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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International & Travel, Human Rights, Industrial Disease, Personal Injury, Product Liability, Aviation

Max Archer specializes in cross border litigation, aviation, claims arising out of exposure to asbestos, human rights issues and product liability.

Cross-border & aviation work forms a significant part of Max's practice. He has expertise in jurisdiction and conflicts of laws as well as private international tort law and human rights issues. He is also very experienced in aviation matters, handling fatal air crashes as sole and junior counsel.

He has experience in asbestos litigation beyond his call, appearing in Taylor v Fascia Future [2018] EWHC 3049 QB led by Harry Steinberg QC. Max is experienced in handling all issues arising out claims involving exposure to asbestos including those surrounding immunotherapy.

Max is a member of the Bar Pro Bono Unit and is willing to consider acting in a pro-bono capacity.

Cross-border, Travel & Aviation

Max has extensive experience of cases with an international element.

Max routinely deals with cases involving questions of jurisdiction and applicable law and is experienced in handling Rome I, Rome II and the Brussels Regulations. He is comfortable dealing with foreign law experts and has experience in cases involving applicable law issues involving a wide range of jurisdictions.

He regularly acts in claims brought under the Package Travel Regulations and is experienced in bringing recovery actions on behalf of their insurers and suppliers. Max has recently been instructed as sole counsel in a high value recovery action brought by a well-known tour operator.

Max has considerable aviation experience from claims brought under the Montreal Convention 1999 to commercial and regulatory aviation matters. He has been instructed in a number of fatal air crashes, including the recent Leicester Air Crash, and is often led by Michael Rawlinson QC in this area.

Max is also very experienced in mass tort litigation involving cross-border issues. He has been instructed in one of the highest value cases being litigated in Europe as part of a core team of counsel pleading the claim. He brings considerable experience in pleading such claims and is well versed in the complex issue of case managing mass torts.

Asbestos Litigation

Max has experience in industrial disease litigation beyond his call and has a particular interest in acting for claimants in claims arising out of exposure to asbestos.

Max regularly advises on issues such as low-level exposure, immunotherapy and claims involving difficult evidential and insurance issues.

He has acted as junior counsel to Harry Steinberg QC and Michael Rawlinson QC in a number of high value cases in this field including Taylor v Fascia Future [2018] EQHC 3049.

Max is the co-editor of the 12KBW Asbestos Blog.

Max also acts in non-asbestos related disease claims including exposure to various contaminants including fibreglass and silicon.

Product Liability

Max has a strong interest in product liability claims and regularly accepts instructions in this area. He has experience of product liability cases brought by consumers as well as commercial product liability litigation. He is particularly interested in the overlap between product liability and industrial disease and is litigating a number of cases involving asbestos products.

Max has an interest in driverless cars and offers in house talks on the forthcoming legislation and proposed liability regime.

Data Protection & Human Rights

Max is experienced in advising and acting in human rights and data protection litigation.

Max's has an in-depth knowledge of data protection case law and statutes including:

- Breach of confidence and misuse of private information;
- Data Protection Act 1998;
- Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC;
- General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679;
- Human Rights Act 1998 and article 8 of the ECHR;
- The right to be forgotten.

Max is regularly asked to advise on human rights issues, particularly where such issues occur in personal injury cases. Recent examples of his work include advising on the compatibility with international conventions with the HRA 1998, immigration issues, privacy issues and equality act claims.

Qualifications & Awards

- GDL & BPTC – City Law School
- Mphil in Modern European History – University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons) History – University of Warwick
- Lord Haldane Scholarship- Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award- Lincoln's Inn
- Honourable Mention- William C. Vis International Arbitration Competition
- Linklaters Aspire Award

Appointments & Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

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Pro Bono Champion

Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Government Legal Department's Junior Junior Scheme

Publications

Max is the co-editor of the 12KBW Asbestos Blog, and a contributor to the 12IT International and Travel Blog.