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Michael Rapp is recognised as a leading junior in personal injury work. He specialises in high value and complex cases acting for claimants and defendants.

Michael frequently acts in cases valued in excess of £1m. He has a long standing and loyal client base and receives regular and repeat instructions from leading solicitors and insurers.

His practice also encompasses Professional/Clinical Negligence, Product Liability, Insurance litigation; particularly road traffic fraud, Cable Damage claims and Utility matters.

Michael has extensive experience in the analysis of high value complex claims and is regularly instructed to attend Joint Settlement Meetings, Mediations and other forms of ADR in appropriate cases.

He regularly enjoys giving lectures and seminars to solicitors and insurers.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Michael has a wide range of experience in all areas of personal injury. He enjoys involvement from the earliest stages ranging from Coroner's Inquests through to accident investigation and site inspection. His practice encompasses:

- **Employer's and Public liability claims** arising from accidents at work, shopping centres, playgrounds etc.
- **Construction sites** – including manual handling, defective work equipment, scaffolds, work at height, cranes and other lifting equipment.
- **Road traffic accidents** including the use of reconstruction experts in cases involving fatalities and multiple vehicles.
- **Highways claims** including claims on behalf of cyclists and cases involving highways authorities, and ss.41 and 58; including contributions of road surfacing, trees and vegetation, snow and ice.
- **MIB claims** including issues relating to RTA insurer, Article 75 etc.



- **Fraudulent claims** and cases of **fundamental dishonesty**. Michael has successfully secured findings of fundamental dishonesty at trial, leading to enforceable adverse costs orders.

In terms of the injuries themselves Michael usually deals with serious and significant injuries including:

- Fatalities
- Complex orthopaedic conditions including Amputation
- Catastrophic Brain and Spinal Injury
- Chronic pain including all forms of pain disorders such as Functional Neurological Disorder, CRPS, Somatoform Disorders, Fibromyalgia, CFS.
- Psychiatric injuries.
- Automatism.
- Capacity and Court of Protection issues.

Notable Personal Injury cases

DW v A (2021)

Claim settled for a man who suffered a significant brain injury at work. Settlement reached at £780,000 with liability remaining in dispute.

McGowan

Successfully represented a Claimant in a 4 day remote trial in front of HHJ Bloom. The claimant was awarded £255,071 for a long term neck whiplash. The judge was satisfied that the permanent whiplash constituted a disability under the DDA and therefore an Ogden 8 calculation was appropriate. She rejected out of hand D's contentions for a Blamire style award. She also agreed that no significant discount should be made from the disability RF tables just because the disability was less severe.

LK v JD

Defended a pub owner in a claim brought by a patron who fell down stairs in a pub at night and was left quadriplegic. Claim pleaded at @7.5million. Matter defended throughout until the week before a split liability trial. Settlement reached days before at a fraction of its value at £250,000.

Re J

Acted for the family of a woman killed in a fatal RTA. Highly favourable settlement of £605,000 achieved at JSM including over £50,000 for future childcare services for as yet unborn grand-children.

M v O

Defended a claim for fibromyalgia triggered from chlorine exposure. Claimant sought losses of £231,189,



settled at JSM for £87,500.

L-B v STG Ltd

Acted for the claimant in a chronic pain case with significant causation issues. The case required strong liaison with the Consultant in Pain and an in depth knowledge of the variety of chronic pain conditions. Settlement sum £525,000.

H v B

Defended a claim for injury to a construction worker tripping on a scaffold pole. Fundamental dishonesty alleged and found in that the pole was placed on the deck by the claimant himself. Claim dismissed and QWOCs protection removed. D's costs paid.

AM v TH

Acted for an elderly claimant who suffered a significant brain injury after being struck as a pedestrian by a car. Claim settled and approved for £295,346.

Z v O

Defended a claim arising from a significant workplace injury to a high-powered marketing executive. The claimant was a high earner with an impressive background in corporate marketing. She suffered a significant spinal injury with consequent psychological sequelae leaving her unable to work at her previous levels. The Claim was pleaded at £3.5 million. Settlement reached at JSM for £680,000.

Clinical Negligence

Michael's practice in this regard compliments that of his personal injury practice. It covers a broad range of medical issues, as well as the negligence of associated health care professionals. He is well versed in the evolving arguments concerning breach of duty, consent and causation that tend to arise in these cases. He frequently conducts conferences with multiple experts.

Professional Negligence

Michael is instructed on both sides and his practice is generally focused upon solicitor's negligence resulting from underlying personal injury claims.



Awards

- Neville Laski Scholarship, Inner Temple (2002)
- Peta Fordham Scholarship, Inner Temple (2001)

Education

- BVC, College of Law
- PGDL, College of Law
- Joint Honours French and Italian, University of Bristol

Memberships

- PIBA