

Charles Robertshaw

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Insurance, Costs, Inquests, Credit Hire

Charles specialises in complex personal injury claims. He is regularly instructed for both claimants and defendants in a wide range of personal injury work involving serious injury and death, including: employers' liability, public liability, highways claims, clinical negligence, and road traffic liability. Charles' practice involves claims of high value, including some in excess of £1 million.

Charles is known for combining his notorious attention to detail and thorough preparation with an ability to identify the key issues in the case and provide pragmatic, clear, logical advice to his clients.

Charles is an experienced, persuasive and robust trial advocate. He is approachable and builds a strong rapport with his instructing solicitors and clients.

Where settlement is appropriate for his clients, he is a skilled negotiator both in JSM's and in mediations and regularly achieves successful outcomes for his clients without recourse to trial.

Fraud

Charles is frequently instructed by defendants to act in personal injury claims which involve allegations of fraud, including claims involving exaggerated injuries, malingering, and fundamental dishonesty.

He provides strategic advice at all stages of litigation and his typical approach of thorough preparation, attention to detail and robust trial advocacy is particularly well-suited to cases involving fraud.

He is very experienced in the use of surveillance evidence and in the tactical considerations that arise whenever surveillance evidence is being deployed. He is also very familiar with the usual investigations into claimants including the analysis and deployment of social media evidence.

He has expertise in securing enforceable costs orders against dishonest litigants, solicitors, and related third parties (including wasted costs, third-party costs orders, and the disapplication of the qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS)

regime).

He has particular experience in dealing with RTA fraud cases which involve Low Velocity Impact (LVI) claims, induced/staged accidents, phantom passengers, and fraudulent credit hire and storage costs.

He regularly drafts defences, Part 18 questions and robust counter-schedules to very good effect. He also advises both on paper and in conference, and he frequently tests the evidence of insureds at the earliest stages of the litigation.

Qualifications & Awards

Imperial College, London BSc (First Class, Hons) in Biological Sciences,
LLB Law (Hons), The College of Law
BVC (Outstanding)
GDL (Distinction)

HR Light Bursary (Middle Temple Scholarship) Winner
College of Law (London) GDL Mooting Competition 2006
Awarded College of Law (London) Advocacy Prize 2007

Memberships

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