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Vincent Blake-Barnard

Call: 2012 (Solicitor 2003)

Crime

Vince Blake-Barnard has a broad criminal practice. He is a Grade 2 prosecutor, regularly instructed on many matters by local authorities throughout Yorkshire in both the magistrates' and crown courts.

In particular, Vince has vast experience and clients in all matters linked to local-authority work, including benefit fraud, environmental health, food safety, and issues linked to housing and licensing infringements and anti-social behaviour.

In addition to his local-authority practice, Vince has undertaken defence work for a number of business against the Health and Safety Executive, the Security Industry Authority and fire authorities.

Public Access

Vince may accept [Public Access](#) work, where he can be instructed directly by a member of the public rather than a solicitor.

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Education:

1996 University of Lincoln, BA (Hons) Law & Business

1997 College of Law, York, Legal Practice Course

Career:

1983–91 Royal Navy

1998 Litigation solicitor, Hull City Council

2003 Principal litigation/regulatory solicitor, Scarborough Borough Council

2007 Principal litigation/regulatory solicitor, East Riding of Yorkshire

2012 Tenant at No 6, Leeds

2015 No 6 becomes Park Square Barristers

Personal Injury

Vince Blake-Barnard has a developing practice in personal injury (PI work), professional negligence and industrial diseases. He will advise on liability and quantum, and regularly appears in small-claim, fast-track and multi-track hearings.

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Commercial & Chancery

Property

Vince Blake-Barnard has advised and represented social landlords and local authorities in a wide range of housing-related work including possessions, demotions, injunctions and anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs). He also has experience in homelessness appeals.

Planning, housing & construction

Vince brings his vast experience of local authorities to bear in matters relating to planning enforcement, building regulations and housing enforcement.

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Regulatory & Public

Vince Blake-Barnard has an extensive regulatory and coroner's practice. He specialises in the licensing of the sale of alcohol and of taxis; planning, housing & construction; sports and swimming clubs; and coroners' inquests.

“Vincent is one of the hardest-working, most innovative and determined lawyers I've encountered in 30 years in local government.” — Paul Abbot, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Traffic commissioners

Vincent regularly attends before the traffic commissioner representing licence-holders.

Taxi-licensing

Vince has an extensive practice representing taxi drivers in West Yorkshire against decisions to refuse, suspend or revoke their taxi licenses. Besides representing at appeal, Vince undertakes the initial hearing before the licensing committee – an area in which he excels, having advised such committees for over 10 years in his role as a local-government solicitor. The majority of his clients instruct Vince through Public Access, making representation more affordable.

In *East Riding of Yorkshire Council v Dearlove* [2012] EWHC 278 (Admin), Vince acted in a successful case stated against Beverley Magistrates with regards to test-purchase operations by the licensing authority against unlicensed taxi drivers.

Alcohol-licensing

Vince advised several licensing authorities for over 10 years. This experience is invaluable when appearing before licensing committees and the magistrates' court on appeal.

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Sports clubs

Vince has been heavily involved with a number of amateur sporting clubs in relation to their investigations and policies. He regularly represents swimming clubs before the Amateur Swimming Association.

Coroners' inquests

Vince excels in this area, principally representing families (where his sensitivity is noted), managing to balance their expectations with the needs of the coroner. He will accept instructions direct from members of the public under the Public Access scheme. Notable inquests include:

- Re GB (deceased) – Represented the family at a 6-week Article-2 inquest. A patient at HMP Doncaster died and it was found that the doctor's (and other health workers') actions had contributed to the death.
- Re NS (deceased) – Represented the family at a 2-day inquest. It was found that the actions of doctors in charge of the medical care at Dewsbury Hospital had contributed to the patient's death; death by misadventure with a narrative verdict.

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