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Christopher Boxall

Call: 2014

Civil Fraud

Chris is an experienced fraud practitioner. He regularly acts for most major insurers in relation to road traffic claims where fraud is suspected or explicitly alleged. He is well-known for his robust approach to such cases, and is routinely called upon to assist at all stages of litigation, from pre-action advice, conferencing and settling pleadings, through to trial advocacy.

Chris has extensive experience of multi-track and fast-track cases involving complex indemnity issues, staged accidents, 'stooge' vehicles, low-speed impact (LSI), phantom passengers, exaggerated and high-value credit hire and exaggerated personal injury claims that require consideration of Section 57 Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015.

In addition to trial advocacy, Chris is well-versed in dealing with interlocutory applications including applications to set aside judgment, resile from previous admissions of liability, costs and case management conferences, costs-only proceedings and relief from sanctions applications.

Chris provides regular training on all aspects of motor insurance fraud, particularly in respect of novel and developing trends within this sector.

His fraud work also extends to employer liability, public liability and holiday sickness claims.

Credit Hire

Chris has particular expertise in high-value claims involving credit hire. As an area of law which continues to develop in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, Chris is always alive to recent developments. He regularly publishes articles and provides bespoke training on this topic.

Chris is particularly familiar with the legal arguments surrounding the enforceability of credit hire agreements. Despite the implications of the recent decision in *Irving v Morgan Sindall PLC* [2018]

EWHC 1147 (QB), Chris is frequently successful in arguing that hire agreements are unenforceable on the basis of fraudulent misrepresentation.



Education:

2012 - 2012 Université Jean-Moulin Lyon III, French Law

2013 - University of Leeds, English Law with European Law LLB (Hons)

2014 - BPP Law School Leeds, BPTC ('Very Competent')

Career:

2015 - Pupil at Park Square Barristers

2016 - Tenant at Park Square Barristers

Appointments:

2013 - Director, BPP Legal Advice Clinic (Leeds) 2013-2014

2018 - Grade 1 Prosecutor

Memberships:

Member of Personal Injury Bar Association North Eastern Circuit

Awards:

2013 - University of Leeds, Senior Negotiation competition winner

2014 - BPP Regulatory Law Prize

Recent Cases

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- RS v PML [2021] – Acting for Defendant insurer in respect of a claim for hire charges in excess of £87k. Claim ongoing.
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- IH v MW [2020] – The Claimant suffered a genuine accident but failed to disclose a subsequent and significant road traffic accident that occurred 6 days prior to his medico-legal examination. Finding of fundamental dishonesty obtained.
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- SH v VS [2020] – Successful LVI defence in a claim brought by a credit controller who was a senior employee of the solicitor firm acting on his behalf. The Judge found that the Claimant had deceived numerous medical experts. Finding of fundamental dishonesty obtained.
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Contact Christopher's clerks

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Personal Injury

Chris has a wide-ranging personal injury practice and acts on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants, including claims funded by a CFA.

Chris has extensive experience dealing with multi-track and fast-track claims arising from road traffic accidents, EL/PL claims (including Highways Act claims) and holiday sickness claims, as well as criminal injury compensation (CICA) claims.

Chris also accepts instructions to draft pleadings and advices on quantum and/or liability. He is happy to work to short deadlines where papers need to be turned around quickly.

Chris regularly provides training and seminars on all aspects of personal injury litigation, including:

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- Fixed costs
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- Credit Hire
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- Practical tips: trial bundling and claims handling
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Credit Hire

Chris has particular expertise in claims involving credit hire. As an area of law which continues to develop in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, Chris is always alive to recent developments. He regularly publishes articles and provides bespoke training on this topic.

Chris is particularly familiar with the legal arguments surrounding the enforceability of credit hire agreements and the implications of the recent decision in *Irving v Morgan Sindall PLC* [2018] EWHC 1147 (QB).

Holiday Sickness Claims

Chris regularly deals with holiday sickness claims on the Fast Track, for both Claimant and Defendant. He is also happy to advise at the pre-issue stage and draft pleadings. Christopher is known for his meticulous approach when examining medical records, leaving no stone unturned.

Christopher has acted previously for Thomas Cook and Jet2.

Recent Cases

- *B v MOJ* [2020] Acting for Claimant in Fast Track claim where he had sustained dental injuries whilst in prison. Complex medical evidence involved.
- *S and Ors v Thomas Cook* [2019] – Acting for Defendant in Multi Track holiday sickness claim
- *L and Ors v Thomas Cook* [2019] – Successful dismissal of holiday sickness claim, despite 2 of 3 Claimants providing a positive stool sample on their return to the UK.
- *F v Jet 2* [2019] Acted for Claimant in successful claim under the Montreal Convention for scalding injuries caused to a minor aboard the Defendant's airplane. The claim included a claim for future treatment expenses as a result of permanent scarring.
- *Wright* [2018] Acting for Claimant in a Multi Track claim for injury arising out of an accident in the kitchens of a hotel. As well as injury, the case involved significant claim for a Smith v Manchester award.
- *Mason v NYCC* [2017] Acting for Claimant motorcyclist in a Highways Act claim wherein surface grit caused him to crash. The case involved detailed examination of the concept of dangerousness pursuant to *Mills v Barnsley MBC* [1992] PIQR.

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Regulatory & Public

Chris has wide-ranging experience of prosecuting a range of regulatory offences on behalf of

HMRC, the Food Standards Agency, the Insolvency Service and various local authorities.

Chris regularly acts for police authorities, including applications for Sexual Harm Prevention Orders.

Chris also has experience prosecuting and defending cases regarding the Animal Welfare Act 1996, in particular cases involving improper slaughter practices under the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 2015. Such cases require detailed knowledge of the European Union Directives which apply in such matters.

Chris also prosecutes and defends in cases involving offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Training

Chris has previously provided training to inspectors at the Health and Safety Executive, to include advising on effective trial preparation, witness handling and disclosure.

Chris also provides disclosure training to local authorities across the North of England.

Notable Cases

- R v Woodward & Ors [2018] – Northallerton Magistrates Court – represented a slaughterman in a long running animal cruelty case relating to a halal slaughterhouse. The case received national media attention when an animal charity conducted covert surveillance of the slaughterhouse in December 2014. Suspended sentence imposed.
- CC Humberside Police v W (2018) – successful application for a Sexual Harm Prevention Order in respect of a recently released man who had killed two women in 1964 and proceeded to have intercourse with the corpse of one of the victims. Extensive analysis of psychiatric reports spanning 50 years used in preparation of the case.
- R v Crosthwaite [2018] – successful prosecution of a disqualified company director who continued to act as a director contrary to section 13 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

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Madeleine Gray on 0113 202 8603

Patrick Urbina on 0113 213 5250

Commercial & Chancery

Chris has wide-ranging experience of commercial and contractual disputes. He has particular experience of claims involving debt recovery, as well as claims relating to the provision and installation of telecommunications services.

Chris accepts instructions on behalf of Claimants and Defendants for the following: Trials from the Small Claims Track through to Multi Track, Disposal Hearings, Case Management Conferences, Costs Case Management Conferences, Interlocutory Applications, Pre-Trial Reviews.

Christopher also accepts instructions to draft pleadings and advices on quantum and/or liability.

He is happy to work to short deadlines where papers need to be turned around quickly.

Recent Cases

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- **UI v M & A [2020]** Acting for Claimant in a debt claim relating to interior design services provided in excess of £430k.
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- **RIS v Virgin [2020]** Acting for Defendant in respect of a claim for breach of contract in respect of service and installation agreements.
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- **R v Y [2020]** Acting for Claimant / Part 20 Defendant in a claim in excess of £100k for unpaid service charges arising from a lease agreement. The case involved a counterclaim for damages for breach of covenant of quiet enjoyment.
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- **J v S [2020]** Acted for Claimant (a firm of solicitors) in a successful debt claim in relation to outstanding legal fees.
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- **K v BT Plc [2020]** Acting for Defendant in a Multi-Track breach of contract claim in relation to telecommunications services. Claim valued in excess of £67k.
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- **ANF v H & W [2019]** Acting for Defendants in High Court Proceedings for enforcement of a European Enforcement Order in relation to €540,000 of mortgage debt accrued on property in France.
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