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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, licensing and gambling, 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.

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

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### Publications

#### **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.

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#### **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).

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#### **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.

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## **SHE Matters – Summer 2021**

29 April 2021

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.

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### **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.

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### **Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe**

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

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### **COVID-19: Preparing to return to work**

14 July 2020

Many employers have adapted their working arrangements to ensure that employees have been able to work from home safely. However, following recent changes in legislation on gatherings, employers should now turn their attention to what is permitted, and what steps should be taken so employees can continue to work safely.

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### **New era for privacy and data breach Class Actions in the UK**

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the Morrisons case and the judgment in Lloyd v Google have significant implications for the growth of privacy and data protection Class Actions in the UK. If this type of Class Action can progress, the risks for organisations who commit a data breach will be unprecedented.

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### **How product liability Class Actions are growing in the UK**

18 December 2019

Product liability Class Actions in the UK... In the fourth in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss how Class Actions are developing in the product liability space in the UK.

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

21 NOV 2013

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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.