Chris Richards

Call 2016

Clerks

Ian Spencer
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Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Northern Circuit
- Attorney General's Regional Panel (Panel C; March 2023 onwards)

Education

2009-2012: BA degree in Geography; Emmanuel College, Cambridge [Class 2:1]
2012-2013: MSc degree in Quaternary Science; Royal Holloway, University of London [Merit]
2014-2015: Graduate Diploma in Law; City Law School, City University, London [Commendation]
2015-2016: Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School, City University, London [Very Competent]

Credit Hire

Chris has extensive experience of claims involving credit hire, both acting for Claimants and Defendants. Chris regularly acts in cases involving significant value and complexity.

Chris has an excellent understanding of the law concerning credit hire and is fully able to deal with arguments about need, enforceability, impecuniosity, period and rate. Recent credit hire instructions include the following:

- A trial where Chris secured the total dismissal of a claim for credit hire on the grounds that the hire agreement had inadvertently provided for hire of 'zero days or less'.
- A trial where Chris obtained a 90% reduction in a claim for credit hire after showing in cross-examination that the Claimant had several alternatives to hire;
- A trial where Chris proved that a Claimant was not impecunious after forcing the Claimant to admit in cross-examination that there had been serious disclosure failings.

The strength of his practice in the complementary field of personal injury law means he is ideally placed to deal with cases involving a personal injury element.

2010: Hooper Senior Scholarship; Emmanuel College, Cambridge
2012: Geography Department Scholarship; Royal Holloway, University of London
2014: Winner of the CEPLER (University of Birmingham) national essay writing competition
2015: Exhibition Award, Inner Temple

Recommendations

"Just a quick email to again say a BIG thank you from myself and my wife for your professional help in getting the excellent result in court for us [...], it was such a pleasure to meet you, and your advice on the day put me at ease in the court room, and we both thought you were very thorough in your cross examining [...] and presenting the evidence and your summing up at the end, enabling the judge to make the correct decision, Justice for me was truly achieved on that day."

Publications

"Assessment of Mental Capacity: a Practical Guide for Doctors and Lawyers." *Journal of Mental Health*, 25(6), p. 563

Beyond the Bar

Rowing, mountain biking, nature conservation.