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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, Personal Injury and International/Travel law. He acts for Claimants and Defendants in complex catastrophic personal injury claims, insurance and policy construction disputes and cross jurisdictional litigation.

Examples of recent work include

- Appearances in the Supreme Court in *Cameron v Liverpool Victoria Insurance Co Ltd* [2019] UKSC 6 and *R & S Pilling v(T/A Phoenix Engineering) v UK Insurance Ltd* [2019] UKSC 16.
- Acting for the dependents of a victim of a fatal aircraft accident in Switzerland.
- Acting for the Defendant insurer in *Greenaway & Rocks v Covea* in which the court considered for the first time how the English courts were to tackle issues which, pre-Brexit, would have been referred to the CJEU for a preliminary ruling.
- Advising and acting more than 20 catastrophic brain injury claims worth in excess of £5m within the last year.
- Appearing in the important motor policy construction case of *Daudher v Hoisani, EUI Ltd & Advantage Insurance Co Ltd* [2020] WLUK 549.
- Advising on Covid Business Interruption claims.
- Instructed in complex personal injury claims occurring in Hungary, Romania, Bermuda, Bulgaria, France, Spain and Poland.

Patrick has a particular interest in aviation/maritime claims and holds a private pilot's licence.

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, PEOPIL 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)

Directories

"He's a persuasive advocate who has a gift for not overstating the good points." *Chambers and Partners, 2021*

"He has great judgement and is calm, measured and persuasive in his advocacy." *Chambers and Partners, 2021*

"A very experienced and persuasive advocate, who judges respond well to. Always excellently prepared and realistic with advice." *Legal 500, 2021*

"He's extremely sharp-minded and able to quickly pick up the most important issues and evidence. He conveys his thoughts in a succinct manner which is understandable to his clients, opponents and judges." *Chambers and Partners, 2020*

"Go-to barrister for indemnity matters." *Legal 500, 2019*

"He's a superb negotiator and someone you really want on your side." *Chambers & Partners, 2019*

"He brings a wonderful mix of first-class technical expertise, knowledge of the law and an eye for detail, together with down to earth common sense." *Legal 500, 2018*

"Really measured and impressive." *Chambers & Partners, 2018*

"Excellent on detail. His input is always valuable." *Chambers & Partners, 2018*

"As an advocate, his calm and authoritative submissions resonate with judges." *Legal 500, 2017*

"Very clever, able to absorb a lot of information and distil it down to focus on the salient points very quickly. He's very good on his feet and is a brilliant advocate." *Chambers & Partners, 2017*

"He's one of the top counsel for motor policy work." *Chambers & Partners, 2017*

"He is extremely articulate and persuasive." *The Legal 500, 2015*

"He is a sensible negotiator and his calm and measured style is well received by judges. His knowledge of statutory motor insurance and the framework behind it surpasses many a QC." *Chambers & Partners, 2016*

"He is QC quality; good with clients and strong on his feet." *The Legal 500, 2015*