



John Brown

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John Brown practices predominately in the areas of personal injury and clinical negligence. Acting for both claimants and defendants he regularly appears in both the County and High Court and has experience of complex and high value claims.

John has considerable trial experience and is well regarded by Instructing Solicitors as a tenacious and extremely effective courtroom advocate. As well as regularly appearing at trial his practice involves providing written advice on issues of liability, quantum, evidence and tactics as well as all drafting including pleadings and schedules of loss.

Personal Injury

John has experience across the range of personal injury actions including road traffic accidents, employer's liability, occupier's liability, product liability, Highway's Act, Animals Act, fatal and sporting accidents. He has experience of dealing with complex injuries including spinal, chronic pain/fibromyalgia, brain and psychiatric injuries.

John also has experience of industrial disease work, principally Noise Induced Hearing Loss, and he has detailed knowledge of the issues that commonly arise in such litigation including limitation, causation involving competing medical evidence and consideration of detailed engineering evidence on the issue of breach.

Examples of his current or recent work include:

- Instructed on behalf of a Claimant who sustained multiple and life-threatening injuries and whose partner passed away following injuries sustained in a serious road traffic accident. Claim (including Fatal Accidents Act claim) pleaded in the region of £800,000.
- Instructed on behalf of the Defendant for CCMC in a case involving a brain injury with an estimated value in the region

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- of £3 million.
- Case involving a young girl who sustained an acquired brain injury following a skull fracture in a road traffic accident. Her injuries included difficulties with cognitive and motor function as well as marked personality changes.
- Case involving a serious spinal injury caused by an accident at work which required fusion surgery following which the Claimant developed a chronic pain condition.

Clinical Negligence

John has experience of dealing with clinical negligence claims, often involving complex issues of liability, causation and quantum.

Examples of his current or recent work include:

- Delayed treatment for complex fracture to the elbow requiring radial head replacement leading to the development of ulnar neuritis and increased risk of arthroplasty.
- Delayed diagnosis of a child's allergy to chemical components in his prosthesis leading to the development of dermatological symptoms and significant restriction in prosthesis use.
- Failure by an optometrist to urgently refer to hospital in circumstances where there was an unexplained significant reduction in vision over a 6 month period resulting in reduced prognosis following corrective surgery.
- Dental negligence claims including failure to diagnose, monitor and treat periodontal disease and negligent provision of implants.

Fraud

Within the context of personal injury claims John has developed particular expertise in cases where fraud or conscious exaggeration is alleged and where causation remains firmly in dispute. His experience includes cases involving the use of surveillance evidence. He has secured a number of findings of fundamental dishonesty for insurer clients following both trial and stand-alone applications.

Disciplinary

John has significant experience in the field of professional discipline, with a particular focus on the healthcare sector. He has regularly appeared before disciplinary tribunals and in particular the Nursing and Midwifery Council's Conduct and Competence Committee in Fitness to Practice hearings. He has experience in dealing with substantial and complex cases often involving serious allegations of misconduct and lack of competence.

John also has wider experience of other regulatory proceedings, including claims management services regulation having

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represented the first ever company to be prosecuted for offences under the Compensation Act 2006.

Commercial

John has a broad experience of general civil and commercial litigation. His work has included actions involving breach of contract, negligence (including professional), misrepresentation and undue influence. He has experience in areas such as the sale of goods, supply of goods and services and personal guarantees. His experience also extends to the related areas of both corporate and individual insolvency.

John also has experience of property matters including both residential and commercial property. He has experience of landlord and tenant actions, possession claims (including trespassers), suspension of warrants, forfeiture of leases, orders for sale, charging orders and service charge disputes.

If you would like to instruct John Brown or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

Appointments & Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association
Association Against Medical Accidents
Professional Negligence Bar Association
Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

Education & Qualifications

City of London University, Inns of Court School of Law, BVC
University of Bristol, LLB (Hons) Law
St Olave's Grammar School, Orpington

Testimonials

"A solid, reliable and dependable barrister. Technically adept, well researched and thorough in his approach. Plain speaking and pragmatic in his advice... a pleasure to instruct and provides a quality of work and expertise that you can have every confidence

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Personal Interests

Having been a keen rugby player in his younger days John’s sporting interests now principally involve attempting to travel long distances very slowly by means of swimming, cycling and running. Having completed the Zurich 70.3 Half Ironman in 2018 he is currently targeting a full Ironman in 2019.

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