





Stuart McCracken

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Memberships

- Human Rights Lawyers Association
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Education

- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School (Outstanding, 2010) Master of Laws (LLM), University of Sydney (2005)
- LLB (Hons) Law, University of Manchester (Class 2:1, 2001-2004) Buchanan prize, Lincoln's Inn (2010)
- Thomas More Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2009) Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2008)

Practice Overview

Stuart has a broad common law practice. Considered a bright junior, his civil practice encompasses fast track and multi-track claims, personal injury, road traffic accidents, credit hire and costs budgeting. He also has experience of CICA claims and actions against the police.

With a caring, compassionate nature and an innate sense of justice, human rights issues are very important to Stuart, having worked in Parliament and at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. This included the development of draft legislation to criminalise British participation in extraordinary rendition, and litigation in the UK and US under Freedom of Information laws to secure the release of important information on rendition. Naturally he welcomes instructions with a human rights element that will enable him to bring his experience and skills in this arena to the fore.

Cases

M v O (2016) - Stuart was instructed at a late stage in this matter which at the time was allocated to the fast track. He advised on medical evidence and drafted a detailed schedule of loss, following which the trial was vacated and the claim re-allocated to the multi-track. It recently settled in the sum of £65,000.

C v CICA (2016) – in this sensitive CICA claim Stuart successfully argued that the Authority had adopted the wrong tariff and secured a doubling of the Appellant’s award on appeal.

S v GMP (2016) – Stuart acted for the claimant from the outset in this action against the police following a police dog bite, advising on prospects, quantum and evidence, and ultimately securing a settlement.

R v Jones [2013] EWCA Crim 397 - Stuart appeared in the Court of Appeal in this appeal against sentence in a racially aggravated s.47 assault case.

Publications

Stuart is the co-author of *Account Rendered: Extraordinary Rendition and Britain’s Role* (Biteback Publishing, London, 2011).

Beyond the Bar

Prior to coming to the bar Stuart worked in Parliament for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition, campaigning to get to the bottom of UK involvement in rendition. He is the co-author of *Account Rendered*. Stuart spent 5 months with the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, assisting in the prosecution of four former government ministers for genocide and war crimes.