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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.

International & Travel

Spencer is frequently instructed on international and travel law cases which involves jurisdiction disputes including matters involving the PD6B gateways for service out of jurisdiction, Rome I, Rome II, the Brussels I Regulation (Recast), the Lugano Convention, forum conveniens, package travel claims, group holiday illness claims, claims brought under the Athens and Montreal Conventions and cosmetic tourism claims.

Spencer is ranked in the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners for his international and travel work where he noted for "putting clients at ease" and is described as "great" with a "growing reputation in the market". He is routinely instructed in technical claims of high value and frequently appears against more senior counsel, including silks.

Spencer's international experience also includes having worked on secondment with a Malaysian law firm based in Kuala Lumpur where he gained experience in transactional and dispute-related commercial matters. In 2022, he undertook a prestigious Pegasus Scholarship which saw him spend two months working in the United States of America.

He is a contributor to the "Accidents Abroad" chapter of Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service, is the editor of

the 12 King's Bench Walk International & Travel Law Blog and is an active member of the Pan-European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Examples of recent instructions include:

- Providing specialist advice in relation to parties' obligations for cancelled holidays as a result of Covid-19.
- Acting for a claimant against the insurers of the residents' association of a shopping centre in Spain. The claimant was visiting a night club within the shopping centre when the floor collapsed underneath him into the basement, causing him (and 22 others) to sustain personal injuries.
- Acting for a Portuguese insurer in a two-day quantum trial in which Portuguese law was the law applicable to the quantification of the claimant's losses.
- Acting for a professional football player who sustained serious injuries in a road traffic collision in Finland which led to her missing years of her career.
- Acting in a matter involving a go-karting accident which occurred in Spain when the claimant was thrown from a go-kart in a collision with a tyre wall. The claim involves detailed and technical consideration of safety measures which are required to be in place when a go-kart is used as well as the suitability of the design of the track under the provisions of Spanish law.