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Profile

Christopher specialises in Clinical Negligence, Costs Law, Employment, Personal Injury, Product Liability and Inquests/Public Inquiries.

Christopher acts for Claimants and Defendants in personal injury cases, with a particular focus on high-value workplace and road traffic accidents, industrial disease, and multi-party litigation. His expertise encompasses all type of personal injury claim, public liability, employers' liability, occupiers claims, highways claims, injuries caused by or involving housing disrepair, etc. He acts in high value and complex cases where there is major ongoing disability or inability to work. He also has extensive experience in product liability claims under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 and travel/holiday claims under the Package Travel (etc) Regulations 1992.

Christopher acts for both patients and doctors or other medical professionals in clinical negligence cases. His experience includes acting in traditional claims against the NHS and private medical practitioners and dentists, as well as similar types of professional negligence claim against beauticians, hairdressers, tattooists and such individuals. He has a particular specialism in cases involving cosmetic surgery.

Christopher has a very wide and varied experience in employment and discrimination claims. He acts for employers and employees from a varied client base which includes public services (in particular the NHS), City and blue chip companies, educational institutions, local authorities, charities, the construction industry, manufacturers, the police, trade unions, as well as individuals from a wide range of different employment backgrounds. He appears in the High Court, Employment Appeal Tribunal, Employment Tribunal and County Court.

Christopher has a busy costs practice and regularly appears in the High Court, SCCO, and County Court, arguing points of principle as well as undertaking detailed assessments. He is a highly capable choice to instruct when difficult costs points arise. He also has wide experience of costs in the employment tribunal jurisdiction. He gives talks and lectures on costs law.

Recent and current work

- *Norman & Douglas v National Audit Office* [2015] IRLR 634
- *Chikwe v. (1) Mouchel Group PLC (2) I Clark*
- *G Andrews v. (1) King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2) Secretary of State for Health*
- *Langford v. Department of Health* HQ12X05170 (HC, 2014): acting for Department of Health in high value breach of contract



claim brought by a former Chief Executive of an NHS trust (lead by Mark Sutton QC).

- *Everett v. LFEPA* HQ11X04083 (2014): circumstances in which solicitor who has come off the record may recover costs, the High Court's interpretation of whether a claimant has 'won' at trial and which line of CA authorities to follow.
- *Edwards v. Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Trust* (HC, 2014): acting for Trust in continuation of claim in High Court after Supreme Court ruling (lead by Mark Sutton QC): limitations of 'Gunton exclusion zone' in breach of employment contract claims.
- *Cervi & ors v. London Borough of Southwark, LFEPA & ors* HQ13X01981 (2013): settled high value fatal accident claims in the High Court.
- *Lakanal House fire inquests* (2013): acting for families of deceased in three month inquest following which the Coroner made a number of significant rule 43 recommendations in respect of the London Fire Brigade, the London Borough of Southwark, and the Government (lead by John Hendy QC).
- *Hall v. ADP* UAEAT/0390/13/SM: extent to which an employment tribunal must set out reasons when holding it not 'just and equitable' to extend time under the Equality Act 2010.
- *Chikwe v. (1) Mouchel Group PLC (2) I Clark* [2012] Eq LR 1040: whether a claim was brought in time under the Equality Act, 'just and equitable extension' and employee's reliance on solicitor's errors.
- *Andrews v. Kings College NHS Trust and Secretary of State for Health* [2012] Eq LR 1032: legal entitlement of a part time worker's eligibility to join a pension scheme.