

TOBY COUPE

Year of call: 2007

Clerked by: Stephen Loxton Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:
Inquests Serious Injury



Serious Injury

Toby has a nationwide serious injury practice. In addition to representing seriously injured Claimants, he represents a number of major insurers, NHS Trusts, local authorities and the government, having been appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown in 2018.

Toby only accepts instructions in claims allocated to the multi-track and is increasingly instructed in claims pleaded to in excess of £1 million, both as a junior alone and with the benefit of Leading Counsel.

Examples of recent instructions include:

Representing a Claimant who sustained a traumatic brain injury, significant reduction of sight and the loss of their hearing, smell and taste following a head injury sustained in a road traffic accident, led by Michael Rawlinson QC

Representing a Claimant who sustained a serious spinal cord injury having fallen from height at work, led by Gerard McDermott QC

Representing a Claimant who sustained a serious head injury as a result of alleged medical negligence and non-compliance with guidance from the relevant regulatory body in relation to the treatment of concussion, led by Gerard McDermott QC

Representing a Claimant who underwent a bilateral above-knee amputation following their involvement in a road traffic accident, led by Gerard McDermott QC

Representing a Claimant who sustained a traumatic brain injury having been knocked off his bicycle

Representing a Claimant who sustained serious lower limb injuries when the motor vehicle he was travelling in left the road and struck a tree

Representing the Defendant to a claim involving a traumatic brain injury sustained by a pillion passenger on a motorcycle, led by Dr Nicholas Braslavsky QC

Representing a Defendant acting against Leading Counsel in a claim involving serious lower limb crush injuries sustained in a road traffic accident

Representing a Defendant acting against Leading Counsel in a claim involving life-changing post-traumatic stress disorder following an accident at work

Representing a Defendant in a high-value fatal accident claim with issues in relation to insurance indemnity

Profile

Toby is ranked as a leading junior by both Chambers UK and the Legal 500. He is instructed on behalf of Claimants and Defendants in equal measure, in high value personal injury litigation, which generally arises out of accidents on the road, at work and in public places. Increasingly, the majority of his work involves individuals who have sustained traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries.

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Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association

North Eastern Circuit

Appointments

Junior Counsel to the Crown (2018-2023)

Secretary to the Henry Scott Fund

Golf Junior, North Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

Degree: University of Leeds, LLB (Hons)

BVC: BPP Leeds, Outstanding

Year of Call: 2007 (Lincoln's Inn)

Awards: Buchanan Prize and Wolfson Scholarship

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2021

"A very experienced junior who is thorough in his preparation. He has a good tactical brain and a calming manner with clients." "He is pragmatic and to the point."

Legal 500 2021

"Clarity of advice, manner with all types of clients, witnesses and experts. Common sense and commerciality of approach to litigation."

Legal 500 2020

"Adds value to any instruction due to his in-depth knowledge and extensive preparation."

Chambers UK 2020

"A safe pair of hands."

Chambers UK 2019

"Recognised as a rising star in the personal injury field"

"He has very good attention to detail"

"A very reasonable and sensible advocate"

Legal 500 2019

"Highly experienced in cases involving life-changing injuries"

Chambers UK 2018

"Recognised as a rising star in the personal injury field"

Legal 500 2018

"Known for acting in claims involving life-changing injuries"

Legal 500 2017

"He has an excellent ability to analyse the details, set a strategy, communicate to the client and present in court"

Legal 500 2016

"Never fails to impress insurer and lay clients alike; definitely one to watch"



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