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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Fraud, Costs & Litigation Funding, Product Liability, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Inquests, Public Authority Liability, Insurance



Oliver has a wide-ranging practice with extensive experience in dealing with a range of cases from chronic pain and industrial disease litigation, to cases involving alleged defective products, professional negligence and exaggerated and fraudulent claims.

Oliver regularly acts for leading national and international insurers and is frequently instructed in advisory as well as costs matters.

Oliver acts for both claimants and defendants and has experience in representing a number of local authorities and Health Care Trusts. He has frequently been instructed in cases valued at over £1m.

Oliver's areas of expertise include the following: –

- Complex orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries;
- Brain Injuries;
- Fraud and exaggerated claims [including use of surveillance evidence];
- Fatal Accidents;
- Pain disorders including "CPRS" Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, somatoform disorders, chronic pain and fibromyalgia;
- Injuries and damage arising from alleged defective products;
- Industrial disease;
- International injury cases;
- Costs.

Personal Injury

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Oliver also has experience across a range of personal injury matters and related procedural and costs issues.

Oliver has acted for the MIB and advised and represented various insurers in relation to road traffic claims and various indemnity issues.

He also has extensive experience of dealing with public liability claims and employers' liability claims and has represented many private sector businesses, local authorities and Health Care Trusts.

His cases have included a variety of claims including alleged accidents at work, assaults, defective equipment, and claims under the Defective Premises Act 1972.

Oliver has a varied paperwork practice and is regularly instructed to draft pleadings, advices on liability, quantum, Part 18 and 35 questions and schedules and counter-schedules in high value cases.

Oliver has given seminars on many aspects of personal injury, product liability, costs, and civil procedure and regularly provides in-house training to solicitors.

Recent cases have included: –

- Acted for the MIB in *Liam Clark v (1) Darren Lee Farley (2) MIB (3) Ryan Edmunds* [2018] EWHC 1007 (QB), led by Stephen Worthington QC, a case concerning the scope of *ex turpi causa* in the context of a Claimant alleged to have been participating in a joint illegal enterprise involving off-road motorcycles;
- Advice in context of automatism defence in high value road traffic case involving complicated pre-accident history of epileptic episodes;
- Successful declaration voiding policy of motor insurance from inception pursuant to s.152(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 with consideration of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 in the context of catastrophic claims for personal injury;
- Successful strike out of C's claim following cross-examination and enforcement of costs in favour of D pursuant to r.44.15(1)(c). Successful application for wasted costs against C's legal representatives;
- Acted for D in case involving the application of r.36.10(5)(b) (now 36.17(5)) in relation to costs consequences following compromise of claim pleaded at over £2.56 million which ultimately settled for £150,000 following disclosure of surveillance evidence. Issues included timing of disclosure of surveillance evidence, expert evidence, construction of CPR Amendment Rules, and conduct;
- Acting on behalf of NHS Trust, successful low compromise of claim pleaded at c. £1.1 million involving complex issues of causation;
- Represented D following significant claim following low speed road traffic accident resulting in alleged fibromyalgia and adjustment disorder;
- Acting for D, successful judicial finding that road traffic accident had been intimated involving vehicles acting in tandem to induce a collision on a slip-road. Findings of fundamental dishonesty against C;
- Advice leading to early settlement in case following road traffic accident in which C sustained brain injury and a range of orthopaedic and psychological injuries.

Qualifications & Awards

BVC (Ranked Outstanding in Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence) BPP Law School

GDL City University

MSc London School of Economics and Political Sciences

BA (Biological Sciences) Oxon

Exhibitioner (New College, Oxford)

Academic Prizes (New College, Oxford)

Sir Thomas More Bursary, Lincoln's Inn

Lord Haldane Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association