Christopher Lowe

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Christopher Lowe specialises in personal injury, clinical negligence, civil fraud and industrial disease. He is committed to providing a service of the highest calibre. He is extremely approachable, hard-working and responsible to the needs of his clients.

His experience can often bring an additional dimension for cases that need to be fought at trial.

Chris has extensive trial advocacy experience. He has earned a reputation as a formidable cross-examiner, having honed his skills at the Criminal Bar, conducting cases including allegations of murder, sexual offences, child abuse, high-value fraud and fatal motoring offences.

His forensic skills enable him to identify quickly the critical legal and evidential issues in highly complex cases. His advice is always straightforward, pragmatic and clearly reasoned. He earns praise from clients for his practical awareness.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Chris acts for both claimants and defendants in a wide range of personal injury cases. He is currently instructed in cases in the High Court and County Court involving serious injury valued at more than £1m, necessitating expert evidence in multiple disciplines.

He is noted for his ability to marshal large volumes of evidence and to communicate on an informed level with expert witnesses in highly specialised areas. He has an impressive track record in Court. He is also an exceptionally effective negotiator. He is regularly instructed for Joint Settlement Meetings in high-value cases, to include when a silk is instructed by the other side.

Chris' experience covers both trials and interim hearings, including substantial experience of costs budgeting. His current case load includes claims involving serious road traffic accidents, accidents at work, fatal accidents, highways and public liability claims, sexual abuse, stress at work and industrial diseases. He is instructed in cases involving head injuries, traumatic amputations, psychiatric injury, somatoform disorders, fibromyalgia, chronic pain syndromes and complex regional pain syndromes. He is frequently instructed to draft high-value detailed schedules and counter schedules of loss.

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Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Chris has a wide range of experience in this area. He has represented families at inquests in circumstances where clinical negligence proceedings are likely to follow. He also has experience of advising both claimants and defendants where complex issues of breach of duty and causation are raised.

Chris has worked on cases involving brain injuries, surgical error, cosmetic surgery, emergency events, and diagnostic failures. He advises on issues of capacity and consentt, as well as marshalling complex calculations on assessment of damages involving extensive care and therapy regimes, and associated educational, vocational and accommodation issues. He is noted for his ability to grasp the detail of expert evidence in highly specialist fields and to deploy that knowledge to the advantage of his clients.

Industrial Disease

Cases of industrial disease form a significant part of Chris' practice. He is frequently instructed in claims for asbestos and mesothelioma, noise-induced hearing loss, dermatitis, silicosis and hand-arm vibration syndrome.

He advises regularly on evidential and causation difficulties which often arise in such cases, including issues of life expectancy, limitation and assessing breach of duty based on the prevailing state of scientific knowledge. His knowledge and interest in radio communications is of particular benefit in cases involving alleged exposure to the electro-magnetic radiation.

Civil Fraud

Chris' cross-examination skills, developed at the Criminal Bar, are invaluable to his clients when allegations of fraud, fundamental dishonesty or suspicions of malingering are raised.

He is an excellent trial advocate and a tenacious cross-examiner with a calm, incisive and forensic approach, which is likely to disarm even the most evasive of witnesses.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Chris has prosecuted, defended and mitigated on behalf of those charged with breach of waste disposal licenses, health and safety (including fatal injury cases), duty evasion and environmental offences.

He has prosecuted and defended at all levels (Court of Appeal, Crown Court and Magistrates' Court) those charged with offences prosecuted by various Local Authorities and Trading Standards Departments pursuant to their statutory enforcement duties, including benefit fraud and consumer protection offences and in particular offences contrary to the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. He also has considerable experience of conducting 'confiscation' proceedings pursuant to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which frequently arise after the conclusion of such cases.

Education

- LLB (Hons), Nottingham

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- BVC, Nottingham Law School

Memberships

- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association

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