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Ailish Oxenforth has a broad ranging practice area covering health and safety, environmental, pharmaceutical/medical device issues and food safety.

Ailish has particular experience in advising on strategic health and safety issues, contaminated land and environmental permitting matters and in working with clients to devise practical solutions to complex technical and legal issues.

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- Dealing with regulatory authority queries and investigations; preparation, review, amendment and updating of policies and procedures; preparation and review of contractual documentation; strategic advice; corporate and litigation support
 - Preparing, reviewing and negotiating contractual documents insofar as they relate to the regulatory issues noted above and advising clients on the legal and commercial implications of such agreements
 - Review of and advice on due diligence systems, and suggested mechanisms for closing any loopholes, and
 - Negotiating and liaising with regulators when issues are raised following, for example, an inspection of premises or due to a complaint from a member of the public or an employee. This can involve obtaining and reviewing relevant information and putting the best picture forward to the enforcing authority. Ailish also interprets new and changing legislation for clients so that they can understand the practical implications of this, and provides support on the interpretation of legislation insofar as this is relevant to prosecutions.

Prior Experience

Jan 2009 to date, Legal Director, Safety Health and Environment, Litigation and Regulatory Group, DLA Piper, Sheffield

April 2004 - Dec 2008, DLA Piper, Associate, Safety Health and Environment/ Regulatory Group, Sheffield

May 2001 - April 2004, DLA Piper, Associate, Safety Health and Environment Group, Birmingham

Education

- University of Sheffield, Law - 1st Class Honours

INSIGHTS

Ailish is a frequent speaker at seminars and training events, and is a regular contributor to external publications.

Publications

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.

COVID-19: Updated UK Health and Safety Executive guidance

15 May 2020

The UK government is encouraging those who cannot work from home to return to work. The Health and Safety Executive has this week produced guidance on the reporting requirements, the requirement to consult with workers regarding health and safety measures and their return to the workplace, and how to manage the risk of COVID-19 at work.

COVID-19: UK Safety, Health and Environmental Considerations

22 April 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of social distancing measures by the UK Government presents new challenges for businesses across all sectors seeking to manage the disruption it brings and understand the new risks that it poses.
