

Christian Taylor

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Personal Injury CV

Overview

Christian practices exclusively in personal injury law. He has specialist experience in contribution claims, criminal injuries compensation, employer's liability, highways claims, jurisdictional issues, limitation issues, military claims, product liability, public liability and road traffic accidents (especially cyclists).

He enjoys meeting clients and working with solicitors from an early stage to achieve the best result for those clients. Acting for both claimants and defendants, Christian considers his best quality to be his judgment which is informed by near daily experience of Court or conference since his practice at the Bar began.

Recommendations

“Christian’s advocacy skills are second-to-none. He is extremely clever, particularly mathematically gifted, he is extremely warm and personable, and he is able to form good relationships with lay clients quickly.”

“Christian is clear and considered in his approach with the court, clients, and solicitors. He is approachable and empathetic, and he uses his considerable knowledge of the law and process to act as adversary or collaborator as is appropriate, representing the facts of a case and using the law to argue the best possible outcome.”

The Legal 500 2024

‘Christian advises on evidence with clarity and focus to tactically achieve the best outcome for claimants, without bamboozling clients. He is popular with colleagues, solicitors and clients, easy to work with, efficient, approachable, driven and hard working.’

Legal 500 2023

Education

- MA (Cantab) (2:1)
- Post Graduate Diploma Law (Commendation)
- Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)
- Hardwicke Scholar, Sir Thomas More Bursary

Appointments

- Advocacy Tutor at Lincoln’s Inn
- Registered Pupil Supervisor

Beyond the Bar

Christian loves being with his family. He also enjoys running, playing the piano and beekeeping.

Cases

Currently acting as Junior Counsel in a claim involving a motorcyclist who suffered life-changing orthopaedic injuries. Assisted in drafting the Schedule of Loss which is presently pleaded at £6.5 million.

Currently instructed on behalf of a man who lost his foot through the negligent mismanagement of his gout. Causation was denied and was eventually resolved shortly before trial, significantly in my client's favour at JSM. The quantum issues are presently being addressed.

Represented a man who sustained a significant accident at work and went on to develop CRPS. Advised throughout the claim, including successfully opposing an application by the Defendant to resile from their admission of liability. Following advice the claim settled for a significant six figure sum, notwithstanding surveillance having been obtained and served.

Acted as Junior Counsel led by Bill Braithwaite QC, acting on behalf of an individual who was catastrophically injured in a road traffic accident. A lump sum was approved by the Court for over £8,000,000.

Presently instructed as Junior Counsel, led by Bill Braithwaite QC, on behalf of an employee who was seriously injured when a crane collapsed.

Acting on behalf of a young woman who was the victim of negligent cervical screening and who went on to develop cervical cancer thereafter having to have life-saving treatment, including a hysterectomy.

Advised the partner of a man killed in a road traffic accident in relation to her claim for dependency. The matter settled for £275,000.

Represented a woman who developed Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Advised in relation to the Defendant's evidence which was that she was suffering from a Somatic Symptom Disorder, as well as in relation to surveillance footage. The matter settled at JSM for £325,000.

Advised a 60 year old female who was struck by a car causing her to sustain serious injuries particularly to one of her legs. The claim settled for £322,000.

Successfully appealed on behalf of a female soldier who had been refused an award pursuant to the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme on the basis that her severe calf pain leading to a pain condition, was not an injury.

Advised a young women under the CICA 2001 Scheme who was the subject of serious childhood sexual abuse. Following a review offer of £50,000, I drafted the Schedule of Loss,

advised on evidence and appeared at the final hearing where £492,000 was recovered on her behalf.

On behalf of a Soldier injured by an IED in Afghanistan under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. His final offer from the Secretary of State under the scheme was £25,000. Having advised initially and obtained further medical evidence the award made by the Tribunal was £108,000 along with a significant increase in his GIP (30% to 75%).

Advised, drafted and advocated at trial on behalf of two prison custody officers who were injured in an ambush of a prison van in Manchester. The claim was compromised on the fourth day of the liability trial against the employer (G4S) and the Ministry of Justice. Was instructed by a woman who had been offered £60,000 by the CICA under the 2008 Scheme in respect of injury and losses caused to her by the sexual abuse she suffered as a child. Following a conference, I pleaded a Schedule that was submitted, and that led to a revised offer from the CICA of just under £358,000. Successfully resisted an appeal before the DCJ in Liverpool on behalf of a firm who had mistakenly served a copy of the claim form instead of the claim form itself. The Defendant argued that service had not been effective. The appeal by the Defendant failed on the basis that CPR 3.10 was apt to remedy any error that had occurred. (Lawtel Document United Utilities v Jayne Hart 8th October 2015 AC0147861) Assisted a 36 year old stab victim recover over £496,000 under the Criminal Injuries compensation scheme. At the time of being instructed, the CICA had offered the Appellant the sum of £29,673.75. I drafted the Schedule of Loss, advised on evidence and represented the Appellant at the final hearing. The CICA's final Counter-Schedule came to a total of around £236,000. Contending for the maximum award of £500,000 at the hearing the Appellant recovered just over £496,000.

Represented a young man who suffered a traumatic below knee amputation in a road traffic accident. As sole counsel, successfully advised and drafted the documents to overcome limitation difficulties and secure an admission of liability. The claim subsequently settled for £1.15m with Amanda Yip QC advising as Senior Counsel.

Acted on behalf of a minor and partner in a claim under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 which began as an associated claim under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme. Successfully advised and drafted the documents to overcome limitation difficulties and secured an admission of breach of duty. Settled for £100,000 at JSM. Represented a lady who slipped on ice in Liverpool City Centre and suffered a fractured skull. Fought the case on the basis of a breach of Section 41(1A) of the Highways Act 1980 and succeeded at trial. Claim was reported (Rockliffe v Liverpool City Council, Lawtel 4/7/2013). Settled for £35,000.

Represented a young man who sustained psychological injuries from childhood abuse and recovered £120,000 on appeal under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

Acted for two young boys who had been abused, and who, following initial offers of £3,900 each by the CICA, appealed, and following further medical evidence and pleadings, one boy was awarded £206,000 and the other £156,000.

Instructed in relation to a very sensitive CICA claim relating to child abuse, in which the initial offer by the authority was £7,800. I advised in relation to the medical evidence, settled the pleadings, and appeared at the final hearing where the award made by the Tribunal was £363,000.

Instructed to advise on behalf of a pedestrian who sustained a severe brain injury when hit by a motor vehicle, affecting his capacity to perform his pre-accident employment. Advised the Claimant to reject an early 50/50 offer made in relation to liability by the Defendant. Subsequent difficulty with the Defendant's insurer over funding for rehabilitation led to the parties collaborating at a roundtable meeting, which led to the case settling pre-issue at £550,000 whose terms assumed an 85/15 apportionment of liability in the Claimant's favour. [Led at the roundtable meeting by Amanda Yip QC].

Represented a woman who had suffered sexual abuse as a child but who had been offered only £2,000 by the CICA. Following a conference I pleaded a Schedule of £332,000 which resulted in a revised offer by the CICA of £320,000 which was accepted.

Represented a woman who had suffered sexual abuse as a child. Initially offered £3,300 and then £47,000. Settled the Schedule of Loss and recovered the full claimed losses at Hearing of £159,960.

Publications

“Service of copy claim forms: two triumphs of substance over form”, January 2023

“Good experts win cases: Pickering v Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust”, May 2022

“Unfair crime compensation scheme inflicts lasting pain”, The Times, The Brief, 17th February 2016

“CICA Appeals; some practical points” Personal Injury Law Journal, June 2015 (136)