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### Profile

Simon is a specialist personal injury practitioner of over 5 years experience. He is frequently instructed by the country's largest legal expense insurers and leading trade unions to represent claimants who have suffered serious and catastrophic injury. He is regularly instructed in claims valued up to and in excess of half a million pounds.

Prior to coming to the Bar in 2010, Simon worked in house for a national firm of personal injury solicitors. As a result he has an in depth understanding of day to day litigation and has the advantage of being able to use this experience to provide invaluable tactical advice at all stages of a claim.

He has quickly developed a reputation as a hard working and determined barrister who fights hard to ensure the best result possible for his clients. He is known for being easily approachable and for his ability to quickly engage with clients in conference.

Simon has extensive experience of the full spectrum of personal injury claims including accidents at work, road traffic accidents, occupier's liability and Highways Act claims. He also has particular expertise in Consumer Protection Act 1987/defective product cases, cases involving assaults in the workplace and food poisoning claims.

More recently Simon has developed a niche practice in accidents aboard aircraft and ships. He has provided training and lectures on the application of the Montreal Convention.

His recent and current caseload include achieving settlement of £55,000 in a claim arising out of a slip in the workplace, the client having been previously advised that her claim did not have sufficient prospects of success to pursue. Simon also successfully appeared in one of the first trials of an Employer's Liability action post dating the implementation of section 69 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

Simon read law at the University of Bristol and was called to the Bar as a Harmsworth Scholar of the Middle Temple. He was graded 'outstanding' on the BVC and received the Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize from Middle Temple for achieving the highest mark on the BVC in 2010. Simon was also awarded the Wales and Chester Circuit Achievement Award for being the outstanding student on the BVC, the Temple Chambers Prize for the best performance in advocacy, the Lord Williams of Mostyn Achievement Award and the Angel Chambers Prize. He was also presented with the Kalisher Scholarship by the Attorney General, Dominic Grieve Q.C., at the Old Bailey in October 2010.