

Personal Injury Seminar

Wednesday 1st July 2020
9.00 am - 1.30 pm
We The Curious
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Programme

The Personal Injury seminar - 1st July 2020

9.00am	Registration and refreshments
9.40 - 9.45am	Welcome and introduction from chair Rachel Russell Rachel Russell, Barrister, St John's Chambers
9.45 - 11.15am	Quantum issues in complex high value claims Rachel Russell, Richard Stead & Matthew White, Barristers Three talks covering current Quantum issues including a talk on Pension Loss from Matthew White
11.15 - 11.30am	Mid-morning refreshments
11.30 - 12.15pm	Parallel sessions A and B (delegates can choose which session they would like to attend). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A: Fundamental dishonesty Julian Horne and Darren Lewis, Barristers• B: PI to Clinical negligence—Making the Move Vanessa McKinlay, Head of Clinical Negligence
12.15 - 1.00pm	Parallel sessions C and D (delegates can choose which session they would like to attend). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C: Vicarious liability on the move: An update on the hottest issue in the Courts at the moment. Ben Handy and Marcus Coates-Walker, Barristers• D: Inquest Law Update Tom Leeper, Barrister
1.00 - 1.30pm	Surveillance evidence and update on current issues James Marwick, Barrister
1.30pm	Lunch

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Rachel Russell
Barrister
St John's Chambers

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

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NEGLIGENCE

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
St John's Chambers

"Matthew has an excellent all-round understanding of chronic pain. 'He is entirely unruffled and instils confidence.' 'The doyen of highways claims, he is extremely bright and able to get right to the heart of the issues.' "

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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.

With over 20 years' experience, he 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."

He thinks of himself as a "common lawyer" and enjoys occasional cases dealing with more obscure areas of law.

"A standout set on the Western Circuit, St John's Chambers remains highly regarded for its strong personal injury practice. Instructing solicitors praise the set as 'one of the leading sets for personal injury work in Bristol and the South West region.' "

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Richard Stead
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"Richard is highly experienced in a variety of issues, including Animals Act claims and construction site accidents. He focuses on matters involving brain and spinal injuries. 'He is an excellent advocate, a skilled negotiator and a very commercially aware practitioner.' 'He gives very clear advice, is very approachable and is very good on paper.' "

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Richard is one of the leading practitioners on the Western circuit handling claims of catastrophic injury. He is highly regarded for his expertise in a wide array of complex and specialist liability claims including agriculture, animals, trees and construction. He has considerable experience in employer's liability, sports injury and RTA claims, and regularly handles high-value claims for claimant and defendant solicitors, particularly those involving brain injury.

Renowned for his skills as an excellent advocate, Richard always commands respect and attention in Court. His reputation means he is regularly called to represent clients at joint settlement meetings and mediations in negotiating resolutions in high-value cases.

Richard also acts as a mediator.



Julian Horne
Barrister
St John's Chambers

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.

Julian is also regularly instructed in property damage claims including fire, flood and subsidence, and in a variety of cases involving insurance law. He also has experience of construction disputes, particularly involving insurance issues.

Across all areas of his work Julian also has considerable experience in relation to costs, including costs management and detailed assessment.



Darren Lewis
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"A great trial advocate."
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Darren has over 12 years' experience in personal injury law with extensive experience in industrial disease litigation and employer's liability, with an emphasis on emerging fields such as non-freezing cold injury claims and MoD Claims as well as NIHL, asbestosis and upper limb disorders. His clients range from heavy industries like Tata Steel to small businesses and public services.

He works in all aspects of local authority/government liability in personal injury and employment. He undertakes local authority work ranging from matters concerning highways and occupiers' liability to very sensitive employer's liability in cases where patients have assaulted staff in secure units, specialist schools and respite centres, and civil assault in prisons and young offenders' institutions. He has a loyal following among local authorities ranging from Walsall MBC in the West Midlands to Cornwall County Council in the South West. He also represents companies operating privatised housing estates and arm's-length management organisations.

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Vanessa Mckinlay
Head of Clinical Negligence
St John's Chambers

"Her advocacy is impressive and her professionalism at joint settlement meetings has resulted in settlements being achieved in very difficult situations."

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Vanessa worked as a Senior Physiotherapist in the NHS before studying law and being called to the Bar in 2000. She leads a successful and expanding Clinical Negligence team. She brings a strong medical knowledge to her extensive clinical negligence practice and to personal injury cases in which complex medical issues arise and is a trained mediator.

Her kind and very thoughtful approach to claims makes an often frustrating process more bearable for the client. Peers praise her for her pragmatic approach, and being able to filter out the wheat from the chaff and boil it down so she can give practical advice in understandable terms. Clients have said that her medical background is really helpful in cases with technical medical issues.

Vanessa is experienced in employers' liability claims, road traffic matters, occupiers' liability and fatal accidents. She has particular expertise in cases involving complex medical issues. She regularly provides representation at inquests on a conditional fee basis.



Ben Handy
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"Excellent with clients and extremely personable."

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Called to the Bar in 2008, Ben is a personal injury and clinical negligence specialist. He represents claimants and defendants in a wide-range of work, with an increasing focus on cases of high value or complexity. He has represented clients at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal, and has a particular interest in claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty and fraud. Ben's reputation as a strong negotiator is complemented by his work as a mediator, through which he assists parties to settle disputes without the cost and uncertainty of litigation. In his free time Ben loves anything sport-related.

Personal injury work makes up the core of Ben's practice, and he represents claimants and defendants across the whole spectrum of personal injury litigation, with an increasing focus on cases of high value or complexity. He has written and lectured on the Defective Premises Act and the Highways Act, and is often asked to provide in-house training on those and related issues. He is developing a particular specialism in cases involving suspected fraud or fundamental dishonesty, an area in which he has had a number of notable successes.



Marcus Coates-Walker
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"Marcus is very good with clients, and very forensic in the way that he approaches evidence and spots the really important issues. He's very thorough, quick to respond, professional, articulate, intellectual but still relating to clients. He provides clear advice and goes out of his way to be proactive and provide additional value."

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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.

He is instructed by both claimants and defendants and understands that in order to successfully represent clients you need an in-depth understanding of both sides of a case. He also appreciates the needs of his professional clients in a continually changing market.

He is experienced in a broad range of personal injury work, including vicarious liability and non-delegable duties, employers' and occupiers' liability claims, road traffic accidents and Fatal Accident Act matters. He also has experience acting as junior counsel in high value catastrophic brain injury claims.

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Tom Leeper
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"Tom Boasts an outstanding reputation in the clinical negligence field, with vast experience in complex, high-value claims. 'He has a very analytical mind and goes through things extremely thoroughly. He's phenomenally meticulous.'"

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Tom practises on the Western Circuit exclusively in clinical negligence and inquests. Within these fields he works both on behalf of the injured and the bereaved, and on behalf Hospital Trusts and Health Boards. He has extensive experience representing families and national corporations, the Home Office, the Prison Service, the National Probation Service and the MOD. He sits as an Assistant Coroner for Warwickshire, and is regularly instructed to act as Counsel to the Inquest.

Tom acts for claimants and defendants in a wide-range of personal injury claims. Recent work includes accidents in the workplace, road traffic accidents, Occupiers Liability and travel abroad. Extensive work in cases involving the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office in claims for personal injury/assault/false imprisonment/ misfeasance in public office.

“ This leading set attracts vast acclaim for its strength in depth. Its expertise ranges from high-value catastrophic injury, birth injury and surgical negligence cases to lower value dental negligence claims.”

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James Marwick
Barrister
St John's Chambers

"A very tenacious advocate with a strong work ethic. "

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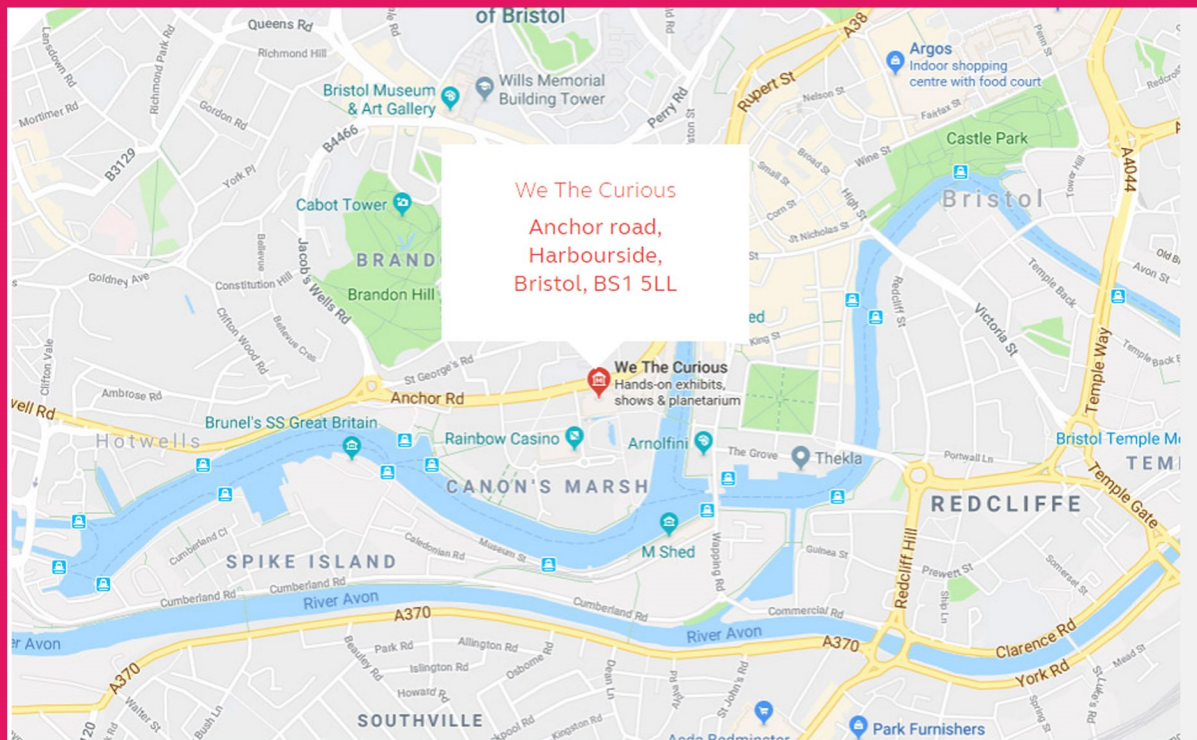
James accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury work acting for both claimants and defendants. He is presently conducted as sole counsel in a number of cases worth up to £1 million and in others where there are complex liability and quantum issues.

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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