



The Chambers of
Harendra de Silva QC

Matthew Paul: Licensing Law CV:

Matthew is instructed in a wide spectrum of licensing cases. He represents both local authorities and licence holders (or applicants), including multi-national companies such as Iceland Foods and McDonald's.

He is familiar with all stages of the licensing process, from the first application before Council licensing sub-committees (where he has acted both for applicants and as the Council's legal adviser), through appeals at the Magistrates' Court, to appeals to the High Court by way of case stated or judicial review.

He has demonstrated a record of success in contested applications, and solid judgement in negotiating settlements. **He has a good grasp of the technicalities of licensing law and procedure, and uses this to his clients' advantage.**

Matthew is currently instructed in a judicial review relating to the costs implications of a licence holder's decision to bypass the statutory appeals procedure set down in the Licensing Act 2003 by applying for two duplicate premises (liquor) licences for the same supermarket.