

Max Archer

Call: 2014
archer@12kbw.co.uk



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

Max is recognised as a leading practitioner in a number of different fields including aviation law, cross border litigation, industrial disease, product liability and group actions. Across these fields he is experienced in tortious disputes, commercial litigation and regulatory matters.

He is known for his excellent client care, robust advocacy and pragmatic approach to litigation. Max's work is often technical, high value and complex. He often appears unled against silks in the higher courts and is acknowledged for his advocacy skills.

Max has unparalleled knowledge of aviation law and has become a go-to junior in this area in respect of large loss events occurring all over the world as well as domestic accidents, regulatory issues and commercial aviation work.

His work often has an international dimension, he has expertise in jurisdiction and conflicts of laws as well as private international tort law and human rights issues.

Max often acts in group actions, both led and unled. He is adept at handling mass tort cases and often acts in environmental actions as well as group personal injury claims.

He is a contributing author of *Asbestos: Law & Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019) and the co-editor of 12KBW's Asbestos Blog.

Max is recognised in Aviation, Personal Injury and Travel in the Legal 500 and in Aviation, Personal Injury and Industrial Disease in Chambers & Partners.

Industrial Disease

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. He has appeared in numerous high court trials both led and unled including *Cuthbert v Taylor Woodrow* [2022] EWHC Civ 3036, *Balls v Thurlow* [2021] EWHC 751 and *Taylor v Fascia Future* [2018] EWHC 3049.

Max regularly advises on issues such as low-level exposure, immunotherapy and claims involving difficult evidential and insurance issues. His asbestos litigation practice is one of the few areas of his work in which his history degree comes to active use.

Max acts in contribution claims brought by insurers and often brings his international expertise to bear on this area.

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 mould, fibreglass and silicon.

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

Pro Bono Champion

Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Government Legal Department's Junior Junior Scheme

Publications

Contributor Asbestos: Law & Litigation, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019 (Chapters; Asbestos: history and use, Product liability, Contributory negligence)

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