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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Costs & Litigation Funding, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Insurance

Henry is a barrister who specialises in costs, insurance, and commercial disputes. He also has a Multi-Track personal injury practice on high value, complex matters which require an extra level of attention to detail.

He was ranked in the Legal 500 2025 as having an “*encyclopaedic knowledge of costs law*” and appears for both receiving parties and paying parties at all levels of costs assessment. This includes solicitor client costs. He has been instructed (unled) on matters involving seven figure bills.

His insurance practice covers the full spectrum from complex policy wording disputes and declinatures of cover to straightforward property damage claims. He regularly acts in cases worth over £500,000 for both Claimants and Defendants. This has included matters where brokers are alleged to have been negligent, claims under the **Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 2010** and claims involving interpretation of the **Insurance Act 2015**.

As to his commercial practice, he has worked on all manner of commercial claims from multi-million-pound cases about titanium parts sold to a household name car manufacturer to supply chain disputes between perfume companies. Clients appreciate his ability to get to grips with their business quickly in order to understand the heart of the dispute.

Henry is an adept personal injury litigator specialising in claims pleaded in excess of £200,000. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants, and both have equally praised his approach to litigation, as well as his tactical, commercially sensible mindset.

Henry's practice is managed by Lily Baker, Practice Manager (baker@12kbw.co.uk) and Lily is assisted by Isaac Ayliffe, Assistant Practice Manager (ayliffe@12kbw.co.uk).

Costs

Henry is a costs specialist and thoroughly enjoys this area of work.

He has been involved in a wide variety of costs disputes relating to high value commercial matters, judicial reviews, insurance disputes, solicitor/client costs in both contentious and non-contentious business, as well as injury related claims, including the large Bills often associated with clinical negligence claims.

He has been instructed unled in costs assessments worth in excess of seven figures.

Selected Cases

- **Kindertons v Murtagh [2024] EWHC 471 (KB)**: Appeal of a Non-Party Costs Order.
- **Pennington v Creation Finance [2023] 2 WLUK 614**: appeared for the successful supplier in a debtor creditor

supplier on the only reported case concerning liability for costs under the Consumer Credit Act.

Specialisms

Solicitor/Client Costs: Cases in this respect have ranged from a few thousand to a few hundred thousand pounds. Henry is an expert on tactics surrounding solicitor/client assessments and is often brought in at an early stage in order to best position either the solicitor suing for their fees or the client seeking to dispute quantum. Recent successes include securing a firm over a quarter of a million pounds in unpaid fees in the Senior Courts Costs Office.

Retainer Disputes: Henry has been instructed to advise upon and appear in all manner of disputes relating to retainers, where the sums at stake are in excess of £100,000. He is well versed in the requirements of a CFA and has written articles on where firms have come to grief over the drafting of their documents.

Litigation Funding/Funders: Henry has experience of litigation funded matters for both the funded and the paying party. He has recently considered the question of recovery of costs where a Claimant's costs were paid by way of crowd funding donations and what avenues a paying party had to argue that this was double recovery.

Security For Costs: Henry's case load in this regard has involved acting for both sides on these applications, including advising upon the evidence that is required to successfully pursue (or frustrate) such an application. He has recently handled a matter in the TCC where a Claimant (successfully) sought security for its costs in relation to the Defendant's counterclaim which was in excess of £1m.

Detailed Assessment: Henry is familiar with the various provisions of the CPR relating to costs assessment and has appeared in the SCCO on both procedural matters and detailed assessments. He has been instructed to draft Points of Dispute and has a good track record on assessment. He has advised upon detailed assessments in excess of £4m.

Non-Party Costs Orders / Wasted Costs: Henry has litigated a wide variety of non-party costs orders for all sides. As above, he appeared in the **Kindertons** case and continues to appear and advise in such matters. Henry has advised upon, and appeared in, countless successful wasted costs applications as well as having successfully opposed wasted costs applications.

Costs Budgeting: Henry is familiar with all matters relating to costs budgeting. He regularly appears in CCMCs and has conducted them in the High Court. He has been described as a very safe pair of hands by his professional clients on such matters and has provided training to the Association of Costs Lawyers on budgeting. He has been instructed to appear in large commercial matters in relation to both CMCs and budgeting.

Fixed Costs: He is very familiar with the old and new fixed costs regime, and advises on the tactics surrounding the same, particularly in respect of Part 36 offers. He has been successful in securing parties their costs in exceptional circumstances basis pursuant to **CPR 45.29J** and the new **CPR 45.9**.

QOCS: Henry regularly appears and advises on applications to set aside QOCS and the application of QOCS to "mixed claims" involving personal injury. He has also appeared in a number of matters where a party is seeking to set aside the protection of QOCS on the basis of fundamental dishonesty.