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Harry Peto has a busy practice across many of Chambers' core areas, with a particular focus on personal injury, clinical negligence, employment, public law and inquiries. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants across a wide range of claims, including in relation to claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

Harry was recently appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown. He has been instructed many times by the Government Legal Department, especially in cases brought against the Ministry of Justice.

He regularly contributes to newsletters, writing in relation to personal injury, civil procedure, costs and employment law.

In addition to his Chambers work, Harry undertakes pro bono work for Bail for Immigration Detainees, Advocate and the Anti Trafficking and Labour Unit.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Harry accepts instructions across a broad range of clinical negligence claims, such as those related to obstetrics, spinal injury, infection control, mental ill-health, sepsis and failed and delayed diagnosis claims. He acts primarily on behalf of Defendants but maintains a balance of Claimant work in order to provide a

well-rounded perspective.

Inquiries

Harry has good experience of public inquiries. He undertook work for the Brook House Inquiry, which concerns allegations of misconduct and mismanagement by the Home Office and G4S in an immigration detention centre.

Insurance

Harry has undertaken work for a legal insurance firm, which involved providing advices in very short timeframes on the prospects of success in a wide variety of claims, the areas of law including contracts, professional negligence, trusts, land, construction, commercial fraud, nuisance, and professional ethics.

Motor Insurance Fraud

Harry is well-equipped to handle cases involving allegations of dishonesty, both for claimants and defendants. He has experience in advising clients in conference as to the prospects of such findings being made.

Harry is also familiar with the relevant authorities on the common issues raised in credit hire cases. He appears frequently on behalf of claimants and defendants in fast-track trials.

Personal Injury

Harry is regularly instructed in Fast Track trials, CCMCs, applications, small claims and stage 3 hearings in personal injury and credit hire matters, including cases involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty. He acts for both claimants and defendants. Harry also maintains a written practice, drafting pleadings and providing both formal and informal advice on liability and quantum in a variety of personal injury cases, including accidents at work, occupier's liability, and road traffic cases. He has advised on and successfully negotiated settlement in multi-track cases.

As a pupil, Harry contributed the response to a Law Commission consultation on the law of driverless vehicles.

Public Law

Harry is well-practised in drafting pleadings and advices in highly sensitive public law and immigration cases at the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court levels. These often involve complex points of procedure, statute and case law, as well as broad-brush arguments regarding public law principles.

Harry is on the Government Legal Department's junior junior scheme and has been instructed numerous

times by the GLD, including advising and drafting pleadings in an involved unlawful detention claim brought against the Ministry of Justice, as well as appearing in application hearings.

Appointments

- Attorney General's C Panel of London Counsel
- Independent Office for Police Conduct Panel of Counsel

Awards

- Exhibition Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- Exhibition Scholarship, Inner Temple (2017)
- Thirkill Award, Clare College (2015)
- Foundation Scholarship, Clare College (2014)

Education

- BPTC (Outstanding), City University
- GDL (Commendation), City University
- MPhil Political Thought & Intellectual History, Clare College, University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons) Politics, Psychology & Sociology (First Class, Second Year; Declared Deserving of Honours, Third Year), Clare College, University of Cambridge

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)