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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Fraud, Costs & Litigation Funding, Product Liability, Public Authority Liability, Insurance

Oliver has a wide-ranging practice with extensive experience in dealing with a range of cases from those involving brain injuries and chronic pain, to cases involving alleged defective products, 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. He has frequently been instructed in cases valued at over £1m.

Oliver's areas of expertise include the following: –

- Complex orthopaedic injuries including amputations;
- Pain and psychiatric disorders including functional neurological disorders, "CPRS" Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, somatoform disorders, chronic pain and fibromyalgia;
- Brain Injuries and neurological pathology including strokes and degenerative diseases;
- Road traffic accidents involving catastrophic injuries and fatalities including considerations of drug and alcohol use, and accidents involving e-scooters;
- Fraud and exaggerated claims (including use of surveillance and social media evidence);
- Fatal Accidents;
- Injuries and damage arising from alleged defective products;
- Procedural issues including those of service and alleged procedural defaults;
- Costs.

Personal Injury

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- Brain injuries and neurological pathology including strokes and degenerative diseases;

- Fraud and exaggerated claims (including use of surveillance and social media evidence);
- Fatal Accidents;
- Pain and psychiatric disorders including functional neurological disorders, "CPRS" Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, somatoform disorders, chronic pain and fibromyalgia.

Oliver also has experience across a range of personal injury matters and related procedural and costs issues. Oliver is regularly instructed in cases following road traffic accidents involving catastrophic injuries and fatalities, including considerations of drug and alcohol use, and has also been instructed in relation to accidents involving e-scooters.

Oliver regularly acts for the MIB and has 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, and alleged defective equipment.

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, costs, and civil procedure and regularly provides in-house training to solicitors.

Oliver's cases have included: –

- Acted for the successful insurer in *R&B Plastering Ltd v UK Insurance Ltd* [2025] EWHC 719 (KB), both at first instance (2023) and on appeal, with the High Court upholding the first instance decision as to liability following an accident at a building site and that rehabilitation payments made by an insurer to an injured party could be recovered within contribution proceedings against another insurer. This is understood to be the first reported case considering this discrete issue;
- Junior for the Defendant in case involving the brain injury of a junior doctor. The case involved complex issues regarding causation and quantum including future career prospects (2025);
- Oliver represented the Defendant in the successful strike out of a Claimant's claim valued at c. £2 million. The case concerned an issue of late service of the Particulars of Claim and numerous procedural defaults (2004);
- 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;
- Acted for an insurer following an intimated claim of over £3.5 million in which the Claimant alleged he had developed functional neurological disorder as a result of the accident. The case was compromised at a fraction of the sum sought (2025);
- Advice and pleading in fatal accident involving alleged use of nitrous oxide, including issues of illegality.
- Advice and pleading in case involving serious accident involving an e-scooter, including issues of illegality.
- Acted for insurer in claim following a road traffic accident in which the Claimant alleged he had sustained a significant brain injury resulting in severe handicap. Oliver advised throughout the case and ultimately drafted a pleading of fundamental dishonesty (2024);
- 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 Claimant's claim following cross-examination and enforcement of costs in favour of the Defendant pursuant to r.44.15(1)(c). Successful application for wasted costs against Claimant's legal

representatives;

- Acted for the Defendant 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 the Defendant following significant claim following low speed road traffic accident resulting in alleged fibromyalgia and adjustment disorder;
- Acting for the Defendant, 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