

Mr Solomon N’Jie

Expert Witness services specialising in the following

- Crowd Safety incidents at Public Events
- Drone instances that endanger Public Safety and Security
- Cases arising from illegal Drone incursions at Public Events

I am a Crowd Safety Management Specialist with over thirty years’ experience of providing operational planning, safety and delivery services for over 1,500 events. These range in size and complexity from the London Marathon Finish, 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games, King Abdullah City Sports Stadium in Saudi Arabia, European Games Azerbaijan, Wembley Stadium and Arena to more modest indoor and outdoor public events.

In addition I have a huge amount of aviation experience which includes flying helicopters for 20 years and a drone pilot for three years. I currently hold a CAA Permission for Commercial Operations and specialise in advising public event organisations on the legal use of drones, which includes operational planning and delivery services, together with lawful drone detection and countermeasure options.

Credentials:

- BA(Hons) and FdA in Crowd Safety Management
- Civil Aviation Authority Permission for Commercial Operations UAV
- Diploma in Remote Piloting of UAV Systems for Commercial Operation
- Diploma in Spectator Safety Management
- Expert Witness Cardiff University Bond Solon (Civil) Cert
- Work Based Learning in Higher Education
- Member and Standards Group Partner of the Association of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (ARPAS)
- Formerly an Associate Member of the Emergency Planning College

Relevant History

Examples of expert witness services delivered over the past few years:

- Outdoor Concert - Unfortunately, 9 people received injuries from a single assailant at an event attended by 40,000. Services provided to the law firm dealing with the multiple litigation actions
- Indoor Venue - The evidence suggested a delay between a patron collapsing and receiving treatment; even though first aid trained staff were in attendance, resulted in brain damage and the necessity for long term care.
- Indoor Venue - Drug misuse resulted in hospitalisation for a patron. Provided a summary report with findings plus a review of current licensing, H&S and management practices as requested for the local authority.

- Outdoor Event - A patron received a laceration caused by a glass bottle during an festival. Reported to the legal team on the planning and delivery groups' exposure.

A number of articles and guides have been produced which include the following:

- A Practical Guide to Drone use at Public Events
- A Defence Strategy for Litigation Claims through Effective Crowd Safety Management Practices
- Drone Detection and Countermeasures to support Public Safety and Security
- Integrating Drones into Crowd Safety and Security Management
- Drone Risks to Safety and Security at Public Events
- 2017 Wireless Festival - A view from the Drone Air-Desk
- PDF's available here <https://www.solmanagement.co.uk/about.html>)

Prolific speaker engagements at public shows and events on subjects that include:

- Drone Detection and Countermeasures to support Public Safety and Security
- The Integration of Drones into Security Management at Public Events
- The International Crowd Safety Conference
- How and when drones can cause security problems
- Panel Discussion Drones - Capabilities to Assist vs Potential Threat
- Do Drones Assist or Hinder Event Safety
- Event Management use of Drones

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