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Transport Legislation



A large number of delegates attended a presentation on Transport Legislation by David Glover, a solicitor with Marshall Glover Solicitors, who are ranked in the Chambers directory as a leading law firm in this specialism and specialise in advising clients both within the UK and overseas on all aspects of transport law, health and safety law and environmental law.

Before becoming a solicitor David was employed by the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) as an enforcement officer for twelve years and represents clients at Public Inquiries, Magistrates Courts and Transport Tribunal Hearings.

He advises on all aspects of health and safety law and transport law, including VOSA, Police, Trading Standards and Health & Safety Executive prosecutions and HM Revenue and Customs matters.

David discussed matters such as Roadside Encounters – why are vehicles pulled over and he stressed the importance of Driver Defect Reports. The Traffic Commissioner will compare an Operator's Inspection Report to Driver Defect Reports, so it is important that Transport Operators can demonstrate good procedures, training and risk assessment. Keeping records is important, especially letters of attestation and he discussed the possible implications on UK Operators of the effects of new cabotage law.

David pointed out some implications and intricacies of law which even experienced transport operators may be unaware of and quoted some examples of instances where drivers and operators had been at fault, albeit sometimes unwittingly.

David gave everyone much for thought which was very well received. The feedback from those attending was very good, including one comment "An excellent event this evening, certainly one for the transport buffs"

