

Gareth Compton

Call: 1997



Gareth is a Personal Injury specialist, having practiced in Personal Injury law for over 20 years.

Gareth read History at King's College, Cambridge before being called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1997.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Gareth undertakes work of substantial value and complexity for both Claimants and Defendants, including brain and spinal injuries, fatal accident and amputations in road traffic, employers' and public liability cases. Gareth regularly undertakes work in cases with a value in excess of 1,000,000 without a leader.

Gareth has particular experience of representing Defendants in all types of claims with elements of fraud.

Gareth's practice covers all areas of personal injury work, including:

- Claims arising out of road traffic accidents involving allegations of fraud, including complex fraud rings, staged accidents, bogus passenger claims, low-velocity impact arguments and Fundamental Dishonesty
- Public liability claims, including tripping and slipping claims, highways claims and occupiers' liability, often raising issues of fraud.
- Employers' liability (accidents at work and industrial disease claims)
- Fatal Accident Act claims (including acting on behalf of the estate and dependents)
- Injuries of the utmost severity
- Claims to the CICA
- Cases in the Coroner's Court
- Road traffic accidents
- Committals for contempt of court, following fraud findings

Gareth has particular experience in employers' and public liability claims, frequently acting for many large local authorities and

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multinational companies.

Catastrophic Injury

Gareth is a seasoned senior junior and personal injury specialist, with over 20 years experience at the Personal Injury Bar. He regularly undertakes work of the utmost seriousness, including cases involving brain injury, paralysis, limb amputation and fatal accidents. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants, in claims of significant value and is instructed by a number of leading national solicitors' firms.

Gareth has very extensive trial experience and is known for his Courtroom skills as a robust and forensic cross-examiner. He regularly undertakes joint settlement meetings and is both tough and tenacious in negotiation. He is well regarded as having a reassuring and easy manner with lay and insurer clients and with fee earners.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Costs and Litigation Funding form a significant and ever increasing part of Gareth's practice. Gareth is an experienced costs practitioner, undertaking work in a wide range of costs disputes, on behalf of both paying and receiving parties.

In addition to regularly undertaking detailed assessment hearings, Gareth has undertaken costs appeals in the High Court and is often instructed in relation to specific costs orders relating to issues including non-party costs, wasted costs, issue based costs orders and other conduct issues.

Fraudulent Insurance Claims

Gareth has practised in the field of motor insurance fraud for over 15 years. Representing insurance companies in motor fraud cases makes up over 50% of his practice.

He has experience of all elements of motor fraud work, including large fraud rings and claims of the highest value. Gareth has particular experience in committal proceedings, following findings of fundamental dishonesty and has succeeded in having a number of fraudulent claimants committed to prison. He regularly delivers training on issues arising from fraudulent motor claims to specialist fraud teams in the leading solicitors' firms.

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

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Education

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