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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Product Liability, Inquests, Costs & Litigation Funding, Environment

Christopher specialises in personal injury claims, with a particular focus in clinical negligence, cross-border disputes and industrial disease. He is regularly instructed in high value and complex matters. He appears for Claimants and Defendants in trials, application hearings and case management conferences. Christopher is a skilled and tenacious advocate with a good eye for detail.

Christopher is frequently insrtucted on paper-based matters, and regularly advises clients on questions of law, procedure, and strategy.

Christopher is also qualified to practice in Northern Ireland and regularly receives instructions to appear in court in both jurisdictions.

Personal Injury

Christopher accepts instructions from both claimants and defendants in all types of personal injury claims. He has significant experience and expertise in road traffic accidents, employer's liability, motor insurance, public liability, and occupier's liability.

He is regularly instructed in cases involving elements of fraud and exaggeration.

Examples of recent work include:

- Securing a six-figure settlement for a claimant in a claim involving amputation, prosthetics and severe psychiatric injury.
- Acting for the defendant in a product liability claim arising from an allegedly defective folding bike.
- Securing a settlement for a claimant who had been the victim of an assault by a student at an SEN school.
- Advising a defendant in a claim involving an allegation of attempted kidnapping.

Christopher has a particular interest in cases involving cyclists and motorbikes.

Clinical Negligence

Christopher has a fast-growing clinical negligence practice. He has experience dealing with cases involving:

- Negligent surgery
- Infertility
- Optometrists

- Delayed cancer diagnoses
- Nursing homes
- Ambulance services

He is one of the editors of Chambers' clinical negligence blog.

International & Travel

Christopher regularly accepts instructions in cases involving injury abroad, in particular claims brought under the Package Travel Regulations. He is comfortable advising on issues of applicable law and jurisdiction and is happy to accept instructions on disputes brought under the Montreal and Athens Conventions.

Christopher has a particular interest in foreign clinical negligence claims and is developing a specialty in negligent cosmetic surgery obtained abroad.

Christopher grew up in France and speaks French fluently. He studied Russian to university level.

He is a contributor to the "Accidents Abroad" chapter of Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service and a regular contributor to 12KBW's International & Travel Blog.

Industrial Disease

Christopher is rapidly developing a broad industrial disease practice, with a particular specialisation in claims arising from exposure to asbestos. He has experience advising in claims arising from mesothelioma, lung cancer, pleural thickening, and asbestosis.

Christopher also regularly accepts instructions in claims arising from noise induced hearing loss, non-freezing cold injuries and other occupational diseases.

Christopher has written about industrial disease claims for the Personal Injury Law Journal.

Product Liability

Christopher regularly accepts instructions in product liability claims. He is adept at advising on claims relating to defective goods arising under the Sales of Goods Act and the Consumer Rights Act.

Inquests

Christopher accepts instructions to represent parties at inquests.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Christopher has substantial experience dealing with costs. As part of his personal injury practice, he has developed an expertise in dealing with cost related matters such as the fixed costs rules, wasted cost orders and setting aside QOCS. Christopher also accepts instructions in costs only proceedings.

Qualifications & Awards

BPTC
GDL
University of Glasgow – First Class Honours

Major Award, Middle Temple
GDL Scholarship, Kaplan Law School

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Appointments & Memberships

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