

Year of Call: 2015
Practice Areas: Personal Injury,
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Profile

Philip started at Cobden House Chambers in 2016 and has a civil practice.

He has developed expertise in all aspects of personal injury litigation including:

- Employers' liability;
- Public liability;
- Highways Act claims;
- Occupiers' liability;
- Holiday sickness;
- Road traffic accidents;
- Low velocity impact claims;
- Fraud and fundamental dishonesty;
- Noise induced hearing loss; and
- Medical negligence.

He regularly deals with claims involving credit hire.

Philip represents both claimants and defendants at trial, CCMCs, disposal hearings, application hearings, Stage 3 hearings, and infant approval hearings.

He accepts instructions to draft statements of case, and advise in writing, in conference, or by telephone.

He is happy to undertake appropriate cases on a conditional fee basis.

Philip also undertakes general common law work. He is particularly experienced in dealing with police, immigration, coronial, and contract law matters. He is a member of the Government Legal Department's Junior Junior Panel.

Prior to joining chambers, Philip worked as a county court advocate and volunteered at Action against Medical Accidents, a legal charity assisting those who have suffered injuries arising out of medical negligence.

In his spare time Philip enjoys rugby union and scuba diving



Appointments

- Attorney General panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown (Panel C).

Notable Cases

The Inquest into Jack Barnes - Acted as Junior Counsel to the Inquests by HM's Senior Coroner for Manchester Mr Nigel Meadows. Mr Barnes was pursued from Manchester Victoria Station by contractors working for the Manchester Metrolink to Spinningfields where he was restrained for approximately ten minutes before suffering a cardiac arrest. He later died in hospital. An unlawful killing was determined. The Attorney General of St Helena v Thomas & Others (2017) – Instructed to represent one of the parties in an action concerning the legal recognition of same sex marriage in St Helena (led by Marc Willems QC). The action was compromised prior to the hearing after legislation was introduced to legalise same sex marriage.

R v O – Represented a claimant in a multi-track trial who alleged that he had lost his sense of taste and smell following facial injuries sustained in a tripping accident.

P v A – Represented a defendant insurance company at trial in a claim brought under the *European Communities (Rights against Insurers) Regulations 2002*. After hearing the claimant’s evidence and submissions the judge dismissed the claim, holding that the claimant had failed to satisfy her that the fault driver was an insured person within the meaning of the regulations and had failed to discharge the burden of proof because of inconsistencies in his evidence.

H v L – Represented a defendant chief constable in a claim brought by a landlord after a former tenant had caused approximately £10,000 of criminal damage to a rental property while a police constable was at the address. The claim was dismissed at trial.

Membership

- Northern Circuit
- PIBA
- Government Legal Department’s Junior Junior Panel

Qualifications

2010 – 2013 BA (Hons) History, University of Southampton, First

2013 – 2014 GDL, City Law School, Commendation

2014 – 2015 BPTC, City Law School, Outstanding

2015 Sir Thomas More Bursary, Lincoln’s Inn

2015 Buchanan Prize, Lincoln’s Inn