

Brian McCluggage

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Insurance, Fraud, Clinical Negligence, Property, Property Damage

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Fee-paid Employment Judge (2010 to date); Bar Disciplinary Tribunal (2017- 2024)

Brian McCluggage is a leading practitioner in high-value insurance litigation with thirty years' experience at the Bar. He acts principally for insurers and defendant solicitors in catastrophic personal injury claims, complex liability disputes, and substantial property damage and indemnity work.

He is regularly instructed as sole counsel in claims valued up to £15 million. His practice is characterised by meticulous evidential preparation, command of technical and scientific material, and a direct, strategically focused approach to case management. He is recognised for his courtroom advocacy, particularly his cross-examination of expert witnesses and his willingness to take difficult points at trial.

Brian's early years at the Bar saw him develop a broad civil and regulatory practice. He was junior counsel to the Crown for twenty years and gained experience across professional negligence, contractual disputes, indirect taxation, and injunctive relief. This grounding informs his current more specialised practice.

He is also a tenant at Nine St John Street Chambers in Manchester.

Personal Injury

Brian's personal injury practice focuses on claims where the value in dispute exceeds £1 million. He has particular expertise in brain injury (from contested minor TBI through to disorders of consciousness), spinal cord injury, and amputation. He is thoroughly familiar with the complexities of accommodation claims, deputyship and case management issues, and the structuring of periodical payment orders.

He also undertakes complex fatal accident claims, especially those involving business interests, partnership structures, or forensic accountancy evidence. His approach to joint settlement meetings and mediations is thorough and strategically prepared, with detailed schedule analysis and risk assessment.

Liability work includes road traffic collisions involving reconstruction evidence, accidents on construction sites, and claims under the Occupiers' Liability Act and Highways Act where technical defences arise.

Qualifications

MA (Cantab)

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King's Bench Walk

LL.M. (Toronto)

Middle Temple Harold G Fox Scholar