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Edward Hutchin is a highly experienced personal injury practitioner. He specialises in insurance fraud claims, instructed by the leading firms and major insurers.

His work includes motor fraud cases but also encompasses fraudulent and exaggerated employers' and public liability claims. He has specialist knowledge of all aspects of this area of litigation, including exaggerated claims, false or staged accidents, deliberately-induced collisions, and low velocity impacts, and has conducted numerous trials involving fraud rings, including complex intelligence, forensic engineering, social media, telematics data, surveillance and medical evidence.

He also has considerable experience of linked issues including committal and costs.

Edward is also highly experienced in wider fields of personal injury, insurance, and credit hire.

Edward has practised extensively in clinical negligence work, representing claimants and defendants in claims arising out of treatment by doctors, dentists, opticians and other medical practitioners.

Edward is also an experienced employment law practitioner. His employment practice covers unfair and wrongful dismissal, redundancy, breach of contract and equal opportunities claims, as well as cases involving transfers, restrictive covenants and deductions from wages. He has particular experience of claims which include issues of disability and disputed medical evidence, as well as cases involving members of the medical and telecoms professions.

Expertise

Motor Insurance Fraud

Edward is acknowledged as a leading practitioner in the field of insurance fraud. He is recognised for the depth of his expertise in all aspects of this work, and ranked as a Leading Junior in insurance fraud, described in the Legal 500 as a "go-to barrister for civil fraud claims. The best choice for cases that involve heavy detail". Chambers & Partners noted his "wealth of expertise handling fraudulent insurance matters, including motor, personal injury and public liability claims".



Notable Motor Insurance Fraud cases

L v D

Three Claimants alleged that they were all travelling together in a vehicle when it was involved in an accident. After a multi-day trial the claims were dismissed, the judge finding that the 2 alleged passengers were not in the car, and that as the driver had lied about his occupants, his claim should be dismissed under s.57 CJCA 2015. All the claims were therefore dismissed, and an enforceable costs order made against the Claimants.

F v N

Fraud case in which the Claimant was found fundamentally dishonest. The Claimant claimed that he injured his wrist in an accident at work, when his medical records revealed that he had in fact been injured when handcuffed. Although he claimed that he was severely disabled and claimed disablement benefits, social media showed him performing as an MC at music festivals. The claim was struck out, but the Defendant successfully applied for a finding of fundamental dishonesty, and an enforceable costs order was made in the Defendant's favour on the indemnity basis.

R & Others v M & Others

Edward represented the successful Defendant insurers in this high profile fraud ring case. The case involved multiple claims which were heard together over 10 days before the designated civil judge in Nottingham. After a 10 day trial, the claims were rejected (save one in which the damages were very substantially reduced), and the judge made a finding that they were part of a fraud ring. Edward subsequently dealt with committal proceedings against 4 of the Claimants, resulting in each of them being sentenced to a term of 6 months' imprisonment.

Personal Injury

Edward is a highly experienced personal injury practitioner, acting on behalf of claimants, defendants and insurers in claims arising out of road traffic and highways accidents, accidents at work, breaches of health and safety regulations, liability of employers for psychiatric injuries arising from stress and harassment, and fatal accident claims. His experience extends to claims involving accidents abroad, product liability, and public liability.

Notable Personal Injury cases

S v H & Others

Edward represented a claimant who suffered serious injuries in an accident on a construction site, involving complex issues of liability and causation.



A & Others v Z & Others

12 claims were ordered to be heard together, and over 80 others were dependent on the outcome, in cases where the expertise, competence and conclusions of the Claimants' medical expert were challenged. A group application was made for cases to be heard together so that concerns about the use of the psychiatric expert relied on by the Claimants could be considered. Following the successful application, and after successfully defeating the Claimants' attempts to set aside and appeal the order, the Claimants abandoned their attempts to rely on the nominated expert.

Armsden v Kent Police

Edward acted for the Defendant in this fatal accident claim arising out of a police vehicle collision. After appearing at trial he was subsequently involved in the successful appeal before the Court of Appeal which led to clarification of the law relating to police emergency driving.

K v A

Edward advised and appeared on behalf of Claimant in High Court fatal accident claim valued at over £1m.

Clinical Negligence

Edward has considerable experience of clinical negligence claims, including claims relating to doctors, dentists and other medical practitioners.

Notable Clinical Negligence cases

S v B

Fatal accident claim against hospital arising out of a failure to provide appropriate treatment and advice following a fracture, leading to development of DVT.

Z v G

Clinical negligence claim against hospital for failures to diagnose and treat tendon injury leading to prolonged disability.

Credit Hire



Edward has detailed knowledge and vast experience of all aspects of credit hire litigation, acting regularly appearing in complex or high-value disputes, particularly those with fraud issues.

Notable Credit Hire cases

N v B

The Claimant claimed damages including over £86,000 credit hire charges, alleging that the Defendant reversed into his motorcycle. After a trial involving oral and forensic engineering evidence, the claims were dismissed. The Judge found fraud, inconsistency and embellishment, ruling that the entire claim was fundamentally dishonest. An enforceable costs order was made in favour of the Defendant, and the Judge approved an order providing for the Defendant to make an application for non-party costs against the hire company.

Automated & Electric Vehicles

Edward is part of the TGC team specialising in the developing law of automated vehicles. He also has experience of numerous cases involving existing technology such as the interpretation and use of telematics evidence in court.

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge (2019-)

Languages

- French

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association

Recommendations

- Insurance Fraud – Leading Junior: Ranked: Tier 1. **Legal 500**
- “A go-to barrister for civil fraud claims. The best choice for cases that involve heavy detail.” **Legal 500**
- “Possesses a wealth of expertise handling fraudulent insurance matters, including motor, personal



injury and public liability claims. He is frequently instructed by insurers in claims where fundamental dishonesty is suspected.” **Chambers & Partners, Motor Insurance Fraud**

- “A terrific advocate who is very knowledgeable and experienced. You can go to him for ad hoc advice, and his drafting skills are brilliant and defences are really detailed.” **Chambers & Partners**