

Jonathan Dale

Year of Call: **1991**



Jonathan's practice in contentious business and property work includes working for all parties in cases in contract, property, construction, banking, company, wills and probate, insurance, insolvency and professional negligence (with a particular emphasis on solicitors and barristers', surveyors', insurance brokers' and accountants' negligence). He regularly work for individuals, companies and local authorities.

Jonathan accepts instructions in appropriate business and property cases, for professional negligence claimants in particular, on conditional fee terms.

Jonathan's practice in personal injury work includes working for both claimants and defendants in a range of road traffic, public liability and employers' liability cases. Much of his work is in the multi-track and includes brain injury and spinal injury cases. Jonathan has a particular interest in cases with procedural complexity (sometimes overlapping with issues which arise in my professional negligence work), or, cases in which there are insurance indemnity issues, such as where there are disagreements between several, prospectively liable insurers.

Jonathan accepts instructions in appropriate personal injury cases on conditional fee terms.

In all of his work Jonathan routinely advises clients both on paper and in conference, drafts statements of case and appears at interlocutory hearings, trials, mediations and joint settlement meetings.

Jonathan accepts instructions on Bar Direct and Direct Public Access bases.

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Education

Hulme Grammar School for Boys, Oldham
Oriel College, Oxford University (BA 1990 and MA 2000)
Inns of Court School of Law, London (Bar Vocational Course)

Professional Memberships

Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
Professional Negligence Bar Association
Personal Injuries Bar Association

Notable Cases

Fletcher v Chancery Supplies Limited [2016] EWCA Civ 1112.

Acting for the successful appellant / defendant in the case in which the Court of Appeal found that the trial judge had had no proper basis on which to find that the appellant / defendant employer was vicariously liable for its employee who had walked across a road into the path of an oncoming cyclist.

Lim (A Child) v Walia [2012] EWHC 4187 (Ch). Acting at first instance for defendant in a claim in which it was found that a deceased joint policyholder under a terminal illness policy had had a severable interest in the policy for the purpose of s9 of the Inheritance Act 1975 immediately before her death and that the value of that interest had to be brought into account in the Inheritance Act claim. On appeal [2015] Ch 375 it was held that in valuing the severable interest the assessment had to take account that in the event of death before a claim being made, as happened, the deceased's interest under the terms of the policy had a nil value.

Wall v Collins [2007] Ch 390. Advising litigant in person and drafting skeleton arguments on a direct access basis in a case in which the Court of Appeal considered the effect of the merger of freehold and leasehold estates on rights of way and s 62 of the Law of Property Act 1925