

# MATTHEW SNARR



## YEAR OF CALL

2001, Inner Temple

## EDUCATION

LLB (Hons), University of Manchester

## ASSOCIATIONS

Personal Injury Bar Association  
Employment Law Bar Association  
Health and Safety Lawyers Association

*"He's a very determined litigator, who is very able, particularly when handling complex areas of law... Very clever, very thorough and good on the detail."*

*Chambers & Partners 2015*

*"He's very clever, thorough, good on the detail, a good negotiator and very good on his feet... He is exceptionally well prepared."*

*Chambers & Partners 2015*

*"He is approachable and accessible.... He is someone in whom you have confidence."*

*Legal 500 2014*

*"He stands out for his enthusiasm, application and commitment, his understanding of issues, and his eagerness. He brainstorms and tries to get the best possible angles"*

*Chambers & Partners 2014*

*"Matthew Snarr gets on well with clients and the instructing solicitor."*

*Legal 500 2013*



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## APPOINTMENTS

Junior Counsel to the Crown (North West) –  
"Treasury Counsel"

Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel  
Counsel

Accredited Advocacy Trainer (Inner Temple)

## PROFILE

Matthew's personal injury practice is concentrated in multi-track litigation. He is adept at handling high value litigation in claims exceeding six figure sums and is instructed in cases exceeding £1 million. His work is split evenly between claimants and defendants.

Matthew is a trial lawyer. He is frequently instructed in liability disputes at trial where complex cross examination or technical legal submissions are involved. Matthew is regularly instructed to attend joint settlement meetings to negotiate large loss quantum disputes.

He has particular expertise in the following areas:

1. Brain damage cases requiring significant care regimes, periodical payments and accommodation claims.
2. Clinical negligence claims arising out of inept surgery; failed vasectomy, finger tendon repair, breast surgery, knee surgery and fatality consequent upon inadequate nursing care.
3. Fatal Accident Act cases including high value or complicated dependency claims and representation at inquests with expertise in coronial law.
4. Industrial Disease litigation covering the full spectrum including asbestos exposure, HAVS, dermatitis and repetitive strain injuries.
5. High value disputes in medical evidence concerning the future earning capacity of badly injured claimants.

Matthew advises and acts in high value, serious fraud proceedings particularly organised rings of fraudulent individuals and institutions often

with a value exceeding £1 million. He also acts in cases involving malingering and false accounting.

He is fully conversant with insurance law principles and acts in claims for breach of insurance contracts frequently in cases involving breach of the utmost good faith.

## NOTABLE CASES

- *RB v JC* – Instructed by Defendant in a double Claimant action. Both Claimants sustained severe, life changing lower limb injuries. Claims pleaded at total value of £2.3 million, settled at £825,000.
- *AM v LD* – Acted for Claimant mechanic who sustained serious tri-malleolar ankle fracture. Settled for £563,000.
- *JG v PD* – Represented Defendant in a complex fatal accident claim involving two families and forensic accountancy evidence to value loss of business profit. Claimants sought £680,000 and settled for £380,000.
- *BP v CBS* – Claimant pensioner fractured knee requiring move into bungalow accommodation. Settled for £256,000.
- *RA v MIB* – Instructed by Defendant in a tragic fatal accident leaving large family without main breadwinner pleaded at £635,000 and settled for £260,000.
- *DF v CA* – Claimant welder suffered crushed big toe leading to chronic pain syndrome. Settled for £220,000.
- *LC v NR* – Acted for Defendant in an upper limb complex regional pain syndrome claim in which the Claimant required a spinal cord stimulator to ameliorate her pain. Claimant sought £400,000 and the claim settled for £120,000.



“Matthew Snarr is recommended for his ‘fearless manner’.”

*Legal 500 2012*

“Matthew Snarr is recommended for brain injury work”

*Legal 500 2011*

“...thorough, accurate and intuitive...”

*Legal 500 2011*

## CURRENT CASELOAD

- *LP v MA* – Multi-million pound claim for a female teenager who suffered catastrophic brain injuries following a road traffic accident. (With Tim Horlock QC)
- *AL v WP* – Substantial claim involving a Claimant who suffered post concussion syndrome following road traffic accident. (With Chris Kennedy QC)
- *AK v RA* – Multi-million pound claim for a male teenager who suffered catastrophic brain injuries following a road traffic accident. (With Gerard McDermott QC)
- *BS v RB* – Substantial claim for Claimant who suffered an above knee amputation following negligent surgery. (With Tim Horlock QC)

## PUBLICATIONS

- “We need to talk about Katie” *PIBULJ* Dec 2012
- “Lights Out for Excitement” *New Law Journal* 25th February 2011
- “Financially Entwined” *New Law Journal* 13th August 2010 p1136-1137
- Co-Author of “Proving it in Reverse” *New Law Journal* 13th March 2009 p390-392
- Crash course in Low Velocity Impact claims’ *New Law Journal* 27th Jan 2006 p150-151
- ‘Restoring Disorder’ *New Law Journal* 8th Dec 2006 p1870-1871

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Matthew is experienced in public inquiry work having worked on the 1st phase of the Shipman Inquiry.

Matthew was a member of the British Debate Squad acting as an overseas debate coach in 2002. Matthew and his debating partner won the European Debating Championships 2001 and were ranked 6th at the World Debating Championships 2002.



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