

Louis Browne QC

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Clerks' Details

 Neil Wright
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Appointments

- Recorder

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

Education

- First Class Honours Degree, Law
- Postgraduate Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law, Balliol College, Oxford

Commercial CV

Overview

Louis is an experienced and well known practitioner in this field, specialising in commercial and contractual disputes. He also has a substantial professional negligence practice, particularly relating to actions against construction professionals such as architects and surveyors, as well as an array of other professionals including solicitors, accountants, and investment and financial advisers.

Louis is currently instructed by a US firm as joint Lead Counsel in litigation relating to the collapse of the Fundão Dam in South-eastern Brazil. The class action has been filed in the High Court in Liverpool by SPG Law on behalf of around 200,000 individuals, 25 municipal governments, 700 businesses, a Catholic archdiocese and members of the Krenak indigenous community.

Louis has a very wide range of experience of claims involving The Home Office and The Ministry of Defence.

Louis particularly specialises in judicial review cases.

Cases

Municipio De Mariana and others v BHP Group [2019]

R v Sec of State for Health Ex p Wagstaffe [2001] 1WLR 292

Buxton v Westmacott [1999] PIQR Q115

Beattie v Sec of State for Soc Security [2001] 1 WLR 1404

Twigg Farnell v Wildlood [1998] PNL R 211 (Scope of Solicitors lien)

Una Quigley v Liverpool Housing Trust [1999] EGCS 94 (Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 82 Statutory Nuisances)

R v Mental Health Review Tribunal Ex p McDonald [1999] COD 20 (Judicial review of untreatable psychopaths detained under MHA 1983)

Callery v Gray / Russell v Pal Pak [2001] 3 All ER 833

R (on the application of CPS) v Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages [2003] All ER 540

Recommendations

“His legal acumen is first rate.” **The Legal 500 2018/19**

“A combination of great legal acumen, tenacity and pragmatism.” **The Legal 500 2018/19**

“A fierce and equitable advocate.” **The Legal 500 2018/19**

“Very experienced across the spectrum of public law matters.” **The Legal 500 2017**

“Highly experienced in personal injury matters.” **The Legal 500 2017**

“A commanding advocate.” **The Legal 500 2017**

“A strong negotiator with an excellent analytical ability.” **The Legal 500 2016**

“Highly experienced in judicial reviews.” **The Legal 500 2016**

“Mr Browne presented this difficult case with great clarity and skill.”

“...showed consummate professionalism throughout the hearing.”

“In accordance with the best traditions of government litigation and with a professionalism that brings credit to the Bar, Mr Browne drew our attention to the [academic] criticism that had been made of the decision upon which he relied.”