

GILBERT WALKER

Health & safety investigations & prosecutions



What we do

- We advise and represent clients in relation to investigations and prosecutions brought by WorkSafe for health and safety breaches.

How we help

- We use our advisory and advocacy experience, as well as our extensive expertise in regulatory investigations, to assist clients with interviews, document requests and other issues arising from WorkSafe investigations.
- Where matters cannot be resolved, we are experienced in representing clients in prosecutions and at sentencings in the District Court and High Court. We also represent clients in inquests and inquiries arising out of workplace accidents.

Experience

- acting for the helicopter companies in prosecutions under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in relation to tour operations on Whakaari/White Island following the eruption in December 2019, the largest investigation and proceeding conducted by WorkSafe to date
- acting for a glass products company in relation to an investigation and prosecution brought by WorkSafe arising out of a workplace accident resulting in serious injury to a worker
- successfully representing a client under investigation by WorkSafe for breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Act in relation to an accident arising out of use of earthmoving equipment, which has resulted in no charges being laid
- acting for an employee of a transport company in relation to a WorkSafe investigation arising out of a fatal bus crash

- acting for parties represented in the Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission and the Royal Commission on the Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy
- acting for corporations and individuals, across a wide range of industries, including construction, transport, manufacturing, forestry and mining, who have become subject to WorkSafe investigations and prosecutions, and inquiries

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