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Practice:

Personal Injury

Clinical negligence

Matthew practises exclusively in personal injuries and clinical negligence. He has a broad practice covering EL, PL and RTA claims. He has recent extensive experience in industrial disease claims with success in a number of multi track claims involving complex issues of limitation. In addition Matthew regularly acts for Union funded clients and insurers alike at CICAP and DWP (Appeals Service) hearings. Matthew has particular interest in the related areas of costs appearing in high value assessments with particular interest in CFA enforceability issues. He also regularly litigates in the field of 'credit hire' regularly appearing at first instance and in appeals.

Matthew is regularly commended for his approachable manner, robust advice and strong advocacy.

Recent Cases of Interest

Successfully argued issues of s14 and s33 Limitation Act 1980 in respect of HAV claims some more than 15 years old.

Harassment Act claim involving lengthy applications to substitute a Defendant and add of a cause of action with lengthy argument as to whether claims brought under the Act were subject to a 3 or 6 year limitation period.

Claims brought following alleged negligent placement of children in foster care including one child who was placed with an alleged sex offender.

Argument at first instance and subsequently on appeal in a claim where following a straightforward minimal damage road traffic accident the Claimant sought to recover hire charges exceeding £40,000 following the hire of a high-end premium sports car. Arguments related to enforceability generally, the Consumer Credit Act and questions of mitigation.

Education:

University of the West of England

1995 - 1998 LLB (Hons) First Class

1998 - 1999 Bar Vocational Course, Very Competent

Pupillage:

Guildhall Chambers

Professional memberships:

PNBA

PIBA

Awards:

Jules Thorn Scholar, The Honourable Society of Middle Temple

**Interests:**

Matthew enjoys mountain biking and can often be found wheezing his way up the hills and mountains of the West Country and South Wales. In addition he enjoys playing badminton and football and is a qualified football referee (although no doubt some might question the 'qualified' bit).

Clerk:

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CFA:

Yes in appropriate cases

DPA:

Yes in appropriate cases