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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.

Clinical Negligence

Spencer has a significant clinical negligence caseload for a junior of his call. He handles a wide range of high value and complex cases for both claimant and defendants, including those arising from birth injuries, orthopaedic surgeries, dental procedures and delayed cancer diagnosis. He is instructed as sole and led counsel in matters proceeding in the High Court as well as those in the County Court. His practice includes drafting pleadings, drafting agendas for expert meetings, providing advice and acting on behalf of clients at RTMs and mediations.

He has developed a significant niche in high value clinical negligence claims for elite sportspeople and he is a genuine specialist in this area. He has experience of handling issues such as loss of career earnings, the adequacy of training regimes and medical treatment which arise in such cases.

He is ranked in the Legal 500 as a 'rising star' of the clinical negligence Bar where he is described as a "very able all-round barrister" with "particular expertise in high-value clinical negligence claims arising out of sporting injuries".

Examples of recent instructions include:

- Acting for a Premier League footballer in a claim against a surgeon in respect of alleged negligent medical treatment following a fibula fracture. The claim is currently valued in excess of £6 million.
- Acting for a Premier League footballer in a claim against a Premier League club following the effective end of his career aged just 21 as a result of alleged medical negligence.
- Acting for a former Premier League and England U21 footballer in a clinical negligence claim arising out of treatment following an Achilles tendon injury.
- Acting for a Premier League footballer against his former club in a claim arising out of the alleged negligent reconstruction of an ACL following injury.
- Acting in an ongoing failure to refer for a retinal detachment claim.
- Representing an NHS Trust in the High Court at a CCMC and subsequently advising on quantum in an obstetric negligence case in which there were failures in the obstetric and neonatal care which led to the death of the baby.
- Acting in a dental negligence case involving the assessment and planning of tooth extraction, inappropriate prescription of antibiotics, failure to obtain informed consent, and a failure in management of roots left in situ.
- Acting for the claimant in a failure to diagnose cancer case.