

Farrar's Building are delighted to invite you to :

Manchester Personal Injury Forum

13:30 - 17:30 Wednesday 2 July 2025

The Alan

18 Princess Street

Manchester

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This year, our regional PI conference takes us to Manchester, where we are excited to welcome you to **The Alan**. This fantastic, fully accessible building, has been sustainably renovated by reusing and upcycling as many materials as possible, exposes the history and heritage features, the brickwork, the original windows and the true tall dimensions of the rooms. It is the perfect venue for our afternoon of talks, updates and expert panel discussions.

We have lined up three presentations, delivered by our experts, many of whom are recognised by the leading legal directories in this field. These will be followed by an expert panel discussion of some of the trickiest issues that crop up in complex prosthetics claims, providing both a claimant and defendant perspective.

We are delighted to introduce you to our speakers: **John Meredith-Hardy**, **Andrew Wille**, **Tom Bourne-Arton**, **Rosalind Young** and **Kimberley Clifton**, together with our expert claimant and defendant panel.

The conference will be chaired by **Howard Cohen**.

The conference topics are included in the **attached programme**.

We do hope you are able to join us at this informative and enjoyable event, which will provide 3 hours towards attendees' continuing competence reporting.

In addition to the conference itself, we would be delighted to have your company in the evening, at our networking reception. Drinks and food will be served in the private bar at The Alan, until 8pm.

Please reply to this email to confirm your interest at this event.

Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If any of your colleagues would also be interested in attending this seminar please contact our Marketing Manager, [Kelly Penstone-Smith](#).

Please also contact Kelly if you have any special access requirements or special dietary needs.

Programme

13:30 - 13:55 **Registration**

In the bar area of The Alan, 18 Princess Street, Manchester.

Our Farrar's Building representatives will welcome you and direct you to the location, where you can settle in with a refreshing drink.

14:00 - 14:10 **Chair's Welcome and Introduction**

By [Howard Cohen](#) of Farrar's Building.

14:10 - 14:50 **Talk 1**

Fundamental Dishonesty in Large Loss Claims – By [John Meredith-Hardy](#) of Farrar's Building:

John will provide a case round-up and litigation tactics for claimants and defendants, subsequent to Williams-Henry v Associated British Ports Holdings [2024] EWHC 806 and Shaw v Gillian Wilde [2024] EWHC 1660 where otherwise good claims for £596,704 and £1.2 million respectively, were dismissed.

14:50 - 15:20 **Talk 2**

Personal Injury Liability Update - By [Rosalind Young & Kimberley Clifton](#) of Farrar's Building:

Ros and Kim will take you on a whistlestop tour of recent high value Personal Injury case law which will include an update on the Courts' application of the duty of care post Tindall and interesting procedural and evidential points, including a review of Atkinson v Kennedy & Others [2024] EWHC 2299 (KB), Gadsby v Hayes [2024] EWHC 2142 (KB) and Owens v Lewis [2024] EWHC 609 (KB).

15:20 - 16:00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

16:00 - 16:40 **Talk 3**

A Guide to Personal Injury Claims Involving Limb Loss - By Tom Bourne-Arton of Farrar's Building:

In his guide to PI claims involving limb loss, Tom will be discussing the common heads of loss and the basis for assessing those heads of loss, including assessing the losses relating to prosthetics. He will review the frequently encountered issues in personal injury claims that involve limb loss and provide practical guidance on litigation steps that may be relevant to such claims, including the use of periodical payments and provisional damages.

16:40 - 17:30 **Expert Panel Discussion**

'The Controversies of Prosthetics in PI Claims': An Expert Panel - Facilitated by Andrew Wille of Farrar's Building:

Our PI conference crescendos with an expert panel discussion, coordinated by Andrew Wille. They will be discussing some of the trickiest issues that crop up in complex prosthetics claims, providing both a claimant and defendant perspective.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of our speakers and experts.

17:30 - 17:35 **Chair's Conclusion**

By Howard Cohen of Farrar's Building.

17:30 - 20:00 **Networking**

We would be delighted if you can join us after the conference, for drinks and canapes in the private bar area at The Alan.

Speakers



Howard Cohen

Howard Cohen's particular expertise is in Personal Injury work. He has extensive experience in high value and complex cases, especially where these involve serious psychiatric injury, chronic pain and serious spinal disorders.

More recently, his practice has increasingly focused on cases in which fraud and/or dishonesty are alleged.

His caseload includes Employer's Liability, Occupier's Liability, Product Liability, Fatal Accidents, Highways and Road Traffic claims, as well as associated areas including MIB, CRU and Criminal Injuries compensation. He has vast experience of railways claims.

He acts for both Claimants and Defendants on claims predominantly in the multi-track and he regularly appears in the High Court. His clients include local authorities, trade unions, large companies and other corporate organisations. He is an accomplished court performer, appearing in courts and tribunals nationwide. In addition, he has a busy paper practice and frequently represents clients at round-table conferences and other settlement meetings.

Howard has developed significant expertise in Educational law, most recently focusing on bringing parental appeals to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator in addition to being instructed to appear in a wide range of other disciplinary hearings and academic appeals.

To view the profile of Howard Cohen, please [click here](#).



John Meredith-Hardy

John Meredith-Hardy undertakes insurance, property damage, commercial, personal injury, clinical negligence and costs related instructions.

The breadth of John's experience across a range of subject areas is of particular assistance to professional and lay clients due to the nature of civil litigation that frequently includes, for example, insurance coverage and property damage issues, personal injury and costs, etc.

John acts for both claimants and defendants and receives instructions from solicitors, insurers and via public access. John is an accredited mediator and is a 'Leading Individual' in the Legal 500 and ranked in Chambers UK.

John has significant experience acting for claimants and defendants across the full range of personal injury claims.

The subject matter of claims includes accidents at work including factories, oilrigs, workshops, shops & offices; Occupational disease including asbestos related conditions; Road traffic accidents involving heavy goods vehicles, cars and motorbikes; Employment, holiday and road traffic accidents abroad whilst on-land and on-ship; Road traffic accidents in England where there is a foreign element.

Instructions include injuries resulting in Brain injury, Cerebral palsy and Spinal injuries of the utmost severity; Chronic pain, Amputation

and Complex injuries resulting in lifetime care & therapy, adaptive housing and ancillary services. John undertakes CICA claims of the utmost severity, concerning nervous shock and Fatal accidents.

To view the profile of John Meredith-Hardy, please [click here](#).



Rosalind Young

Rosalind accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' expertise and specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence.

She appears in court on a daily basis representing clients at trials, interlocutory hearings, disposal hearings and CCMCs.

Rosalind also has a busy paperwork practice drafting pleadings, advising on liability, quantum and tactics, and leading conferences with experts, professional clients and lay witnesses.

Rosalind enjoys a busy PI practice spanning the full spectrum of injury work: from road traffic accidents, occupiers' and employers' liability claims to Highways Act matters, and injuries sustained abroad, acting for both Claimants and Defendants.

She is also regularly instructed in claims where fundamental dishonesty is alleged. Rosalind will capably assess the merits of the allegations in conference with lay and professional clients and successfully deploy advocacy tactics at trial to obtain the right findings for her clients.

Rosalind has a particular interest in disease claims. She has direct experience of NIHL and HAVS claims from both a Claimant and Defendant perspective and has acquired the technical knowledge to skilfully grapple with the applicable expert evidence. She is also well versed in the TUPE Regulations. Rosalind is looking for opportunities to further develop her expertise in industrial disease claims and takes a keen interest in injury claims that arise from statutory breaches, public/private nuisance and negligence in the context of the environment.

Rosalind is developing her specialism in fatal accident claims and accepts instructions to advise and draft pleadings.

To view the profile of Rosalind Young, please [click here](#).



Kimberley Clifton

Kimberley enjoys a broad civil and commercial practice representing both claimants and defendants. Her work has included personal injury, RTA litigation in particular credit hire disputes, consumer

rights disputes, property and contractual disputes. Further she has experience in related areas including insurance and fraud.

Kimberley has a busy court practice and appears in court on an almost daily basis. She is regularly instructed for final hearings with experience in both fast track, small claims and OIC matters. Further Kimberley has vast experience in interlocutory hearings such as application hearings, CMCs, CCMCs and stage 3 hearings.

Kimberley maintains a paperwork practice and accepts drafting instructions across her areas of practice, with experience in both advisory work as well as the drafting of statements of case, advices and applications.

To view the profile of Kimberley Clifton, please [click here](#).



Tom Bourne-Arton

Tom Bourne-Arton is an experienced junior barrister, recognised in Chambers UK and Legal 500 as a Leading Junior. He predominantly specialises in high value complex Personal Injury. He is extremely experienced in all aspects of litigation.

Tom is ranked in Chambers UK and Legal 500 for Personal Injury.

Tom's personal injury practice involves working for both Claimants and Defendants in all aspects of personal injury and fatal accident claims. His practice involves predominantly six figure claims. He is particularly experienced in highway liability claims, workplace accident claims, road traffic accident claims, complex care claims, and industrial disease claims (including noise induced hearing loss, VWF and HAVS claims). Tom is also experienced with costs budgeting hearings.

Tom's personal injury practice involves all aspects of litigation including advising, drafting pleadings, CCMCs, JSMs, PTRs, conferences with clients and experts, and trials.

Recent cases of note have included settling a fatal accident claim at a JSM, a contribution claim trial between a highway authority and their contractor, a complex work equipment claim, a subtle brain injury claim and a claim involving 17 separate medical experts.

Tom has experience with claims involving severe injuries, including claims involving multiple and severe injuries, including subtle brain injuries, complex internal injuries and cases involving loss of limbs (from amputations of all digits of one hand, and unilateral and bilateral above knee amputations, to amputations of toes).

To view the profile of Tom Bourne-Arton, please [click here](#).



Andrew Wille

Andrew Wille has a caseload of complex and catastrophic personal injury and clinical negligence claims. He has a particular interest in brain injury and mental capacity, with recent cases concerning trauma-induced stroke, hypoxia at birth, diffuse axonal injury and early onset dementia.

Andrew represents families, employers and insurers in respect of claims arising out of fatal accidents. He is experienced in assessing claims concerning severe spinal injury, tetraplegia and paraplegia. A further area of interest is in respect of lower limb amputation and claims for the cost of bionic prosthetics.

Andrew is regularly instructed to appear in the High Court, County Courts and at inquests, as well as at joint settlement meetings and mediations.

Andrew has experience of the full spectrum of personal injury work with a particular emphasis on brain injury and mental capacity, spinal injury (tetraplegia and paraplegia) and amputation/prosthetics claims. Recent cases have concerned claims relating to severe brain injury, trauma induced stroke, hypoxia at birth, diffuse axonal injury and early onset dementia.

He is frequently instructed to draft schedules and counter-schedules in multi-million pound claims with complex medical causation, capacity and quantum issues and is regularly instructed to attend joint settlement meetings and mediations

Andrew represents families, employers and insurers in respect of claims arising from fatal accidents.

To view the profile of Andrew Wille, please [click here](#).
