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Teresa is a partner in the Sheffield office of DLA Piper. She is International Co-Head of Product Liability and Mass Torts and UK Head of Safety, Health and Environment (SHE).

Teresa's practice is broad-ranging, and covers all areas of environmental, health and safety, product safety and food safety law, licensing and gambling, and the regulatory aspects of healthcare.

Teresa's client base is very diverse. She regularly advises large international businesses, government departments, non-profit organisations and local authorities. Key areas of Teresa's practice include regeneration projects, ESG, climate change law, large-scale international product liability, 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.

Before qualifying as a solicitor, Teresa worked as a senior environmental and health and safety regulator in local government, and thereby acquired extensive practical experience of regulation and compliance.

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

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials

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

Publications

European Commission proposal for the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

24 February 2022

Yesterday, the European Commission finally released its long-awaited proposal for the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, that would require companies to carry out due diligence across their value chain, as well as embed sustainability and human rights considerations into their business strategy, decisions and oversight.

SHE Matters

29 November 2021

Health, Safety and Environmental Matters Series

SHE Matters is a quarterly publication compiled by DLA Piper's Safety, Health and Environment lawyers. This autumn edition includes articles on the Environment Bill; H&S fines and sentencing; tackling biodiversity loss; UK conformity assessed marking; case law on corporate manslaughter, and much more.

Carbon Matters - Autumn 2021

2 November 2021

This autumn edition of Carbon Matters launches the same week COP26 commences in Glasgow. This edition includes articles on COP26, the pledges so far and what we might expect; the UK's Hydrogen Strategy; and the government's consultation paper to amend the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS).

Carbon Matters – Summer 2021

29 April 2021

Carbon Matters is back with a summer 2021 edition covering topics ranging from the UK's COP26 plans, Climate Change Agreements, forest risk rules, and post Brexit transition cap and trade schemes.

SHE Matters – Summer 2021

29 April 2021

Health, Safety and Environmental Matters Series

SHE Matters is back with the latest summer 2021 edition with articles ranging from the environmental impact of lockdown, to sustainable corporate governance and the EU adoption of Collective Redress Directive for class actions.

Fatal air pollution: A subject for group actions in the UK?

21 January 2021

It has long been recognised that air pollution, in the form of particulates, and sulphur and nitrogen oxides, has an extremely detrimental effect on health – particularly in heavily populated urban areas with high traffic densities.

The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape

21 NOV 2013

Events

Previous

Global Disputes Forecast: Climate Litigation

26 April 2022

Webinar

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY

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.