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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Inquests

David is a highly experienced senior junior who has specialised for over 25 years in personal injury and clinical negligence work. His practice principally involves claims for catastrophic injury and fatal accidents.

David receives instructions from most of the leading specialist PI solicitors and acts both for claimants and for insurers.

Both Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners recognise David as a "Leading Junior" and he has been included in their annual editions for over 10 years. He was nominated for Junior of the Year in Personal Injury at the Chambers Bar Awards 2014 and 2021.

David is married with one daughter. Away from the bar he is a keen cyclist and loves sea swimming, India and opera.

Inquests

David frequently represents interested parties at high profile inquests arising from accidents and clinical negligence. Examples from the past 12 months include acting for the family of Ying Tao (the 26 year old cyclist killed at Bank in July 2015), for the family of Alexia Walenkaki (the 5 year old girl killed on play equipment in Mile End Park), for the family of a 42 year old women who died following a liver transplant and for the Ambulance service where a patient being transported to hospital fell from her wheelchair.

Memberships

PIBA

PNBA

Cases

Deller v King [2021] EWHC 3398 (QB) Hugh Mercer QC

Liability established against two defendants: a car driver who lost control after a puncture and came a halt stationary across the M5 and a car driver the collided with the stationary car.

Al-Najar v Cumberland Hotel (London) Ltd [2021] 1 WLR 3415 (McCombe LJ, Flaux LJ, Newey LJ)

Liability for a hotel to provide security for its guests against violent criminal intruders

Bonsor v Bio Collectors Ltd [2020] EWHC (Peter Marquand)

Liability for a lorry driver who turned left from Kensington High Street onto a pedestrian who was crossing a side street.

Stark v Lyddon [2020] RTR 5 (Master Davison)

Liability for a car driver who pulls into the path of a speeding motorcycle

Burke v Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust [2019] EWHC 3719 (Tipples J)

An appeal involving the conditions to be imposed upon a party who seeks to change experts

Al-Najar v Cumberland Hotel (London) Ltd [2019] 1 WLR 5953 (Dingemans J)

Liability for a hotel to provide security for its guests against violent criminal intruders

Bellman v Northampton Recruitment Ltd [2019] ICR 459 (Irwin, Moylan, Asplin LJ)

An appeal involving the imposition of vicarious liability for an assault by a managing director after a Christmas party

Bennett v Southwell [2013] EWHC 2382 (Griffiths Williams J) –

Liability in a road traffic accident involving disputed expert evidence.

Simmons v Castle [2012] PIQR P22 CA –

An appeal involving the Claimant's entitlement to provisional damages in which the Court of Appeal set the 10% increase in all future awards for pain, suffering and loss of amenity.

Tavares v Hudson-Rotin [2012] (Globe J) –

Liability in a road traffic accident involving disputed expert evidence.

Smithurst v Sealant Construction [2011] EWCA Civ 1277 –

An appeal involving causation of future losses following a cauda equina.

Micklewright v Surrey County Council [2011] EWCA Civ 922 –

An appeal involving a fatal accident caused by a branch falling from a tree that overhung the highway.

Richardson v Butcher [2010] EWHC 214 (Burnett J) –

Liability in a road traffic accident involving disputed expert evidence.

R v Lane [2009] EWCA Crim 1630 –

Conviction for causing death by dangerous driving quashed on appeal.

Wade v Turffrey [2007] LS Law Medical 352 –

Interim payment principles in catastrophic claims.

Palmese v Reboul [2007] EWHC (McCombe J) –

Causation and quantum arising from brain injury.

Denton Hall v Fifield [2006] Lloyd's Rep Med 251 –

An appeal on liability for work related upper limb disorder and upon the use of medical records.

Ellis v Royal Surrey County Hospital [2004] EWHC 3510 –

A claim for birth injury (Erb's Palsy).

Morris v Richards [2004] PIQR Q3 –

An appeal raising issues of causation, remoteness and mitigation in the context of a claim for loss of earnings.

Pearce v Lindfield & others [2003] EWCA Civ 647 –

An appeal raising issues of causation and material contribution after a claimant suffered 3 successive whiplash injuries in separate road traffic accidents.

Simonds v Isle of Wight Council [2003] EWHC 2303 (Gross J) –

An appeal against a finding of liability against a primary school following an accident on swings.

Arneson v Heffey [2002] EWCA Civ 1058 –

An appeal in a road traffic accident where trial judge had failed to analyse the evidence.