



Kevin Latham

Year of call 2007

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Kevin is an experienced costs and personal injury practitioner with a busy nationwide practice. Having specialised in costs litigation throughout his career at the bar, Kevin has been highly sought after to provide business advice in light of the recent reforms to civil litigation. He is regularly instructed to advise and represent paying and receiving parties in all aspects of inter-partes costs litigation involving complex matters of law and fact. Whilst maintaining a strong personal injury practice, Kevin's trial skills are an asset in solicitor/own client disputes and matters requiring robust cross-examination such as wasted and third party costs orders. Kevin's advisory services are sought after with clients impressed by his thorough yet clear advice both in writing and in conference. Kevin's experience as a law costs draftsman and at a national firm of Solicitors prior to pupillage enable him to provide first class service in cases where an appreciation of the 'bigger picture' is required. Kevin is frequently instructed in cases involving high value claims for costs in commercial claims, fatal accident claims and multiple party actions. He regularly appears in the SCCO, as well as the County and High Court, and is experienced in the Court of Appeal.

In 2021, Kevin was appointed as a Deputy Costs Judge of the Senior Courts Costs Office.

Kevin is an experienced costs mediator and CADR Panel member.

Expertise

Costs and Litigation Funding

Notable Costs and Litigation Funding cases

Harrison v University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust – Court of Appeal Judgment Pending

(How to conduct a detailed assessment where there is a Costs Management Order);

Bird v Acorn Group Ltd [2016] EWCA Civ 1096

(Applicability of Fixed Costs in cases listed for a disposal hearing);

Sutherland v Khan – 2016 – DJ Besford – Hull County Court

(Costs consequences of a Defendant accepting a Claimant's Part 36 offer out of time);

Epsom College v Piers Contracting Southern Ltd [2011] EWCA Civ 1449

(The effect and application of Part 36);

WXY v Various Defendants [2012] EWHC 496

(Significant costs claim following a defamation action);

Mobile Doctors Limited v Johal & Your Lawyers Ltd [2014] EWCA Civ 1452

(Complex claim arising out of arrangements between Solicitor and Medico-Legal Agency);

Bassi & Ors v Bassi [2014] EWCA Civ 62

(Examines the extent to which a Costs Judge may use the trial Judge's judgment to aid interpretation of the costs order subsequently made);

Memberships

- PIBA
- Northern Circuit

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2023

"Kevin is very well prepared, he has the ear of the judge."

"Kevin Latham is really our first choice on costs matters. He is very knowledgeable, a very persuasive advocate and a really good team player."

"Kevin Latham is very efficient and approachable and he gives good sensible and practical advice."

Legal 500 2023

'Kevin is technically very strong and also possesses excellent commercial acumen. He is always willing to provide an honest appraisal of prospects, leaving solicitors confident that they can rely on his advice when preparing the strategic advice to the client.'

Chambers UK 2022

"A leading costs expert who provides excellent practical advice and superior advocacy. He regularly appears before the courts against costs silks, at first instance and on appeal, and impresses judges and clients with his excellent delivery. He gets first-class results."

Legal 500 2022

“Kevin is an all-rounder and top operator who understands how to talk to other stakeholders.”

Chambers UK 2021

“A personable guy who’s very down to earth. He exudes confidence, knows what he’s talking about and is always well prepared.” “An excellent advocate who provides clarity and gets to the heart of a problem quickly.” “Kevin has a lot of costs experience in personal injury cases. Very good technically, he’s a great choice for higher-value cases with complex arguments attached to them.”

Legal 500, 2020

“Kevin is never flustered by anything that is thrown at him and is able to argue his point in the clearest manner. He commands the respect of all of his opponents and the judiciary and has earned a reputation as a leading costs junior through a high number of excellent results.”

“He has excellent client care skills”

Chambers UK 2020

“Extremely knowledgeable, professional and thorough, he always ensures he makes contact before and after a hearing to discuss tactics and relay information.” “Kevin is very amenable and is able to build a natural rapport with both his opponents and the judge. He does not overcomplicate when explaining issues and can cut right to the heart of a matter.”

Chambers UK 2018

“Kevin is a very measured and thoughtful advocate with a concise and crisp delivery who provides excellent advice on all costs matters, most particularly in the field of fixed costs.”

Legal 500 2018

‘His knowledge of costs is laudable.’

Chambers UK 2017

“He really fought the client’s corner, worked hard and went the extra mile. He is a bright and competent lawyer.”

“A strong, sharp advocate with excellent technical knowledge.”

Chambers UK 2016

“He’s an exceptional talent and a barrister with a very good style. Costs can be quite boring but he makes it come alive.”

“His client care skills are just first-class. He’s an engaging person who’s good fun as well as very professional.”

Chambers & Partners UK 2015

“Very able, very calm and very measured, and never takes any bad points – he’s just a pleasure to deal with”

“Very quick to digest the issues”

Northern Bar – Costs Litigation – Band 2

Publications

- “Following Protocol” Personal Injury Law Journal P.I.L.J. (2010) No.86 June Pages 9-14 (An article highlighting the salient factors of the new RTA Protocol).

Accreditations

