

Tuesday 22 November 2022 by Zoom - Time 15.00 (1 hour)
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Fatal Accidents – enigmas and puzzles in 2022

Speakers: **Brian McCluggage, Julie-Anne Luck & Jamie Hill**

Did the draftsmen of the Fatal Accidents Act have the author James Joyce in mind when he said, “I’ve put in so many enigmas and puzzles that it will keep the professors busy for centuries arguing over what I meant, and that’s the only way of insuring one’s immortality”?

This seminar will deal with recurring problems in fatal accident cases following developments in case law in the last 3 years. Lawyers continue to face challenges in a field where most agree consensual and co-operative settlement is preferable to contested and uncertain litigation.

This is not an ‘introduction’ to fatal claims, but an advanced seminar dealing with 3 specific issues

which in the presenters’ experience give rise to challenges for practitioners. Therefore, the seminar is aimed at practitioners with existing familiarity and some experience with the Fatal Accidents Act and Law Reform Act, however all practitioners are welcome to join us.


1. **“Modern families”** – how to resolve claims with multiple dependents and families who do not get along.
2. **“Inheriting the golden goose”** – how to treat dependency when the deceased’s business continues after death.
3. **“Pension loss conundrums”** – money purchase/ defined benefits schemes – is there a difference as to how they are treated in fatal claims?

We will not have time to deal with ‘first principles’ in the talk, on this occasion. We look forward to seeing you on screen!



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Brian McCluggage

“A proper trial lawyer; he likes a contest in court and is very good on his feet. He knows which points to take and which to leave alone”; “A standout senior junior” **Chambers and Partners 2020**

Brian McCluggage accepts instructions in complex and high value personal injury and insurance disputes, ranging from £500,000 to £20,000,000 in value. Regular solicitors and clients appreciate his detailed but ultimately direct approach. Brian believes in a collaborative approach to litigation and works as part of a team to reach an agreed plan with clients for successful resolution of each dispute. He is comfortable with technical legal issues, devours large quantities of complex documentation, and is in his element in the courtroom.



Julie-Anne Luck

“She offers a fantastic level of service and has a wide range of knowledge.” “Julie-Anne Luck is very friendly and easy to deal with.” “She has a good forensic approach to cases.” **Chambers and Partners 2023**

The majority of Julie-Anne’s instructions are for cases where the damages at issue lie between £50,000 to £1,000,000, although cases with values above and below that range can be considered through the clerking team. Acting for Defendants, Insurers and Claimants she responds with significant attention to detail, an appropriate level of sensitivity, and always has an eye on the commercial realities.

She commands a loyal solicitor base, and provides a comprehensive service to her clients in terms of providing written and verbal advice, drafting of pleadings and representation at court hearings. Julie-Anne values her clients and is always happy to respond to informal queries.



Jamie Hill

Jamie was recognised in The Legal 500 2023 as the Rising Star for personal injury on the Northern Circuit. Jamie has a busy multi-track personal injury practice. He regularly accepts instructions in cases with a value of £50,000 to £200,000. Jamie is often instructed early in such matters, to provide advice in conference pre-proceedings or to assist with the compilation of expert evidence.

Jamie has developed a specialist insurance fraud practice. He is able to expose possible dishonesty by identifying the inconsistencies and improbabilities within a case. He is a robust trial advocate with an effective cross-examination style.

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