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'Tim has an excellent legal and technical brain and is a very clear and skilled communicator.'

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Timothy Salisbury undertakes a wide range of civil work, specialising in Public Inquiries, Commercial Disputes, Personal Injury, and Aviation.

He is able to provide advisory, drafting, and advocacy expertise at all stages of the litigation process. Timothy also has experience of ADR, including mediation.

Having acted in some of the most high-profile public inquiries of the last few years, Timothy is currently instructed as Second Junior Counsel to the Undercover Policing Inquiry and also for a Core Participant in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry.

Inquests & Inquiries

Timothy is the Deputy Head of Pump Court Chambers' Inquests and Inquiries team and has been instructed on a number of the most high-profile Public Inquiries of the last few years.

He has extensive experience of Public Inquiries from working as Counsel to the Inquiry and also advising Core Participants.

Selected Cases

Undercover Policing Inquiry

Timothy is currently instructed as Second Junior Counsel to the Undercover Policing Inquiry, working on Tranche 3 of the Inquiry's work.

UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Timothy is currently instructed to represent the Welsh Government in Module 7 of the Inquiry, focusing on the approach to testing, tracing and isolation adopted during the pandemic.

Previously, Timothy represented a number of witnesses called to give evidence during Module 2 of the Inquiry, focusing on core UK decision-making and political governance during the Covid-19 pandemic response.

During Module 2A of the Inquiry, Timothy represented a senior scientific advisor to the Scottish Government.

During a short secondment to a leading firm of Public Inquiry solicitors, Timothy assisted a Government Department devise its disclosure protocol to enable it to comply with a Rule 9 request. He also advised the recipient of a Rule 9 request and facilitated the drafting and disclosure process.

Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry

Timothy is currently instructed on behalf of UK Government Investments (UKGI), a core participant in this statutory public Inquiry.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

Between 2020 and 2022, Timothy was instructed on a full time basis as Junior Counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, led by Richard Millett KC (Essex Court Chambers) and Andrew Kinnier KC (Henderson Chambers). Prior to his instruction as Junior Counsel in early-2020, Timothy spent a year as a disclosure junior involved in the Inquiry's review and disclosure process.

As Junior Counsel to the Inquiry, Timothy provided support to leading counsel in undertaking research, preparing briefing notes, and drafting cross-examination plans, and also by attendance at the Inquiry hearings. In 2022, he was extensively involved in the drafting process for the draft Phase 2 Report.

Commercial & Chancery

Timothy has experience of dealing with a wide range of commercial matters including contractual disputes and matters relating to the sale of businesses. He has represented clients both in court and at ADR.

In addition to experience with commercial contracts, he has also been instructed in relation to a number of cases concerning disputed loan agreements made within a domestic setting.

Timothy appeared as a junior in the King's Bench Division for the trial of a matter concerning the imposition of trusts

in Hawala banking in a claim brought against a CJA court-appointed receiver.

Timothy was instructed as a junior in the High Court on a complex assessment of damages following judgment in default being entered in a claim relating to an alleged advance fee fraud.

Timothy was also instructed by the Serious Fraud Office to assist with a large-scale disclosure exercise and to draft witness statements in support of the SFO's defence to a multi-million pound damages claim.

As well as being instructed in a variety of civil and commercial matters as an advocate, Timothy accepts instructions to draft commercial pleadings.

Selected Cases

F v F (2016) Northampton County Court

successfully represented a claimant in the recovery of a substantial unsecured loan made by the claimant to the defendant (who was the former wife of claimant's late-husband). The defendant contended that the payment was for her interest in her former matrimonial home; however the court held that the payment by the claimant had been made by way of a loan.

P v F, F & B (2015) Birmingham County Court

Represented the defendants to a breach of contract claim following the sale of a restaurant business. Successfully established numerous breaches of warranties by the claimant vendor allowing for a substantial set off by the defendants.

Mirza & Ors v Sara Dayman [2015] EWHC 1902 (QBD)

instructed by the Treasury Solicitor's Department and led by Nicholas Cox (4 Stone Buildings) in the successful defence of a claim against a court-appointed CJA receiver relating to monies remitted as part of the Hawala banking system held in a bank account subject to a restraint order. The claimants alleged that sums paid as part of the Hawala banking system were subject to a trust. The High Court held that the property in the account was not subject to any trust and the defendant had been entitled to exercise her lien over the money. Further, the exercise of that lien did not constitute a breach of the claimants' rights under article 1 of the First Protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Negligence & Personal Injury

Timothy regularly appears in trials and at interim hearings for claims brought following road traffic accidents on all tracks. He has particular experience of claims relating to negligent actions of passengers and of costs arguments concerning the fixed recoverable costs regimes of CPR r.45.

Timothy has extensive experience of credit hire claims, acting for both claimants and defendants. He also has substantial experience of acting for both claimant and defendant in claims involving allegations of 'fundamental dishonesty' and fraud.

Timothy has court experience of EL/PL claims at Fast Track and Multi Track level.

As a result of his Aviation practice, Timothy has dealt with a number of Montreal Convention claims for bodily injury. He also has experience of travel sickness claims.

From 2012 to 2015 he regularly provided advice on personal injury claims against NOMS and the Ministry of Justice as a member of the Government Legal Division's 'Baby Barrister' scheme.

He is regularly instructed on appeals in the County Court and High Court.

Selected Cases

Karnicka & Anr v Zborek & Anr [2018] 2 WLUK 295 (Reading County Court)

Acted for the claimants at trial and in written submissions on costs concerning the operation of the Fixed Recoverable Costs regime. After finding for the claimants at trial, following written submissions the circuit judge held that the FRC rules permitted a set of solicitors' fixed costs (as provided for by CPR r.45.29C) was recoverable by each claimant.

Enniful v 1) Motor Insurer's Bureau 2) Husseyin [2017] EWHC 1086 (QB)

Instructed on behalf of the appellant/claimant. A recorder had been wrong to find that a claimant had filed an appeal against the striking out of her claim three days out of time. The amended appeal grounds were to be served within six weeks of "receiving" the striking out order. On its natural meaning that meant from the date of receipt and on that basis the claimant had filed on the deadline date.

W & R v M & E Plc (2017) Lewes County Court

Acted for the claimants in a successful claim for damages on the Multi Track following an RTA. Fraud was alleged by the Second Defendant.

Civil Fraud

Timothy is regularly instructed to act on behalf of Claimants and Defendants in personal injury claims involving allegations of 'fundamental dishonesty' and fraud.

Selected Cases

NN & Ors v 1) F 2) X Insurer

Instructed to represent defendant insurer in suspected six-handed fraudulent personal injury claim and to draft amended defence to plead fraud based upon extensive intelligence evidence exposing likely fraud ring. Following service of the amended pleadings, five of the six claimants discontinued their claims. Successfully obtained strike out of remaining claimant's claim at PTR and secured an award of costs.

W & R v M & E Plc (2017) Lewes County Court

Acted for the claimants in a successful claim for damages on the Multi Track following an RTA. Fraud was alleged by the Second Defendant, however the allegations were dismissed at trial.

Aviation

Timothy accepts instructions in a wide variety of aviation matters and has experience of representing carriers both at trial and in interlocutory hearings. Timothy's aviation practice predominantly comprises of denied boarding and delay claims under Regulation (EC) No. 261/2004 and claims under the Montreal Convention for delay, damage and bodily injury. He is also regularly instructed to draft pleadings and interim applications in such claims. Timothy has also successfully defended contractual (non-Convention) claims for denied boarding and applications contesting jurisdiction.

In addition to claims pertaining to carriage by air, Timothy has acted in a number of cases brought against non-carrier businesses operating in the aviation sector, predominantly comprising of claims connected to airport operators or airport-based service providers.

In the Travel Law sphere, Timothy has handled 'pure' travel law claims as well as hybrid claims involving aviation issues.

Selected Cases

Prosser v British Airways PLC [2018] EW Misc B13 (CC) (29 November 2018)

Timothy acted for British Airways in the successful defence of a claim brought under the Montréal Convention 1999 by a passenger who alleged that he had suffered bodily injury after being seated next to an obese passenger during a long-haul flight.

Ecclesiastical & Religious Law

Timothy is Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester.

Property Law

Timothy provides advice and representation in property disputes with experience of proceedings concerning both residential and commercial property.

He has experience in the County Court of residential possession proceedings brought by both landlords and mortgage lenders. He has acted in dilapidations claims and licence disputes. Timothy has also has experience of service charge disputes in the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber). He has advised on forfeiture/breach of covenant matters concerning commercial premises.

Selected Cases

Re X Road (2018)

Provided advice to landlord following the wrongful forfeiture of a commercial lease.

T Ltd v D Ltd (2017)

Acted in a breach of contract claim concerning the return of deposit following the conclusion of a commercial licence.

Qualifications

- Blackstone Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple
- BVC (Very Competent), BPP Law School
- GDL (Commendation), BPP Law School
- BA (Hons), University of Durham

Professional associations

- COMBAR
- PIBA
- Ecclesiastical Law Society
- Western Circuit

Professional activities

- Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester

Outside Interests

Timothy is a trained classical singer and sings with a number of amateur and professional choirs. He is a former member of the Middle Temple Revels.

Timothy is a keen cook and spends much of his free time in the kitchen.