

## Spencer Turner

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International & Travel, Personal Injury, Sport, Fraud, Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence, Data Protection and Information Law, Aviation



Spencer specialises in sports disputes, personal injury, clinical negligence, international and travel law, industrial disease, information law, and group litigation. He is regularly instructed in complex and high-profile matters for claimants and defendants, both as led and as sole counsel across all of his core practice areas and before a range of different courts and tribunals. He is a sought-after junior barrister who is often praised for his diligence, excellent client care, strong advocacy and ability to work well in teams.

The legal directories recognise Spencer's expertise across a broad range of practice areas where he is ranked as a 'rising star' or 'up and coming' in personal injury, industrial disease, insurance fraud, international personal injury, clinical negligence and sports law. They variously describe him as "great" with "impressive advocacy", "already having developed a practice that exceeds his seniority", "absolutely superb", and "thorough, professional and well-liked by clients".

Spencer's sports disputes practice sees him regularly instructed on behalf of sports governing bodies, players/athletes, clubs, coaches and agents across the full range of sports matters. His personal injury, clinical negligence, industrial disease and travel work involves cases of the utmost severity, and he has experience of large-scale litigation, being led, and acting as sole counsel.

### Personal Injury

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Spencer is recognised as an established junior in the field of personal injury. He is ranked as a 'rising star' in the Legal 500 where he is described as "absolutely superb", "thorough, professional and well-liked by clients" and as having "already developed a practice that exceeds his seniority". He currently sits on the Executive Committee of the Personal Injury Bar Association.

As part of his multi-track personal injury practice, Spencer acts for both claimants and defendants and regularly appears at JSMs, CCMCs, trials and application hearings. His work is usually of high value with complex elements and most of his case load involves cases of the utmost severity including brain injury, amputation and claims involving pain disorders.

Spencer's experience in personal injury exceeds his level of call and he has acted, unled, in several claims valued in excess of £1million. He is frequently led by leading silks in the area in some of the highest profile and most valuable personal injury claims including an individual claim valued close to £30million.

Spencer enjoys working collaboratively in a team and acts in a number of group actions in this area, including in the

military deafness litigation and military cold injuries litigation against the MOD and in the Rugby Football League concussion litigation. His interest in novel areas of personal injury litigation means that he is familiar with emerging areas of work and has recently acted in claims involving electric scooters and driverless cars, claims involving sexual abuse, claims arising from data breaches and claims arising out of concussion in sport.

He has experience in phantom passenger claims, staged accidents, LVI claims and of exaggerated injuries and has successfully defended numerous claims at trial or secured discontinuances after drafting a defence. He is also adept at dealing with indemnity and coverage disputes, particularly in the context of road traffic accidents.

International personal injury work also forms a significant part of Spencer's practice, and he has experience of the PD6B gateways for service out of jurisdiction, Rome I, Rome II, the Brussels I Regulation (Recast), the Lugano Convention, and forum conveniens.

Recent instructions include:

- Instructed as junior counsel (led by William Audland KC) by the Rugby Football League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association in a claim brought by over 100 former players, who allege that they suffered a range of neurodegenerative injuries as a result of negligent governance of the game.
- Representing a number of soldiers in claims for military hearing loss and cold injuries in the Military Deafness Litigation and the Military Cold Injuries Litigation.
- Acting in *Covey v Harris* [2021] EWHC 2211 QB (led by William Audland KC). The claimant's claim was valued at £8.8 million and ultimately settled for a low six figure sum.
- Acting unled for the claimant in a claim for personal injuries after the claimant was hit by a car when he was riding his e-scooter on the road. This claim raises important and novel issues in respect of new electronic vehicles which are being used on the road.
- Acting unled in several high value fatal accident claims which have been widely reported in the media.
- Acting unled for a 9-year-old child in an amputation claim. The matter settled for a six-figure sum at JSM.