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Richard Collier is an experienced civil practitioner, with particular specialisms in civil fraud, personal injury and public liability.

He has a particular interest in environmental litigation and will be starting a modular LLM in Environmental Law in 2026.

Richard offers a full service ranging from initial advisory paperwork to multiple day trial advocacy, for everything from higher end Fast Tracks to complex high value Multi-Tracks. He is adept at arguing points of law, in particular duty of care, and dealing with applications for strike out and/or summary judgment.

With his background as the Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Jackson in the Court of Appeal, involving time spent working on the 2017 Supplementary Fixed Costs Report, he is especially comfortable with appellate work and costs.

Clients value Richard's skill as an advocate, both in witness handling and submissions advocacy, his clear and direct approach to advisory work, and his easy friendly manner with lay clients.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Richard did a specialist personal injury pupillage and has considerable experience, acting for claimants and defendants, in all manner of cases including road traffic accidents, under the Highways Act 1980, occupier liability, employer liability and public liability.

He is comfortable with complex and high value litigation, and routinely appears before senior judges in Multi-Track cases. Richard has a particular speciality in handling strategically complex cases, and in particular striking out problematic and abusive claims.

He has considerable trial experience, having conducted hundreds of Fast and Multi-Track trials, and has built a reputation as a highly effective cross-examiner who speaks effectively to judges. He is also routinely



instructed for interlocutory hearings and CCMCs.

On top of his busy court work Richard has a high quality paperwork practice, principally drafting pleadings and advising on all manner of points ranging from pre-action prospects to quantum and settlement. Solicitors and lay clients appreciate his clear and practical advisory style, and he is always happy to have informal phone calls with solicitors in prospective cases.

Notable Personal Injury cases

GHLX v E (2025)

Ongoing multi-track historic sex abuse claim, representing defendant

E v S (2024)

Represented defendant, secured strike out of multi-track claim arising out of inebriated visitor to bar who passed out in toilets and sustained injury, full day of legal argument on duty of care before HHJ Melissa Clarke sitting as a High Court Judge.

F v P (2024)

Catastrophic injury claim on behalf of the claimant, almost complete loss of function of right side, complex medical evidence concerning highly specialist mega prosthetic elbow replacement, handled from cradle to grave (successful settlement of >£800k), successfully obtained interim payment (opposed by defendant).

Insurance

Richard represents a range of public bodies including police forces, NHS Trusts, local authorities and schools.

He is adept at responding to all causes of action, not least negligence, unlawful detention, wrongful arrest, trespass to person, trespass to property, public law (Judicial Review), discrimination, human rights, failure to make reasonable adjustments, and data protection.

Richard has developed a particular specialism in securing the summary disposal of these claims, whether by strike out or summary judgment, and is confident advocating to senior judges and against senior opponents.

He also has broad experience of non-litigious advisory work, including having been led by a leading KC to advise a local authority on the legality of a multi-million pound compensation scheme for very serious and highly sensitive historic wrongs. Separately he spent a number of weeks working in the Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre, and has advised chief constables and commissioners of police forces a number of times on policy.



Notable Insurance cases

A v K (2025)

Represented public body defendant, opposed application for permission to bring civil proceedings under section 139 Mental Health Act 1983 arising out of section 3 admission for treatment, before Ritchie J in High Court, awaiting judgment.

P v C (2025)

Represented public body defendant, successfully opposed Judicial Review proceedings in High Court, having also secured strike out of preceding civil claim in the County Court.

A v C (2025)

Represented public body defendant, secured strike out of claim for alleged human rights violations, discrimination, negligence.

Motor Insurance Fraud

Richard is approved counsel of choice for a number of major insurers, and is highly sought after by all the leading firms in this area. He is regarded as an excellent cross-examiner and regularly secures findings of dishonesty.

On the basis of his significant experience solicitors value Richard's advice on prospects of success in alleging dishonesty, alternatively securing dismissal, and he is respected for his judgement in knowing when and how to plead fraud. To this end Richard is routinely instructed to conduct conferences with witnesses, which he does efficiently and effectively.

This is a topic on which Richard has considerable expertise and in respect of which he was recently published in Barrister Magazine.

Awards

2016 Winner of the University of Law Negotiation Competition

2015 K&L Gates Best Student in Employment Law Award

2015 Inner Temple Exhibition Award

2015 Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award



2015 University of Law Performance Award

Education

University of Law BPTC 2015-2016

University of Bristol LLB 2011-2015