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Matthew's practise comprises all aspects of personal injury and clinical negligence work. He undertook pupillage in London with a strong focus on complex and high-value clinical negligence claims.

He continues to act on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in a wide variety of claims, representing parties from the earliest stages of claims through the Coroner's Court, to trial or Joint Settlement Meetings.

Matthew's practise includes a wide variety of clinical negligence work, including birth injury cases, delayed diagnosis of various conditions, including antenatally, and surgical injuries.

Matthew has significant experience of the CICA, having appeared in a large number of multi-million pound pre-tariff brain injury claims. He was involved in the drafting of a Peters-type undertaking for use in CICA claims of significant value which would meet with the approval of the Court of Protection.

In 2007 Matthew was appointed to the Attorney-General's regional panel. He is a contributing editor to Butterworth's Personal Injury Law Service.

"Matthew is great at putting clients at ease; he is sympathetic and empathetic. Matthew has good attention to detail."

Expertise

Personal Injury

Matthew specialises in all aspects of personal injury and clinical negligence work, including catastrophic injuries, accidents at work, occupiers' and other public liability, road traffic accidents (with a particular interest in fraudulent claims), sports claims and industrial diseases. Matthew is often instructed at a very early stage in such proceedings, giving practical strategic advice in writing and conference, and thereafter representing parties through to final hearings, settlement meetings and appeals.

Matthew's work is split equally between claimant and defendant work.

His claimant practice includes fatal accident act claims, spinal cord injury, brain injury, amputation and disease claims. He is currently instructed for the claimants in the sofa dermatitis GLO. He has significant experience of complex loss of earnings claims for the self-employed and sole traders. For claimants much of



his work is CFA or CCFA funded.

Matthew also regularly acts for several multinationals, spanning road, rail, construction, oil, retails and leisure industries. In the past few years his defence practice has included claims arising from an oil refinery explosion, multiple claims from theme park rides, rail industry injuries (including under the rail industry CAHA), direct instructions from insurers and numerous multi-party construction site claims.

Matthew has significant experience of inquests representing families, companies, state institutions and NHS Trusts in a wide variety of inquests, including article 2 and other jury inquests.

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Matthew advises defendants and insurers about motor and other insurance policy coverage, including RTA liability, notice requirements and in respect of declaratory proceedings. Matthew also has significant experience of claims against the MIB.

Recent cases include a trial on the issue of date of commencement of proceedings against second Defendant for purpose of s152 RTA.

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Clinical Negligence

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Motor Insurance Fraud

Matthew specialises in personal injury litigation. He has particular interest in, and experience of, claims involving allegations of fraud in a variety of contexts: employers' liability, public liability, and all aspects of motor claims.

Recent cases have included: staged/no accident cases, in both motor vehicles and at work, low velocity impact / no injury cases, bogus passenger claims, including Bashir and others v. Bashir and Fortis (minor's claim struck out for supporting dishonest claims of family members), public liability claims, including those involving family members, and exaggerated claims.

In addition, Matthew represented a local authority in its application for costs against a non-party credit hire company, the first successful application of its kind, recently upheld by the Court of Appeal.

As well as court work, Matthew regularly advises solicitors, insurers, and clients at all stages of such litigation, assisting in early decision making and planning. He has given training to insurance industry staff and solicitors on how to defend suspected fraudulent cases.

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Inquests & Inquiries

Matthew Brunning has wide experience of representing a variety of parties in inquests arising from a range of incidents. He has acted for families, insurers, prisons and other agencies in inquests arising from a variety of deaths in custody (suicide, drug overdose, coeliac disease and so forth), at work (from land fill sites to vineyards) and on roads. He regularly undertakes inquests for various arms of the government, having been on the T-Sol panel since December 2007, and thus has significant experience of article 2 inquests.