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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Employment & Discrimination, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Professional Negligence, Credit Hire, International & Travel, Inquests, Fraud, Arbitration, Mediation, Costs

Jeremy accepts instructions across all of 12KBW's core areas. He has particular experience in claims involving employment and discrimination (with expertise in post-termination restrictions), costs, public / occupiers' / employers' liability, insurance, credit hire and fundamental dishonesty.

His practice encompasses advisory work, drafting and advocacy in fast track and multi-track claims, both in the High Court and County Courts.

Owing to previous employment at a City law firm, he has a detailed knowledge of civil procedure and experience across a broad range of commercial and arbitration, regulatory and fraud work.

He is a contributor to several blogs and publications in his specialist areas.

Employment & Discrimination

Jeremy has worked on a range of Employment Tribunal and High Court employment matters for both claimants and defendants, including restrictive covenant, confidential information, bonus, and severance claims and has been frequently involved in interim applications for injunctive relief.

He has experience in the preparatory and final hearing stages across the full range of statutory employment claims, including experience in unfair dismissal, sex, race and disability discrimination and discrimination by association, harassment and victimisation, whistleblowing and TUPE, namely drafting pleadings, skeleton arguments and closing submissions, and trial preparation, including extensive expertise in bundle preparation and client-care. He has a good working knowledge of the Employment Tribunal both in and outside London.

Jeremy has substantial experience in High Court employment practice, in particular injunctive relief relating to breach of confidence and post-termination restrictions, including non-solicitation, non-poaching and non-compete provisions. He has assisted in drafting submissions to the High Court, Employment Appeal Tribunal and Court of Appeal.

With a view to the smoother conduct of the litigation process, Jeremy spent some time helping an Employment department develop and launch a tailored litigation management platform using HighQ technology.

Insurance

Jeremy has a growing practice in advising on policy and coverage disputes, particularly in the context of (road traffic accidents, occupier and public liability disputes), indemnity issues, and sub-contracting in the context of provision of goods and services.

He is frequently instructed on behalf of large insurers and the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB).

Credit Hire

Jeremy regularly acts for defendants in complex credit hire claims in fast and multi-track matters. He has a thorough knowledge of the authorities in the area. He takes instructions in cases involving both disputed liability and quantum-only trials.

Costs

Jeremy is a member of 12KBW's costs team. He has a detailed knowledge of the costs regime, including fixed costs.

He has extensive experience both advising and appearing in the following areas:

- CCMC / costs budgeting

Detailed assessment;

- Non-party costs;
- Wasted costs;
- Client assessment of solicitor costs

Jeremy regularly gives seminars and publishes on all matters relating to costs.

Personal Injury

Jeremy accepts instructions in small, fast and multi-track cases across all areas of personal injury including employers' liability, public liability, occupiers' liability and road traffic incidents.

He has extensive experience dealing with quantum-only disposal and Stage 3 hearings.

Inquests

Jeremy has experience of acting in inquests for families and other interested persons. He has particular experience appearing on behalf of care homes.

In addition to representation at inquest hearings, Jeremy advises parties in preparation for inquests and is happy to attend pre-inquest reviews.

International & Travel

Jeremy accepts instructions in international and travel cases, including those involving the Package Travel Regulations. He has good knowledge of recent changes to the law.

He also has in-depth knowledge of the rules surrounding jurisdiction and service out.

Professional Negligence

Jeremy accepts instructions across the full range of professional negligence litigation.

Clinical Negligence

Jeremy accepts instructions in clinical negligence matters, including providing advice on merits and quantum.

Regulatory and Fraud

Jeremy has worked on regulatory matters involving the Financial Conduct Authority, at both the investigation and enforcement stages. As a result, He has developed a working knowledge of the FSMA and COBS regimes, the Approved Persons rules and issues of compliance more generally.

In the field of business crime, Jeremy was heavily involved in the final stages of a Serious Fraud Office prosecution alleging multi-million-pound bribery charges against senior managers of an international transport company.

Commercial & Arbitration

Jeremy has first-hand experience assisting across a range of contentious commercial matters: partnership/LLP, shareholder disputes, misrepresentation, civil fraud, breach of warranty, agency and distribution, directors' duties, worldwide freezing orders and search orders.

He is an experienced user of e-disclosure platforms (including Relativity) and has been actively involved in forensic IT investigation and recovery exercises as part of high-value Commercial, Mercantile Court and TCC litigation.

Jeremy has worked on high-value international commercial arbitrations (sitting at the IDRC, London) involving parties from multiple jurisdictions, gaining valuable experience in both substantive issues of distribution agreements, proceedings under the LCIA rules, and section 68 references.

He has, for the past few years and by invitation, sat as a Moot-Arbitrator for one of the UK pre-moots forming part of the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Mooting competition held annually in Vienna.

Mediation

Jeremy is an accredited mediator with ADR group for civil/commercial disputes and has been involved in a number of formal and informal mediations as part of a client team.

He has been involved in the drafting of settlement agreements, and the finalisation and filing of Tomlin Orders.

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course – BPP University
Diplôme juridique français – University of Poitiers
MA, Law – University of Cambridge

Appointments & Memberships

Employment Law Bar Association