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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Fraud, Insurance, Credit Hire, Costs, Inquests, Clinical Negligence

Charles has a well-established and in demand specialist practice in personal injury law.

He has considerable experience in a wide range of personal injury work, including: road traffic liability (often involving fraud, credit hire, and insurance issues), highways claims, public liability, inquests, and the liabilities of employers and occupiers.

He is regularly instructed for both Claimants and Defendants in both multi-track and fast track matters and is in court almost every day. As a consequence, he has extensive advocacy experience.

Charles is also regularly instructed to advise on liability, quantum and procedural matters, as well as drafting statements of case and schedules of loss.

He undertakes work on a CFA basis and is willing to consider pro bono work where appropriate.

Fraud

Charles is regularly instructed to act in personal injury claims which involve allegations of fraud, including claims involving allegations of exaggerated injuries, malingering, and fundamental dishonesty.

He has particular experience in dealing with RTA fraud cases which involve Low Velocity Impact (LVI) claims, induced/staged accidents, phantom passengers, and fraudulent credit hire and storage costs.

He regularly drafts defences, advises both on paper and in conference, and he frequently tests the evidence of insureds at the earliest stages of the litigation. He is knowledgeable in associated costs issues (including wasted costs, third party costs orders, and the disapplication of the qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS) regime).

Cases

F – Successfully obtained a settlement of over £300k at JSM for 3 children whose mother was killed in a RTA. The significant issues in the case included the valuation of the gratuitous care for the children provided by their father between the accident and anticipated date of trial.

D – Acted for a claimant who suffered a significant psychiatric injury following witnessing her deceased father's coffin being buried in the wrong plot at the defendant's graveyard. The case examined where the boundaries of the class of

secondary victims in psychiatric injury claims may lie.

F v MIB – In an action against the MIB, acted successfully for a claimant who had suffered very serious physical injuries in a RTA, including a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

H – Acted for one of four defendants in £100K+ claim by worker who suffered a significant eye injury whilst working on a construction site. The matter was successfully concluded at JSM following resolution of a difficult issue of apportionment between the defendants.

W – Currently instructed by the defendant in a low velocity impact (LVI) claim in which the defendant is seeking to set aside the claimant's notice of discontinuance and obtain a strike out of the claim, thereby avoiding the usual effects of the QOCS regime.

Qualifications & Awards

Imperial College, London BSc (First Class, Hons) in Biological Sciences,
LLB Law (Hons), The College of Law
BVC (Outstanding)
GDL (Distinction)

HR Light Bursary (Middle Temple Scholarship) Winner
College of Law (London) GDL Mooting Competition 2006
Awarded College of Law (London) Advocacy Prize 2007

Memberships

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