

Oliver Rudd

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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.

Fraud

Oliver's experience covers all types of fraudulent claims including staged and induced accidents, invented accidents and phantom passenger claims.

Oliver deals with both individual claims as well as large fraud rings. He regularly advises and drafts proceedings in cases of this nature and has successfully defended cases for leading insurers with findings of fundamental dishonesty.

Oliver advises parties in all aspects of fundamental dishonesty and fraud and has extensive experience of related costs and associated procedural issues. These include:

- Use and deployment of surveillance evidence and social media evidence;
- Similar-fact evidence;
- Wasted costs applications;
- Third party disclosure and costs applications;

Oliver has dealt with fraudulent and suspected fraudulent claims in a number of contexts including road traffic claims, disease claims, claims against local authorities, claims against employers and those within the construction and agricultural industries.

Recent cases have included:

- Acting for D, successful finding that road traffic accident had been intimated involving vehicles acting in concert to induce a collision on a slip-road. Findings of fundamental dishonesty against C;
- Successful strike out of C's claim following road traffic accident 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 following contested costs hearing;
- **Da Costa & Anor v Sargaco & Anor** [2016] EWCA Civ 764. Represented D at first instance. Case involving judicial decision to exclude one C from court whilst the other gave evidence.

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