

William Knapman LLB (Hons) First Class

General Information

William was called to the bar in 2017 and is experienced in representing clients in the High Court. He is also a qualified and accredited civil and commercial mediator.

Before 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. He 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 vital, 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.

Areas of law

- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Road Traffic Act
- Technology
- Judicial Review & Public Law (Planning), Environmental Law
- Construction Disputes
- Mediation & Evaluation
- Business & Commercial Law
- Consumer Contracts
- Flight Delay (Claimant & Defendant)
- Professional Negligence & Professional Regulation
- Agriculture
- Property - Landlord & Tenant
- Costs

Insurance & Reinsurance

- Fraud
- Crime
- Regulatory
- Professional Negligence
- Banking

Road Traffic Act

- Credit Hire (claimant)
- RTA (with personal injury)
- RTA (without personal injury)

Technology

- Renewable energy, e.g. solar panel parks and wind turbines

Languages

- Italian (conversational)

Personal Interests

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

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