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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Insurance, Industrial Disease, Professional Negligence, Inquests, Costs, Property, International & Travel, Arbitration

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Deputy District Judge (West Midlands): 2010

Richard is an experienced litigator who is regularly instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in high value personal injury litigation including disease, motor and EL claims. His numeracy and interest in scientific matters mean that he is adept at handling complex loss assessments and cases where a good understanding of technical issues is vital.

Richard's practice extends to insurance issues and he is regularly instructed by most major insurance companies to deal with claims involving coverage and policy arguments.

Richard regularly acts in asbestos disease claims particularly those involving mesothelioma and lung cancer. He has been instructed in claims arising from exposure in the construction, manufacturing, shipbuilding, shipping, sugar production and telecom industries as well as claims arising from environmental exposure.

Richard also has a keen interest in procedural matters and is currently a barrister member of the CPRC. He is frequently instructed to act in relation to specific procedural and costs issues.

Qualifications

BSc Hons Mathematical Sciences

LLM Hons (Cantab) – Clare College

BA Hons (Cantab) (Law) – Clare College

Appointments & Memberships

Barrister member – Civil Procedure Rule Committee 2010 –

Deputy Head of Chambers – 2015 –

Personal Injury Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Cases

S v M (2016) – acting for motor insurer intervening in declaration action brought by another insurer

D v G (2016) – acting for insurer in significant head injury claim valued by C at £3m

S v K – advising Defendant company in respect of insurance coverage for asbestos claim

R (Roadpeace) v Secretary of State for Transport & MIB (2016) – instructed by MIB, an interested party in a JR claim considering aspects of the MIB agreements

S v B (2016) – acted for Defendant at JSM in claim arising from traumatic amputation of hand

S v H & X (2016) – acted for insurer and company in respect of partly insured contribution claim arising from an underlying mesothelioma claim

T v K (2016) – acting for insurer in dispute between 3 insurers in respect of indemnity in relation to a catastrophic injury claim. Disputes as to notice in the main claim and separate declaration proceedings brought by 2 of the 3 insurers

Re Nanfuka & Jackson (2015) – instructed to act in inquest on behalf of security company following the unfortunate deaths of two young girls in a crush at a nightclub

V v Carillion Support & Services Limited (2015) – acted for mesothelioma victim in claim settled during his lifetime and shortly before trial

S v Akzo Nobel UK Ltd (2015) – acted for mesothelioma victim in claim settled during his lifetime

A v Hodgson & Hodgson Ltd (2015) – acted for claimant in respect of claim for further damages under a provisional damages award in asbestos case

Hedderman v European Industrial Service Limited (2015) – acted for Defendant in NIHL claim. Claimant discontinued on eve of trial

Saund v Ageas Insurance (2015) – represented successful insurer at trial in respect of motor policy coverage issues

Marchmont v Frederick Wise Ltd (2015) – successfully obtained relief from sanctions on behalf of claimant despite the trial being adjourned as a result

Instructed in various claims arising from the M5 'fireworks' accident. Several fatal and catastrophic injury claims arose from this multiple vehicle incident. Richard acted for one of the insurers involved (2014-15)

W v F (2015) – fatal accident claim arising from collision between motorcycle and car in approach to roadworks

Marach-Coombs v Dewdney (2014) – High Court RTA liability trial where Claimant collided with Defendant's car which had crashed shortly before the Claimant's approach partially obstructing the Claimant's path

M v C (2014) – fatal accident act claim where father had left high-paid work to look after children following the death of his wife/their mother

D v J Sainsbury plc (2014) – fatal mesothelioma claim successfully settled despite liability and quantum disputes in a case involving limited exposure to asbestos in lift operating room

Meppen-Walter (2014) – advised and acted for insurer in various aspects of claims and policy coverage issues arising from fatal car accident

Maggs v Anstey – Acting for Claimant who established liability in a fatal mesothelioma case arising from a one-off exposure to asbestos

Workman v CJ King & Sons – High Court trial in respect of 'symptomless' asbestos disease claims. Settled prior to conclusion of trial

Re Barnstaple Civic Centre – advising and conducting settlement negotiations in significant property damage and consequential loss claim arising from electrical fault

Boyll v AXA Corporate Solutions (High Court) – Acting for Defendant on appeal in respect of wasted costs order made against Claimant's former solicitors. Appeal successfully resisted and wasted costs order maintained

Directories

"He has a brilliant methodical and mathematical approach and is very user-friendly." *Chambers and Partners, 2021*

"He is bright and pragmatic." *Chambers and Partners, 2021*

"Has a great ability to distil complex indemnity disputes down to their core issues – always gives clear and understandable advice" *Legal 500, 2021*

"A very sensible, fair-minded and well-informed barrister. He is a good lawyer and has a very nice manner about him." *Chambers and Partners, 2020*

"He is extremely personable and good with numbers and indemnity issues." *Legal 500, 2018*

"He provides clear, concise and excellent advice." *Legal 500, 2017*

"Pragmatic, with very good attention to detail." *Legal 500, 2016*

"His attention to detail is second to none, and he is good with clients and readily accessible if needed." *Legal 500, 2015*