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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).

Commercial

Henry has a fast growing commercial practice. He brings a business focussed approach to litigation in this area and tries to bring his pragmatic approach to matters wherever he can.

His recent experience includes settling 7 separate High Court disputes between two parties in one day by agreeing terms with the other side. He has appeared in many mediations and advises on contractual terms relating to arbitration, as well as having been involved in adjudications.

Henry's experience in fundamental dishonesty claims help him to bring a robust approach and keen eye for detail in claims involving allegations of civil fraud.

His recent cases include:

- Acting for a manufacturer of titanium parts to be supplied for aircraft use in relation to a contractual dispute and likely arbitration on a claim valued in excess of a million US dollars.
- Acting for a manufacturer in relation to a breach of contract claim involving defective parts and unpaid invoices running to several hundreds of thousands of pounds.
- Defending for a perfume supplier in relation to a supplier's claim under alleged breach of contract / negligence and advising on their terms and conditions.
- Acting for a large chain of hotels in relation to breach of a settlement agreement.
- Advising a property owner in relation to property damage and alleged business interruption in relation to a series of failed air conditioning units
- Acting for a company claiming over £200,000 in business interruption by reason of a flood against their insurance company.