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Richard Collier is a civil and crime practitioner with considerable experience in personal injury, motor fraud, police law and public liability. He is developing a successful crime practice doing both prosecution and defence work.

Before joining Chambers Richard worked as the Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Jackson in the Court of Appeal.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Richard acts for both claimants and defendants with a busy court and paperwork practice.

He conducts multi track and higher end fast track trials, as well as case management and costs budgeting hearings. He is developing a speciality in handling strategically complex cases, and in particular striking out problematic and abusive claims.

He writes widely on this area of law, and provides training and talks for leading firms of solicitors and industry bodies such as FOIL.

He is regularly instructed for interlocutory hearings in the High Court, often in complex and high value cases. He was recently instructed as sole counsel by a local authority for a strike out application in a £1m claim arising out of a high profile fatal accident, which ended successfully.

Richard often works on sensitive and high profile cases. For instance, he was led by Andrew Warnock KC to advise a local authority on the legality of a multi-million pound compensation scheme for very serious and highly sensitive historic wrongs.

Motor Fraud

Richard is highly sought after by insurers and defendant solicitor firms, and is approved counsel on a number of panels. He has conducted countless trials and regularly secures findings of fundamental dishonesty.

This is a topic on which Richard has considerable expertise and in respect of which he was recently published in Barrister Magazine.

Public Liability

Richard acts for local authorities and claimants in a wide range of public liability actions, including clinical negligence, occupier's liability and Highways Act claims.

Police Law

Richard acts exclusively for police forces, in a wide range of actions including for wrongful arrest and unlawful detention. He recently spent a number of weeks working on counter-terrorism cases, and routinely advises on non-litigious issues.

Education

- University of Bristol – LLB – First Class Honours
- University of Law – BPTC – Outstanding

Awards

- Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award
- University of Law Performance Award
- K&L Gates Best Student in Employment Law Award