

William Knapman

General Information

William was called to the bar in 2017 and is experienced at representing clients in the County Courts.

Prior to pupillage, William enjoyed a career as a Lloyds underwriter, specialising in employee dishonesty, forgery and fraud coverages, commercial crime, professional liability, professional negligence, directors and officers' insurances, employers, public and general liability, and general property and fire insurance.

William was involved in several merger and acquisition transactions as well as a management buy-out and subsequent sale of a Lloyd's syndicate as part of a management team.

Subsequently, his experience has been called on for a variety of peer review, expert witness and arbitration engagements.

William believes preparation is key and his clients value his attention to detail when drafting and giving advice. He is approachable and quickly able to assimilate the facts of a case. Benefitting from a commercial background, William understands the realities of business and seeks to find pragmatic settlements that are beneficial to his clients whilst having stamina, tenacity and persistence for the fight where required.

William is also a qualified and accredited civil and commercial mediator.

Both inside and outside of work William has a real passion for agriculture and environmental issues and offers pro bono work to the Woodland Trust.

Conversational Italian.

Specialist in the areas of:

1. Insurance and reinsurance
 - Particularly fraud, crime, regulatory, professional negligence and banking
2. Road Traffic Act
 - Credit Hire (Claimant)
 - RTA (With Personal Injury)
 - RTA (Without PI)
3. Technology
 - renewable energy e.g. solar panel parks and wind turbines
4. Judicial review and public law (planning), environmental law
5. Construction disputes,
6. Mediation and evaluation

Experienced in the following additional areas:

- Business and Commercial Law
- Consumer Contracts
- Flight delay (claimant and defendant)
- Professional negligence
- Professional regulation
- Agriculture
- Property - landlord and tenant
- Costs

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