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William Hoskins has substantial experience of professional discipline and personal injury work, including highways and inquests.

Expertise

Professional Discipline

William has acted as a tribunal chair and legal adviser to a significant number of regulatory organisations over the last decade. In consequence, he is thoroughly versed in the principles applicable to this area of the law and in a position to provide knowledgeable and realistic advice and representation to professionals who find themselves in the sensitive and difficult position of having to appear before their regulator. His experience in this field has included the full range of matters liable to come before a regulator, from issues relating to professional competence to allegations relating to conduct in a registrant's private life.

Personal Injury

William is very experienced in all types of multi-track personal injury litigation (excluding those arising from occupational disease), ranging from workplace accidents to catastrophic injury arising from road traffic accidents. He is used to dealing with the range of expert opinion required in cases of catastrophic injury and the issues in relation to quantification of loss that tend to arise most frequently. He has been instructed in claims up to a settlement value of £10m.

William has particular experience in claims arising out of the condition of the highway and in matters relating to the liability of occupiers, both in respect of accidents arising on the occupier's land and the duties of an occupier towards those on adjoining premises.

Notable Personal Injury cases

Mitchell v Department for Transport [2006] 1WLR 3356 CA



Highways.

Sandhar & Murray v DETR [2005] 1 WLR 1632 CA

Highways.

Gilman v UPS [2013] EWHC 2341 TCC

Occupier's liability.

Hart v Sec of State for Transport 2003 EWHC 2450 QB

Highways.

Inquests

William has been instructed in a number of inquests which have attracted widespread public attention, in particular the inquests arising out of the Selby rail disaster, the Rhyl Cycle Club tragedy which occurred on the A 547 near Abergele, and the Chester le Street/ Dreamscape fatalities. In the latter two inquests he was instructed on behalf of the families of the deceased. In the former, he was instructed by the Sec. of State for Transport. He has also been concerned with a number of inquests arising out of deaths in custody.

William has experience of applications for judicial review of coronial decisions, and in this context have appeared on behalf of a number of coroners. These applications have generally involved questions about the proper scope of the inquest having regard to the coronial duty to conduct a thorough inquiry and the application of Article 2 ECHR.

Notable Inquests cases

Pearson v HM Coroner for Inner North London [2005] EWHC 833 (Admin)

Plymouth City Council v HM Coroner for Devon [2005] FLR 1279 (Admin)



Appointments

- Legally Qualified Chair Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service
- Legal Adviser to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
- Legal Adviser to the General Dental Council
- Legal Adviser to the Nursing & Midwifery Council
- Legal Adviser to the General Optical Council
- Legal Adviser to the Farriers Registration Council
- Legal Adviser to Social Work England

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Personal Injury Bar Association