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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Sports, Health & Safety, Credit Hire, Insurance

James' practice is predominantly mid to high end Multi Track work. He regularly appears in court and has a strong paperwork practice. He accepts claims on a CFA basis and is willing to consider pro bono work where appropriate.

He has particular interest and experience in respect of travel law and accidents abroad, MIB and RTA 1988 related matters, head and brain injury cases, complex regional pain syndrome and fibromyalgia, and cycling and motorcycling accidents (and in particular questions of contributory negligence relating to the wearing / use of cycle helmets).

James also has a strong clinical negligence practice.

James was ranked in the Personal Injury section of the 2015 Edition of Chambers and Partners as '*up and coming*'.

Clinical Negligence

James has a keen interest in clinical negligence work. He has experience of advising of such cases from the very outset of the litigation with particular regard to assessing the merits of potential claims on the medical records, advising as to breach of duty reports and causation reports. James also has experience in respect of cases concerning clinical assessments and equipment trials.

Recent examples of James work include:

- A claim involving the alleged missed diagnosis: (1) of a serious shoulder injury leading to a largely irreparable rotator cuff injury; and (2) of a wedge fracture to the spine. The Claimant is a manual worker and has been left with permanent symptomology affecting his ability to carry out his trade.
- A claim involving a clinical assessment of an occupational therapy equipment. During the course of the assessment the already vulnerable Claimant suffered fractures to her tibia and fibula.
- A claim involving the alleged negligent treatment of an elbow injury such that the early diagnosis of CRPS as missed.
- A claim involving the negligent treatment and management of an elbow injury resulting in the conversion of the initial injury from a closed fracture into an open fracture, together with the failure to diagnose a scaphoid fracture.

Qualifications & Awards

B.Sc. (First Class Honours) Government (London School of Economics)

M.Phil. (Distinction) International Relations (Magdalene College, Cambridge University)

Post Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction) (College of Law)

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent) (ICSL)

Howard Laski Scholarship (LSE 1999-2000)

Princes Royal Scholar (Inner Temple 2004-2005)

Directories

Ranked in Chambers and Partners, 2015 – Personal Injury (up and coming) and Legal 500, 2017 & 2018 – Travel Law (Leading Juniors).

Memberships

PIBA, LCLCBA, AvMA

Cases

Copley v Lawn and Maden v Haller [2009] EWCA Civ 580. Appeared as Junior Counsel, led by Ronald Walker Q.C. for the Defendants in these credit hire cases concerning: (1) whether or not it is unreasonable for claimants, whose vehicles have been damaged in road traffic accidents, to reject offers of replacement vehicles from defendant insurers; and (2) the question, if it is unreasonable for claimants to reject such offers, of the correct measure of damages.