

Ian Skeate (2002)

General Information

Ian joined Clerksroom in January 2010 after practising from St Johns Buildings, Manchester since 2003. Ian has a General Common Law practice and is able to act in several different areas of practice although his particular expertise lies in **Personal Injury, Professional Discipline and Regulation, Employment and Costs**. Ian remains based in Manchester but is **happy to travel nationwide and approximately half his court practice is in London**.

Ian is first and foremost a trial lawyer and has a particular reputation in this aspect of his work. He is fully authorised to accept direct access work and is further authorised to conduct litigation as well. Direct Access will be considered on a case by case basis but is most suited to Professional Conduct and Employment law matters.

LEVEL OF WORK

Ian has an **established fast and multi track practice** dealing with matters worth up to £1.5m. Ian's practice is **split evenly between Claimant and Defendant**. He has undertaken mediation training and represents Claimants and Defendants in these.

Personal Injury

Ian acts for both Claimants and Defendants in all aspects of Personal Injury including **substantial amounts of industrial disease work ranging from asbestos-related claims to deafness and VWF/HAVS claims**. He is **very experienced in Road Traffic Accidents** including claims involving the MIB and Article 75 and the Domestic Regulations with **particular experience in credit hire and fraud cases from both sides of such litigation**. Ian is well-versed and experienced in **accident at work claims** as well as **EL/PL/OL claims**.

Professional Disciplinary/Regulatory and Negligence

Ian can **advise on and represent professionals facing disciplinary hearings** or registration problems in all areas but **especially the GMC/GDC/NMC**. Ian is very happy to accept direct access work in this area - especially in fitness to practice issues.

Employment

Ian accepts instructions for both Applicants and Respondents. Work undertaken includes **Unfair Dismissals and Redundancy** including jurisdictional points and all forms of **Discrimination** with particular experience in disability discrimination. He **appears regularly in the EAT** and is able to undertake appeals where not acting at first instance. Ian is also experienced in mediation in this area.

Ian believes that many advocates tend to settle employment cases too readily on the day of the final hearing and, whilst settlement can often be the best outcome for the client, a better settlement or result can often ensue if a robust line is taken at the hearing.

Costs

Ian now has a recognised costs practice and regularly lectures and advises on the subject. He is knowledgeable in relation to **issues regarding the validity of retainers and CFA's**, as well as frequently acting for either **paying or receiving parties in**

detailed assessments and in appeals on costs matters including wasted costs and split costs orders.

Ian is very happy to represent clients in the SCCO in London and he produces a regular 'Costs Bulletin'. If you would like to receive this then please contact his clerks and these will be emailed to you.

Having costs expertise gives Ian an edge in his general trial work when costs are summarily assessed and can make a great deal of difference to the net end result for both lay clients and solicitors.

Associations

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