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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Aviation, Industrial Disease, Information Law, Personal Injury, International & Travel, Human Rights, Product Liability, Commercial

Max is recognised as a leading practitioner in a number of different fields including aviation law, cross border litigation, industrial disease, product liability and group actions. Across these fields he is experienced in tortious disputes, commercial litigation and regulatory matters.

He is known for his excellent client care, robust advocacy and pragmatic approach to litigation. Max's work is often technical, high value and complex. He often appears unled against silks in the higher courts and is acknowledged for his advocacy skills.

Max has unparalleled knowledge of aviation law and has become a go-to junior in this area in respect of large loss events occurring all over the world as well as domestic accidents, regulatory issues and commercial aviation work.

His work often has an international dimension, he has expertise in jurisdiction and conflicts of laws as well as private international tort law and human rights issues.

Max often acts in group actions, both led and unled. He is adept at handling mass tort cases and often acts in environmental actions as well as group personal injury claims.

He is a contributing author of *Asbestos: Law & Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019) and the co-editor of 12KBW's Asbestos Blog.

Max is recognised in Aviation, Personal Injury and Travel in the Legal 500 and in Aviation, Personal Injury and Industrial Disease in Chambers & Partners.

Aviation

Max is an experienced Aviation practitioner and is recognised in the leading directories for his unique expertise in this field.

He is an authority on the interpretation and application of the Montreal Convention 1999, regularly advising on cases in this area. He also acts in commercial and regulatory aviation matters for claimants and defendants.

He has considerable experience in fatal air crashes, often with a cross-border element. He has been involved in several high profile cases, including the Leicester Air Crash and the LaMia 2933 litigation. He is technically minded and

comfortable handling aviation experts and the AAIB. He has acts in inquests in aviation matters, including those involving a jury.

Recent instructions include several fatal helicopter crashes, international light aircraft crashes, a catastrophic parachuting accident, a serious ballooning incident and cases arising out of the Shoreham Air Disaster.

He regularly advises on commercial and regulatory matters in the aviation sphere and often brings his insurance experience to bear in this field.

In 2021 he acted for the successful claimant in *Lipton v BA City Flyer* [2021] EWCA Civ 454 and the successful claimant in *Silverman v Ryanair* [2021] EWHC 2955 (QB). He will appear in the Supreme Court in 2023.

Qualifications & Awards

- GDL & BPTC – City Law School
- Mphil in Modern European History – University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons) History – University of Warwick
- Lord Haldane Scholarship- Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award- Lincoln's Inn
- Honourable Mention- William C. Vis International Arbitration Competition
- Linklaters Aspire Award

Appointments & Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Pro Bono Champion

Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Government Legal Department's Junior Junior Scheme

Publications

Contributor *Asbestos: Law & Litigation*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019 (Chapters; Asbestos: history and use, Product liability, Contributory negligence)

Max is the co-editor of the 12KBW Asbestos Blog, and a contributor to the 12KBW International and Travel Blog.