

With over 28 years of experience in a variety of fields, Charles is one of the most versatile members of the bar. A wealth of court experience combined with an eye for detail and excellent client skills have led to him being ideally suited for difficult cases.

Charles' practice now prominently focuses on PI and Immigration, however Charles has spent in excess of 10 years dealing with a variety of criminal cases, as well as having substantial experience in Contract and Chancery matters.

Charles is well known for his excellent manner with clients. He has been described as approachable, professional and an expert in his fields and he has an established client base because of this. It has often been said that Charles manages to extract the best points of a case for his clients. Following one such conference, a senior solicitor asked **"why is it that you manage to get so much more from the client in an hour or so of conference than I've got from several meetings?"**

Charles' approachable and professional manner builds confidence in his clients, and his wealth of experience reinforces this. He is able to pinpoint key points within a case and draw vital information from clients with his approachable personality.

Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence

Charles covers a wide range of cases including; Employer's liability, Clinical Negligence, Industrial Disease, complex road traffic claims, multiple vehicle and high value cases. He accepts cases on a CFAbasis. Whilst he has a particular specialism in cases involving all aspects of Highways, Local Authorities and Utility Companies, Charles also deals in all aspects of PI and receives instructions for both Claimants and Defendants.

He has extensive experience in cases involving fraud against Insurance Companies and is often instructed on behalf of defendants in relation to fraudulent and suspicious insurance claims, for example; low velocity impact and fabricated personal injury. Charles' experience in this area has been beneficial to both defendants and claimants and he has regularly lectured in this area over the last few years.

Notable Cases

Sinita v Blackpool Pleasure Beach – World Class Russian Trampolinist injured in UK – serious spinal injury – damages based on costs in Russia.

Mohmed Nadat – Teenager from France of Pakistani origin suffered serious head and other injuries as passenger in car whilst on holiday in UK.

Labidi v Amco Plastics: Instructed for Claimant in unusual claim regarding Cubital tunnel Syndrome as a consequence of work. (Latterly with Patrick Field QC). Claim settled in favour of Claimant shortly before trial.

Jurczak v Evans & Others. RTA: Instructed for 1st defendant of 8 in claim involving multiple vehicles and multiple collisions. Claimant suffered serious injuries after his vehicle was struck by another when on hard shoulder. The Claimant who was standing in front of his car at the time was then knocked over fence and down an embankment. Initially it appeared the 1st defendant would probably be liable. After careful consideration and analysis of expert evidence denial of any liability was maintained. Claim against 1st defendant discontinued shortly before trial.

Kokic v Cottrill: Instructed for Defendant motorcyclist in RTA. Initial instructions indicated insurer was inclined to settle the Claimant's claim in full. Careful examination of evidence led to a settlement of 65% in favour of Defendant.



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Civil Law

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Industrial Disease

Inquests

Judicial Review Law

MEMBERSHIPS

Personal Injury Bar Association

EDUCATION

Nottingham University

Dudley-Jones v Chester City council: Instructed for the Defendant – Potentially complex Occupier's Liability claim. Young boy's claim following serious head injury after cycling accident on Council owned bank. – Case discontinued a few days before trial.

Bloomfield V Roadchef: Instructed for Defendant after fatal accident on private road leading to motorway service station. Highway/road design and safety in issue. Again claim discontinued against defendant a few weeks prior to trial.

White & McDermott v Oldham MBC Manchester County Court – Section 130 Highways Act – duty to abate nuisance – whether right of action in PI accruing under statute.

Transco v United Utilities PLC – High Court Central London – Pure Economic Loss and proximity of relationship between Utility companies giving rise to liability.

Janicki v Secretary of State for Social Security Times Feb 2 2001 [CA] - PI/Social Security meaning of handheld vibrating tool.

Immigration

Charles firmly believes that the place to win immigration cases is at the lowest tribunal level possible and places great emphasis on succeeding at the AIC as it now is. The right approach to clients and evidence is what leads to successful claims for asylum and/or protection pursuant to the European Convention on Human Rights (Article 8 in particular) or humanitarian protection. Charles wealth of experience of litigation and contentious advocacy from other fields has stood him in good stead as regards the Immigration Tribunals.

Charles is regarded as one of the best barristers in the North in regards to immigration work. His wealth of experience of litigation and contentious advocacy from other fields has stood in good stead in regards to the Immigration Tribunals and Charles has boasted a 90%+ success rate in immigration matters.

Notable Cases

Judicial review proceedings on behalf of Junaid Jamshed – Pakistani National.

Danish Mazahir - Potential Judicial review of whether change in the immigration rules that in effect renders it impossible for someone lawfully present in the UK to comply with the new rules is unfair.

Muhammad Zahid: Judicial review of refusal of work permit. Chef present in UK, refused extension. Grounds drafted. Case conceded.

Ahmed (Iftikhar) v Secretary of State for Home Department [CA] 1 N.L.R. 1 Asylum refraining from conduct creating the risk of persecution.

Ouanes v Secretary of State for Home Department [CA] 1WLR - Asylum meaning of particular social group. (Successful petition for leave to appeal to House of Lords – case not pursued there as asylum then granted)

Contract

Charles has dealt with a vast range of complex contract cases including Bank and Personal loans, property, alleged guarantee and fraudulent signatures. Charles has accepted instructions from major solicitor firms and direct from directors of companies.

Personal

Born: 24th September 1961

Married with two children both of whom are successful junior tennis players currently at 16 and Under and the older sibling playing at US College level.

Cricket, Tennis, Junior Football Coaching, Cooking, Gardening and DIY.



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