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Education

Inns of Court School of Law
Birmingham University LLB
Lady Manners School, Bakewell

Professional Associations

Personal Injury Bar Association
Northern Circuit

Appointments

Crown Counsel to the Falkland Islands
Government (2007)
Queen Mother Scholar
Blackstone Entrance Exhibitioner

Areas of Specialism

Personal Injury

Civil and Insurance Fraud

Highways

Tripping and Slipping Claims

Occupiers Liability Claims

Employers Liability Claims

RTA Claims

Disease

Travel

Motor Claims

Employer's Liability and Public Liability

Contempt & Private Prosecutions

Profile

Robert specialises in personal injury cases with a particular emphasis on matters involving fraud and quasi-fraud. He has wide experience of dealing with low velocity impact defences, allegations of staged accidents, phantom passengers and fraud rings. He also acts for a number of local authorities in public liability claims where there are serious causation concerns.

Robert is also regularly instructed in employers' liability cases and frequently acts for multi-national companies and local authorities in claims involving the six-pack regulations. He also deals with a wide range of public liability cases including occupiers' liability claims with issues involving the design and layout of premises.

Robert has also developed an interest in the application of the Data Protection Act 1998 and principles of confidentiality, particularly with reference to disclosure obligations.

Employer's Liability

Orzechowska v ABF Plc (t/a Speedibake) [2014] EWHC 495 (QB) (26 February 2014)

EWHC 495 (QB) (26 February 2014 - Consideration of when Regulation 12(3) of the Workplace Regulations 1992 is engaged. The High Court held that some element of foreseeability was relevant and that on the facts a pipe in a factory was not likely to present a risk of tripping and was therefore not an obstruction in accordance with Regulation 12(3). Coulson J also held that the regulation was designed to address objects or substances which should not otherwise have been on a factory or workplace floor, not a permanent piece of plant in its usual position.

Civil Fraud

Jackson v (1) Lancaster (2) Chubb Insurance (2012)

Three day trial; extensive use of social website links.

Civil Fraud

Rehman v EUI Ltd (2011)

Four day trial; allegation of phantom passenger

Civil Fraud

Dougal & Others v (1) Choudhury (2) Zurich (2011)

Four day trial; RTA fraud ring

Civil Fraud

UI-Bari v Solution Transport (2011)

Fraud; strike out

Highways

Kelly v Kirklees MBC (2011)

Multi-track trial; consideration of duty of highway authority to ensure safe passage along highway is not endangered by snow or ice under s. 41(1)(a) Highways Act 1980
