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Christopher Moss

Year of call: 2002

Summary of practice

Christopher has a broad range of experience in civil litigation. He has expertise in personal injury and damages cases including credit hire. He often conducts trials and produces written advices, pleadings and schedules/counter schedules on both the fast and multi track with particular emphasis on the quick and efficient turnaround of paperwork. He is often instructed in high value cases and appears extensively for both Claimant and Defendant including in mediation hearings.

Christopher additionally undertakes local authority and police work and also regularly appears in the County and High Courts for local authorities in housing, ASBO and benefit fraud cases. He acts for both private and public landlords and tenants including numerous housing trusts in various property disputes. Christopher also undertakes property litigation and has wide experience of boundary disputes.

Overview

Personal Injury

RTA claims, employers liability, manual handling, future losses, defective work equipment, children's accidents, occupiers liability on local authority and privately owned land including schools, injuries from dangerous animals and unusual and high value quantum advices.

Contractual disputes

Fast track and multi track cases, including agency, monetary loss, claims for loss of commission, misrepresentation, debt recovery and numerous other contractual disputes including building disputes.

Insolvency

Regularly instructed by trustees in bankruptcy in a wide variety of insolvency matters including in the public examination of transferee's assets.





Regulatory Prosecutions

Health and Safety, benefit fraud, with particular specialism in all aspects of Anti Social Behaviour Law and practice in both the County Courts and Magistrate's Court including all aspects of injunctive relief.

Housing and property/ Land law

Anti Social Behavior, unlawful eviction, acting for both landlords and tenants in public and private disputes and litigation involving possession proceedings.

Christopher recently provided Oldham Athletic football club with advice instrumental in overturning the Council's decision not to grant planning permission for the club's new stadium.

Talks and seminars

Christopher has given seminars on the key elements of benefit fraud prosecutions and anti social behaviour and housing law to various local authorities. Please contact the civil clerks for more information and availability. Talks will qualify for CPD hours.

Notable Cases

Flintshire County Council -v- Reynolds (Social Security benefit fraud) [2006] EWHC 195 (Admin)

The issue was whether the term "knowingly" should be interpreted strictly in benefit fraud cases.

Case comment

Appeal dismissed. The Magistrates were entitled on a factual basis to find that the Defendant had not acted "knowingly". However the Court of Appeal issued guidance on the Housing benefit and Council tax claim from resulting in the claim form being changed on a national basis.

Other information

Christopher was a Lincoln's Inn Hardwicke Scholar during his bar vocational course. He reached the final of the Robert Wright mooting competition and was the UK champion of the Jessup Mooting competition representing the UK in the world finals in Washington DC.

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