands issues, and is very experienced and responsive'.

## Education

- Trent Polytechnic, Environmental Health and Science Degree (MIEH DIP)
- Nottingham Trent, LLB (Hons) Degree 2:1

## Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- Law Society
- UKELA

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **No-deal Brexit: Impact on safety, health and environment legislation**

1 September 2019

While a range of outcomes, including [a departure under the terms of the current Withdrawal Agreement](#), remains possible, it is important for businesses to plan for a no-deal Brexit, in which the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement or other deal. Here we look at the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on safety, health and environment (SHE) legislation

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#### **Six predictions for Class Actions in the UK**

23 August 2019

In recent years there has been an explosion in large-scale mass litigation taking place across the globe. In the second in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss our six predictions for class actions in the United Kingdom.

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#### **Our UK Class Actions film series**

17 July 2019

In the UK, the growing prevalence of Class Actions and the circumstances in which businesses are threatened with them, including changing rules on litigation funding and more flexible procedures, means that Class Actions are becoming a major risk for our clients.

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#### **The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape**

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## Events

Teresa is a well-known speaker at national and international conferences on environmental and health and safety compliance.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Teresa has strong connections with local business in the Sheffield area. For many years she has been a leading figure in the South Yorkshire Green Business Club, an organisation which enables smaller businesses in the area to benefit from the expertise of larger businesses, regulators and the academic community and improve their contribution to sustainable development. Teresa was recently appointed a Board Member for Sheffield First for Environment, the local partnership established by Sheffield City Council to champion environmental issues in the area.