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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Insurance, Industrial Disease, Emerging Areas, Arbitration, Aviation

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder of the Crown Court: 2012

Patrick is a specialist in Insurance and Personal Injury law. He acts for Claimants and Defendants in complex and high value brain injury, spinal and amputation cases. He also undertakes disease and occupational exposure litigation, and is experienced in claims involving accidents abroad.

Patrick has a substantial practice in insurance policy and coverage disputes, particularly in relation to motor policies, MIB claims and international claims.

He has extensive experience of claims involving the application of the EU Motor Insurance Directives, jurisdiction issues and the application of Rome II.

Examples of recent work include advising on several high level amputation cases, and more than ten brain or spinal injury claims worth in excess of £5m within the last year. He has advised on a multi claimant action involving occupational exposure to antibiotics, a fatal accident claim involving a gyrocopter and has experience of catastrophic accidents in Hungary, Bulgaria, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Ireland, Poland and Bermuda.

Personal Injury

Patrick has in depth knowledge and experience of all types of catastrophic personal injury claims, and has a particular interest in the evolving assistive technology increasingly featuring in such claims.

International & Travel

Patrick has expertise in cross-border personal injury actions, transport accidents, holiday claims and jurisdiction disputes. He has a particular knowledge of EU motor insurance guarantee funds.

Insurance

Patrick is regularly instructed in policy coverage, avoidance, contribution actions between insurers and cross-border

disputes.

Industrial Disease

Patrick has extensive experience of litigating asbestos claims for claimants and defendants.

Aviation

Patrick has extensive experience of claims involving the application of the EU Motor Insurance Directives, jurisdiction issues and the application of Rome II, as well as expertise in cross-border personal injury actions, transport accidents, holiday claims and jurisdiction disputes.

Recent experience includes;

QF32 – Advising on PTSD claims brought by 150 occupants of an A380 that experienced an uncontained engine failure. My aviation experience/knowledge assisted with understand the accident mechanism, recognising the salient parts of the ATSB reports and understanding the process that led to the aircraft being stuck on the tarmac for over an hour when it eventually did land.

Gyrocopter claim – Instructed in a fatal claim involving a self-build gyrocopter, acting for the builder. Other parties were the CAA and PFA. Complex engineering/regulatory issues.

London Helicopter Centre claim – acted for a customer in relation to substandard maintenance and consequential loss of use.

Acting in numerous baggage handler/engineer airside PI claims and cabin crew claims.

Emerging Areas

Drones, self-driving cars and the claims and obligations of the imminent EU General Data Protection Regulation are all areas in which Patrick has developed technical knowledge to combine with his general insurance practice in order to advise clients on the challenges ahead.

Appointments & Memberships

Recorder of the Crown Court since 2012

Member of PIBA, BIICL, PEOPIIL and PNBA

Cases

Howe v MIB [2016] EWHC 640 (QB)

Tesco Underwriting v Achunche QBD 07/07/16

Douglas v O'Neill [2011] EWHC 601 9QB)