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Personal Injury Seminar 2021

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2021

9.25 am -
1.30 pm

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Programme

Personal Injury seminar - 3rd November 2021

9.00 - 9.25am	Registration and refreshments
9.25 - 9.30am	Welcome and introduction from chair Rachel Russell, Head of Personal Injury team
9.30 - 10.00am	Quantum update Rachel Russell, Head of Personal Injury team
10.00 - 10.45am	Pension Loss – calculating and myth busting Matthew White, Barrister
10.45 - 11.00am	Mid-morning refreshments
11.00 - 11.45am	Fundamental dishonesty and surveillance evidence Julian Horne, Darren Lewis, and James Marwick, Barristers
11.45 - 12.30pm	Parallel sessions A and B (delegates can choose which session they would like to attend). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A: Inquests: The issues faced in preparing for an inquest and the difficult areas to be tackled at the hearing itself Marcus Coates-Walker, Barrister• B: Experts, once you've "shopped", how to chop! - This will look at the instruction of experts and what, if anything, you can do if you're ultimately unhappy with your chosen expert. Louise Asprey and Rachel Segal, Barristers
12.30 - 1.30pm	Mock CCMC Justin Valentine (guest Judge), Jimmy Barber and James Hughes acting as counsel for the parties.
1.30 - 1.40pm	Q&A session
1.40pm	Lunch

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Rachel Russell
Head of PI team (Call 2001)
St John's Chambers

"Clients appreciate her calm but highly effective approach to cross-examination."

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Rachel is an experienced personal injury barrister who acts for both claimants and defendants. She has extensive experience of dealing with high value, complex cases including claims concerning brain and spinal injuries of the utmost severity and fatal accidents.

She also frequently advises and represents clients in cases where allegations of fraud and fundamental dishonesty are in issue.

Rachel has particular expertise in public liability matters acting regularly for several local authorities and NHS trusts throughout England & Wales.

Rachel also has a busy industrial injuries/disease practice, undertaking cases concerning NIHL, HAVS, asbestos related illness and stress at work.

In addition, Rachel has represented a broad range of clients at a variety of high profile, complex inquests with diverse subject matter including an aviation accident, a fatal shooting and inquests where Article 2 was engaged.



Matthew White
Barrister (Call 1997)
St John's Chambers

"Matthew is incredibly thorough and knows his papers upside down and back to front. His attention to detail is superb. 'He is extremely sharp and is an excellent advocate.' "

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Matthew deals with all aspects of personal injury litigation for both claimants and defendants. He aims for a roughly equal split between claimant and defendant work, taking the view that it makes for a more rounded and better lawyer to have insight into the thinking of the opponent.

He advises on and drafts complicated schedules of loss. He has a particular interest in and knowledge of claims for significant pension loss and is comfortable calculating such loss in money purchase, final salary and career average pension scheme situations.

Matthew recently co-authored the Personal Injury Bar Association Guide to Pension Loss Calculation.

Matthew has considerable expertise in highway law, industrial diseases (particularly asbestos), inquests and costs, as well as the more routine employers' liability, public liability and road traffic claims. He has been described by clients as "forensically thorough" with "fantastic attention to detail."



Julian Horne
Barrister (Call 1998)
St John's Chambers

"Excellent in technically difficult cases, and has a measured approach that inspires confidence."

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PERSONAL INJURY

Julian works in all aspects of personal injury law including employers' and public liability, industrial disease, road traffic accidents (including fraud work), product liability, fatal accidents including inquests, and costs.

He is more commonly instructed by defendants and their insurers, and his practice extends to cover insurance and indemnity issues. He has particular experience of personal injury claims arising in the construction sphere and is frequently involved in complex quantum disputes, often in the context of catastrophic injuries. He understands the need for clear and practical advice.

In addition to experience with alleged fraud (including phantom passengers, staged accidents and low-velocity impacts) in road traffic cases, Julian has also dealt successfully with fraudulent or exaggerated claims in other areas of his practice, including highways claims, work accidents, property damage, and insurance claims.

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Darren Lewis
Barrister (Call 2004)
St John's Chambers

"Darren is an excellent advocate. He responds promptly to written instructions and is well organised. In court, he has a calm but effective approach. He is able to adapt the degree of intensity required on any given case. He communicates well with clients and in my own experience has a proven successful track record at trial."

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PERSONAL INJURY

Darren specialises in personal injury and employment matters, and was called to the Bar in 2004. He is a leading junior on civil fraud, fundamental dishonesty, S57 defences as well as committal for contempt of court. He has extensive expertise in strategy, tactics and risks defending dishonest claims from their inception to stike out/dismissal and even committal for contempt of court. He has lectured extensively on all aspects of civil fraud for defendants.

Darren is one of the leading personal injury costs barristers in the South West, and ranked in tier 1 by The Legal 500. He has appeared in some of the leading cases following the recent rule changes arising from Jackson, QOCS and fixed fees.



James Marwick
Barrister (Call 2008)
St John's Chambers

"James is an excellent advocate. He is analytical, pays great attention to detail and provides stellar advice. He is ultra client focused."

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PERSONAL INJURY

James accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury work acting for both claimants and defendants.

Particular specialisms include construction industry, road traffic accidents, fraud and public liability. James is regularly instructed to act where there are allegations of fraud or fundamental dishonesty and he is an experienced trial advocate particularly where there are causation concerns. He is a specialist in all procedural matters and has recently acted in several cases concerning, inter alia, the deployment of surveillance evidence, stand alone fundamental dishonesty hearings and the disapplication of QOCS.

This work complements instructions in the full range of road traffic accidents, public liability and employer's liability (including industrial disease) matters together with recovery contribution claims. James has a significant advisory and drafting practice dealing with all aspects of liability, quantum and procedure.

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Marcus Coates-Walker
Barrister (Call 2013)
St John's Chambers

"He is great on his feet and his thoughtful approach endears him to coroners and other IPs alike. Lay clients love him. His sensitive manner really shines through, and sets him apart from others with the same call and beyond."

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INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Marcus has a practice specialised in personal injury, clinical negligence and inquest work. He is continually instructed in high-value cases, particularly involving complex issues of causation and quantum. He regularly represents clients in multi-track trials, Joint Settlement Meetings and mediations as well as being a trained mediator himself.

Marcus has experience of a broad range of inquest work arising in the context of both personal injury and clinical negligence. He has appeared at Article 2 and jury inquests with multiple lay and expert witnesses. His experience of inquests includes cases involving deaths in hospital, psychiatric institutions and police custody. He is happy to take instructions from all Interested Persons, including bereaved families, NHS Trusts or Health Boards, Local Councils, prison services, police forces or other state institutions. He also has experience of a number of inquests which have attracted media attention and is able to adapt his approach to the sensitivities of each case.



Louise Asprey
Barrister (Call 2007)
St John's Chambers

Louise has many years of experience representing both claimants and defendants in personal injury and clinical negligence matters. She regularly deals with claims arising out of road traffic accidents and is experienced in dealing with claims brought under the Highways Act 1980, the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 and the Defective Premises Act 1972. Louise regularly advises on these matters and is skilled at assisting with the best tactics required to achieve an early conclusion of proceedings. Louise has particular experience in dealing with issues in respect of fundamental dishonesty.

As well as representing parties at fast-track and multi-track trials, Louise also has gained extensive experience of acting and advising on high-value claims with complex loss of earnings and pension calculation issues.

As a member of the Attorney General's Regional Panel B, Louise is instructed on behalf of the MOD and the MOJ in respect of various personal injury and clinical negligence matters. Louise is regularly instructed on behalf of the MOJ to represent their interests in inquest proceedings surrounding deaths in custody. She also has experience of representing interested persons at inquests arising in the context of clinical negligence.



Rachel Segal
Barrister (Call 2013)
St John's Chambers

Rachel is a personal injury barrister representing both claimants and defendants in trials, applications and other interim hearings in a broad range of RTA (including credit hire), Highways Act, employers' liability, occupier's liability and public liability matters. Rachel also continues to be in demand for her particular specialism in relief from sanctions applications following her work in this area.

She is instructed to draft pleadings, advise on paper and in conference across the spectrum of personal injury law.

Rachel was recently instructed as second junior in a complex catastrophic brain injury case led by a silk and senior junior, assisting with a multi-million pound schedule.

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Justin Valentine
Barrister (Call 1999)
St John's Chambers

"Forensic in his investigation of the key issues in a case, with an in-depth knowledge of his brief."
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Justin undertakes all aspects of personal injury work with a particular interest in workplace claims and claims involving vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists). He has successfully litigated complex cases involving the Animals Act. His approach to personal injury actions is to assist solicitors in taking control of litigation (via, for example, Part 18 Requests for Further Information). This assists in achieving swift outcomes.

Justin has experience in representing interested parties at inquests.

He also has significant experience in armed service-related claims, for example, NFIC cases, claims involving bullying and assault, and claims involving psychiatric injury. He has experience in drafting complex, high-value schedules of loss in catastrophic and fatal accident claims.



Jimmy Barber
Barrister (Call 2008)
St John's Chambers

Jimmy accepts instructions in all aspects of personal injury law, primarily acting for insurance companies and local authorities and public bodies. He is willing to accept instructions from claimants on a CFA basis in appropriate cases. He is regularly instructed to advise, settle pleadings and to attend trials and interim hearings in multi-track cases in the County Court and the High Court.

Jimmy has significant experience of fraudulent RTA claims, and has dealt with claims involving allegations of dishonesty, surveillance footage, low velocity impacts, staged accidents and exaggerated claims. He has secured multiple findings of fundamental dishonesty at trial.

He is experienced in employers' and public liability and industrial disease claims, including claims involving health and safety regulations, NIHL, occupational stress, the Highways Act 1980, the Occupiers' Liability Acts and claims for negligence. He acts in travel law claims brought under the Montreal and Athens Conventions and the Package Tour Regulations.



James Hughes
Barrister (Call 2011)
St John's Chambers

James is a specialist personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner. He has extensive experience across the full spectrum of such work, including public and employer's liability, road traffic accidents, industrial disease and travel claims. He is a highly experienced interim hearing and trial advocate. He acts for claimants and defendants in roughly equal measure. He is regularly instructed on behalf of defendants or their insurers where allegations of dishonesty or the disapplication of QOCS are argued.

In addition to his core personal injury and clinical negligence caseload, James is also a specialist in data protection, privacy and confidentiality work, whether arising out of the GDPR/data protection legislation, or at common law.