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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.

Industrial Disease

Spencer has a broad industrial disease practice with particular experience in acting for claimants in claims arising out of exposure to asbestos as both sole and junior counsel. He is experienced in dealing with living mesothelioma and secondary exposure cases, as well as claims concerning pleural thickening and asbestosis. 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". His work in this area often involves consideration of complex medical, engineering and epidemiological evidence and he has appeared unled against silks.

In addition to asbestos claims, Spencer regularly accepts instructions in noise induced hearing loss, hand arm vibration syndrome, occupational asthma, occupational cancers and work-related upper limb disorder claims. Spencer also acts and has a strong interest in numerous industrial disease cases involving more unusual exposures. This year alone he has acted in claims arising from exposures to benzines, isocyanates, silica and diesel engine exhaust emissions. He is also instructed on behalf of a large number of serving and ex-soldiers in group litigation claims for hearing loss and non-freezing cold injuries against the MOD.

Examples of recent instructions include:

- 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.
- Securing a settlement of £315,000 and provision for future immunotherapy for his client who was suffering from mesothelioma.
- Acting in a mesothelioma claim (led by Harry Steinberg KC) in which the defendant's premises contained a significant asbestos legacy, and the defendant undertook significant asbestos removal works during the claimant's employment in the late 90s and early 2000s during which the claimant was exposed to asbestos and contracted mesothelioma. The matter settled at JSM in the sum of £1.8million with further provision provided for future private immunotherapy treatment.
- Acting in a fatal mesothelioma claim (led by Michael Rawlinson KC) involving low exposure in a school. The matter settled at JSM for the sum of £220,000.
- Securing a six-figure settlement for a living claimant (led by Michael Rawlinson KC) diagnosed with mesothelioma as a result of secondary exposure to asbestos from her husband's overalls.