

# Henry King

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Costs & Litigation Funding, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, International & Travel, Employment & Discrimination, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Credit Hire, Property, Property Damage

Henry is ranked as a rising star in the Legal 500 with “encyclopaedic knowledge” in relation to costs and litigation funding.

He routinely appears for both paying parties and receiving parties in detailed assessments as well as on discrete points of law. Henry is particularly interested in solicitor/client assessments at all values.

He also maintains a substantial practice in personal injury, as well as insurance work including property damage, indemnity disputes and cases involving suspicions of fraud.

Henry’s practice is managed by Lily Baker, Practice Manager ([baker@12kbw.co.uk](mailto:baker@12kbw.co.uk)).

## Costs

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

Clients have praised his good-humoured approach to bad tempered litigation. He has been instructed unled in costs assessments worth in excess of seven figures.

He has been instructed in a wide variety of costs related disputes in the context of personal injury claims as well as those outside the personal injury regimes, including detailed assessments relating to high value commercial matters, judicial reviews, property damage and solicitor/client costs in both contentious and non-contentious business.

### Selected Cases

- Henry appeared in the case of **Kindertons v Mutagh [2024] EWHC 471 (KB)** – the current leading case on Non-Party Costs Order applications.
- He appeared for the successful supplier in a debtor creditor supplier on the only reported case concerning liability for costs under the Consumer Credit Act in **Pennington v Creation Finance [2023] 2 WLUK 614**.
- He recently advised on the settlement of a Bill in excess of 4 million pounds unled.

### Specialisms

**Costs Budgeting:** somewhat unsurprisingly, 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Wasted Costs:** Henry has advised on, and appeared in, a number of successful wasted costs applications following strike out or discontinuance of claims particularly in relation to fast track personal injury litigation.

**Non-Party Costs Orders:** 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.