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CONOR MULLAN

"His knowledge of the law and analytical ability is outstanding."

Member of Judiciary

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Conor Mullan's practice focuses on two main areas; Civil and Criminal law, with extensive experience in Inquests, Health & Safety and Employment.

Conor's successful practice at the Bar of Northern Ireland extended to England and Wales following his call to the Bar in 2012 and he now enjoys a well established, dual practice in both jurisdictions.

Personal Injury

Conor is an experienced personal injury practitioner instructed in a wide range of personal injury law: road traffic accidents; employers' liability; Highways Act claims; occupiers' liability; fatal accidents and clinical negligence. He advises from the outset and helps tactically steer the claim through the entire litigation process including; drafting pleadings and advices on liability and quantum, advising in conference, liaising with liability and medical experts and drafting detailed narrative schedules of loss and position statements for settlement meetings etc. He regularly represents both Claimants and Defendants in trials, appeals, interim applications and costs and case management hearings.

Conor has particular expertise and interest in motor insurance fraud litigation in road traffic accidents (including fraud-rings, staged, contrived and induced accidents, low velocity impact cases, phantom passenger claims, credit hire fraud, exaggeration of loss etc.), which is complimented by his extensive background as a trial advocate in criminal law and is instructed for Claimants and Defendants.

For a number of years, he has been panel approved Counsel for the insurance sector conducting cases for all the major insurers and Defendant solicitors.

He has specific experience in credit hire litigation often appealed to the High Court and lectures regularly in that field.

Alongside his specialist practice in this area he has a busy general civil court practice regularly conducting fast and multi-track trials and is vastly experienced in settlement negotiation.

Conor's experience extends to prisoner claims against the Prison Service in addition to claims of assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution against the Police.

Conor is instructed in the main to act for Claimants in clinical negligence claims. He offers specialist advice and advocacy in all aspects of clinical negligence claims and a wide range of healthcare issues. He has forged close links with a diverse array of specialist medical professionals. He provides high quality advice and representation across the whole spectrum of clinical litigation and associated disciplinary tribunals.

Conor's experience ranges from dental negligence, and the smaller obstetric and orthopaedic claims to complex psychiatric and catastrophic injury claims.

Conor enjoys a predominantly High Court practice in Northern Ireland dealing with general civil law and for appeals.

Conor has lectured on wide-ranging areas of civil law including credit hire, employers' liability and person injury litigation tactics.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Conor appears in corporate Health and Safety legal seminars for Solicitors SRT Donnelly and Associates in conjunction with Pinsent Masons Solicitors and Hutchinson Consulting. These seminars are also run in conjunction with the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) and the Institution of Civil Engineers. He has presented for a number of years in Northern Ireland to a wide audience of interested parties and this has now extended to England where Conor recently presented a legal seminar arranged by the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) in London.

Inquests & Inquiries

Conor has significant experience of inquests in Coroner's courts, representing the interests of families of the deceased or those of other interested parties, advising on and acting in subsequent Fatal accident claims or other associated proceedings. He represented the family of the deceased over a number of weeks in an inquest into the

death in custody by suicide of Roseanne Irvine at HMP Maghaberry held in 2007. This inquiry was monitored by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the subject of a report into the imprisonment of women (NIHRC- 'The prison within' by Professor Phil Scraton and Dr Linda Moore 2007). The inquest jury came to an unprecedented verdict which then formed the backbone of civil proceedings in the High Court on behalf of the family. The inquest was nationally reported and subject to extensive commentary. The coroner made representations to the government recommending the holding of a Public Inquiry arising out of same.

In addition, he has undertaken numerous inquests arising from fatal accidents at work and fatalities relating to road traffic accidents- his most recent jury inquest lasted a number of weeks and concerned the Police pursuit of a stolen vehicle resulting in the fatalities of the young occupants.

Criminal

Conor has an extensive background as a defence practitioner in the criminal courts and has been instructed by a number of the top criminal defence firms in Northern Ireland appearing in trials and appeals in the Youth, Magistrates', Crown Courts and High Court.

He has conducted trials for paramilitary offences, drugs offences, assaults, burglaries, harassment, car crime, arson, riot, robberies, fraud and proceeds of crime. He has been led in numerous Crown Court trials of exceptional gravity and complexity involving offences such as murder, terrorism, rape, death by dangerous driving, drugs offences and proceeds of crime.

Conor has represented high-profile clients in relation to numerous offences with a terrorist flavour unique to that jurisdiction.

Conor also has extensive experience of road traffic cases in the Magistrates' and Crown Court, being instructed privately in motoring cases and by the large insurers-the benefits of which have crossed over to his civil practice.

He has been directly instructed by the main national utility companies to defend against a wide range of offences in prosecutions brought by various governmental agencies in the Magistrates and Crown Courts.

Conor has also represented prisoners before the Parole Board in relation to mandatory and discretionary lifer panels and recalls to prison whilst also advising also on prisoners' rights and treatment whilst in custody.

Employment

Conor has appeared in tribunals for both Claimants and Respondents involving employment issues such as unfair dismissal, constructive dismissal and religious discrimination.

Qualifications

- PGDip, Queen's University Belfast
- LLB (Hons)

Professional associations

- Criminal Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association