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James Yapp has a busy court and advisory practice across Chambers' core areas.

He has appeared in the County Court and High Court on a range of matters. He is regularly instructed in Multi-Track trials, applications and CCMCs.

Expertise

Personal Injury

James has a busy personal injury practice. He has broad experience of personal injury litigation including employers' liability, occupiers' liability. He has experience of claims involving spinal injuries and traumatic brain injury.

James is instructed in a number of fatal accident claims and has experience of dealing with complex quantum disputes in this area.

His practice includes a number of instructions relating to accidents or illnesses abroad. He is familiar with related jurisdictional and choice of law issues.

James is often instructed on behalf of major construction companies in relation to construction accidents.

James has an interest in sports-related claims. He has acted on behalf of individuals, Premier League football clubs and major multi-nationals. He has experience of bringing and defending claims against participants, organisers and stadium occupiers. He is familiar with the requirements of the Green Guide.

Clinical Negligence

James' experience of personal injury and fatal accident litigation dovetails neatly with his clinical negligence practice. He was recently instructed in a case involving a stillbirth resulting from clinical negligence.



Motor Insurance Fraud

James is frequently instructed at trial on behalf of insurers in suspected fraudulent or exaggerated claims. He has secured enforceable costs orders on behalf of defendants in many such cases. He is often instructed to advise insurers at an early stage where fraud is suspected.

James has been instructed in claims arising from staged or contrived accidents, phantom passenger claims and suspected fraud rings. He has experience of cases involving surveillance and telematics evidence.

Insurance

James has experience of dealing with coverage and indemnity disputes arising from various policies of insurance. Recent cases have included disputes over the interpretation of exclusion clauses and recovery actions.

He is also instructed in property damage cases and is familiar with issues arising from fires, escape of water and tree root damage. Recent work in this area includes drafting submissions for the purposes of a construction Adjudication following a substantial escape of water.

Costs & Litigation Funding

James has experience of solicitor/ client disputes, including challenges to solicitors' entitlement to post-LASPO success fees.

He has significant experience of dealing with the various costs issues arising from his other areas of specialism. He is very familiar with the fixed recoverable costs regimes. He is also instructed in applications for wasted costs or non-party costs orders.

Credit Hire

James has significant experience of acting for both claimants and defendants. He is familiar with the various issues which arise in credit hire cases.

James' credit hire knowledge complements his insurance and motor insurance fraud expertise. He regularly defends claims involving suspected fraudulent or exaggerated claims for hire.

Awards

- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, Middle Temple
- Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Viscount Sankey Award, Jesus College
- Law Prize, Jesus College



Education

- BPTC, City Law School
- BA Jurisprudence, Jesus College, University of Oxford

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers' Association