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Jeremy Ford only undertakes personal injury litigation on behalf of claimants, being instructed by the leading solicitors in the country.

He is a specialist in liability RTA cases and claims against the Motor Insurers Bureau. He also has over twenty years experience in all quantum aspects of catastrophic injury claims, especially those arising from polytrauma; spinal injury; fatal accident; amputation; and traumatic brain injury. He has a particular interest in functional neurological disorders / somatoform disorders and has considerable experience in litigating cases which focus on loss of self-employed income / profit. He is renowned for his professional approach; advocacy; and excellent client care, a leading expert recently describing him as "the most rigorous and thorough Counsel I have worked with over many years"

As well as being the General Editor of JPIL, Jeremy edits or contributes to practitioner books including "Guide to Catastrophic Injury"; Guide to RTA Liability; and Guide to MIB Claims (Lexus Nexus).

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Jeremy now only conducts personal injury claims on behalf of claimant in the High Court. He is renowned for litigating difficult road traffic accident liability claims, including claims with complex insurance undertones / claims against the Motor Insurers Bureau. He only undertakes cases of significant value, often including cases of complex medical causation and invariably involving life changing injuries.

Notable Personal Injury cases

AXB -v- (1) Theophilus (2) MIB (2021)

Claimant suffered devastating brain injury in motorcycle accident. Liability disputed with additional arguments regarding security of protective helmet. Settled preliminary liability issue with 25% deduction for contributory negligence. Value exceeds £10 million.

CXD -v- Piskov (2021)

Child claimant suffered significant traumatic brain injury resulting in marked cognitive dysfunction and psychiatric symptoms,

amplifying his pre-existing ADHD. Settled just before trial for £6.6 million

MXB -v- RXB (2020)

Claimant knocked off scooter suffering marked TBI. Although achieved remarkable physical recovery his lack of insight lead to repeated failures of rehabilitation. Settled for £3.5 million

Obi -v- Patel [2018] EWHC 3985 (QB)

Hard fought claim for claimant struck be a vehicle whilst on a pavement. Liability initially disputed. Polytrauma. Settled for £3 million.

Macrae -v- Wilkins (2020)

Child claimant rode across unexpectedly in front of defendant's vehicle. Liability denied due to unexpected conduct of claimant. Claimant suffered trans-tibial amputation aged 14. Liability compromised 60:40 in his favour.

AAM -v- HSBC (2017)

Child Claimant suffered life threatening severe brain injury in road traffic accident. Remarkable recovery after initially being in a low awareness state. Rehabilitation to the point he could even kick a football. Settled for £4.5 million plus annual PPO of £165,000 (capitalised £15 million+).

Prusek -v- Tesco (2019)

Claimant cycling without lights in the hours of darkness on dual carriageway when struck by HGV suffering incomplete spinal injury. Liability contested at preliminary issue trial. Settled on second day of trial for £1.5 million

JXM -v- Smith (2018)

Cyclist injured when struck by defendant's vehicle. Skull fracture; TBI and right hemiparesis. Previously supported high achieving oil executive so issues of replacement care and support were key. Settled for £5 million.

Education

- General Editor of Journal of Personal Injury Law (JPIL)
- APIL Accredited Senior Counsel in Personal Injury

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Appointments

- General Editor of Journal of Personal Injury Law (JPIL)
- APIL Accredited Senior Counsel in Personal Injury

Awards

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Notable Cases

- *BXL -v- The Minister for Education, Sport & Culture, States of Jersey* (2019): One of a team advising local advocates in Jersey about the quantum for a claim arising from a child suffering a brain injury at the age of 9 months. In the absence of a Damages Act equivalent in Jersey, arguments centred on the appropriate discount rate to apply in that jurisdiction. Expert evidence opined that the discount rates should be between -2.5 to -3.9% which would have led to a damages award in the tens of millions of pounds. As a direct consequence of this and one other damages case in Jersey at that time, Jersey legislated to apply a discount rate of +0.5%. Case settled for under £5 million.
- *Obi -v- Patel* [2018] EWHC 3985 (QB): High Court application concerning a defendant attempt to admit expert evidence late, including Life Expectancy evidence. Application dismissed in its entirety.
- *RXA -v- L'EQUITE S.A* (2013): Young son of high net worth family suffered tragic brain injuries when a pedestrian struck by a scooter. Required 24 hour care and suitably adapted accommodation. Settled for £10 million lump sum plus £400,000 per annum PPO. Then, with a discount rate at 2.5%, the claim could be capitalised at between £25 – £30 million.

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