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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Insurance, Industrial Disease, Emerging Areas, Arbitration, Aviation

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder of the Crown Court: 2012

Patrick is a specialist in Insurance, Personal Injury and International/Travel law. He acts for Claimants and Defendants in insurance and policy construction disputes, complex catastrophic personal injury claims, property damage claims and cross jurisdictional litigation.

Personal Injury

Patrick is instructed in the highest value claims and has in the last few months handled several claims pleaded at over £30m. He has expertise in sports related injuries (particularly head injuries). He has an excellent grasp of scientific and technical issues and is regularly instructed in complex liability disputes.

International & Travel

Patrick has expertise in cross-border personal injury actions, transport accidents, holiday claims and jurisdiction disputes. He has a particular knowledge of EU motor insurance guarantee funds.

Insurance

Patrick is regularly instructed in pure insurance disputes involving property damage, liability cover, DOO cover, health/life cover and transport risks.

Industrial Disease

Patrick has extensive experience of litigating asbestos claims for claimants and defendants.

Aviation

Patrick has extensive experience of claims involving the application of the EU Motor Insurance Directives, jurisdiction issues and the application of Rome II, as well as expertise in cross-border personal injury actions, transport accidents,

holiday claims and jurisdiction disputes.

Recent experience includes;

QF32 – Advising on PTSD claims brought by 150 occupants of an A380 that experienced an uncontained engine failure. My aviation experience/knowledge assisted with understand the accident mechanism, recognising the salient parts of the ATSB reports and understanding the process that led to the aircraft being stuck on the tarmac for over an hour when it eventually did land.

Gyrocopter claim – Instructed in a fatal claim involving a self-build gyrocopter, acting for the builder. Other parties were the CAA and PFA. Complex engineering/regulatory issues.

London Helicopter Centre claim – acted for a customer in relation to substandard maintenance and consequential loss of use.

Property Damage

Recent examples of Patrick's property damage work include multi-million pound claims involving faulty air conditioning units at a banking data centre, inadequate cladding falling from an industrial building, and losses flowing from an explosion at a brewery.

Emerging Areas

Drones, self-driving cars and the claims and obligations of the imminent EU General Data Protection Regulation are all areas in which Patrick has developed technical knowledge to combine with his general insurance practice in order to advise clients on the challenges ahead.

Appointments & Memberships

Recorder of the Crown Court since 2012

Member of PIBA, BIICL, PEOPIIL and PNBA

Directories

He's very good – personable and realistic. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Patrick is very friendly and approachable, and has excellent commercial awareness and excellent pleadings. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Seeing Patrick in court dealing with complex issues of international jurisdiction is a delight. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

He is a longstanding advocate with a lot of experience behind him. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Patrick is super intelligent and super smooth with his submissions. He has an endearing quality of being able to make the most complex of legal issues appear to be a matter of common sense. – Legal 500, 2025

Patrick is highly intelligent, but very pragmatic in his approach. Great on policy issues. – Legal 500, 2024

He's very good at complex issues, very well prepared and very good with clients and expert witnesses. He is unflappable. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Patrick has superb technical knowledge and ability and a very good manner with clients. He is a committed and

persuasive advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

An excellent barrister, my go-to on liability and policy matters. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

He makes difficult arguments digestible and comprehensible. He's the person you want when you've got a complex argument to make. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Patrick has a fantastic, calm temperament which is reassuring at all times. His strength is his knowledge and his great 'bedside manner' when talking to clients. – Legal 500, 2023

He is measured, thoughtful and focused. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

He makes decision-making with even the most technical and complex legal arguments easy for judges, with his logical and digestible, but well-considered, submissions. – Legal 500, 2022

He is absolutely first class. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

He's a persuasive advocate who has a gift for not overstating the good points. – Chambers and Partners, 2021

He has great judgement and is calm, measured and persuasive in his advocacy. – Chambers and Partners, 2021

A very experienced and persuasive advocate, who judges respond well to. Always excellently prepared and realistic with advice. – Legal 500, 2021

He's extremely sharp-minded and able to quickly pick up the most important issues and evidence. He conveys his thoughts in a succinct manner which is understandable to his clients, opponents and judges. – Chambers and Partners, 2020

Go-to barrister for indemnity matters. – Legal 500, 2019

He's a superb negotiator and someone you really want on your side. – Chambers & Partners, 2019

He brings a wonderful mix of first-class technical expertise, knowledge of the law and an eye for detail, together with down to earth common sense. – Legal 500, 2018

Really measured and impressive. – Chambers & Partners, 2018

Excellent on detail. His input is always valuable. – Chambers & Partners, 2018

As an advocate, his calm and authoritative submissions resonate with judges. – Legal 500, 2017

Very clever, able to absorb a lot of information and distil it down to focus on the salient points very quickly. He's very good on his feet and is a brilliant advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2017

He's one of the top counsel for motor policy work. – Chambers & Partners, 2017

He is a sensible negotiator and his calm and measured style is well received by judges. His knowledge of statutory motor insurance and the framework behind it surpasses many a KC. – Chambers & Partners, 2016

He is extremely articulate and persuasive. – The Legal 500, 2015

Cases

ERS Syndicate 218 at Lloyds v Motorshifter Ltd (In Liquidation) [2023] EWHC 342 (Comm)

YYY v ZZZ [2021] EWHC 632 (QB)

Covea Insurance Plc v Greenaway [2021] EWHC 1506 (QB)

Sarfraz v Akhtar [2020] EWHC 782 (QB)

Daudher v Hoisani [2020] 2 WLUK 549

Dodds v Arif [2019] EWHC 1512 (QB)

Colley v Shuker [2019] EWHC 781 (QB)

R&S Pilling (t/a/ Phoenix Engineering) v UK Insurance Ltd [2020] A.C. 1025

Cameron v Liverpool Victoria Insurance Co Ltd [2019] 1 W.L.R. 1471