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Jack Harris is a leading junior in property damage, personal injury, professional negligence, sport, insurance and product liability law cases.

Expertise

Property Damage

Jack is described in Chambers & Partners 2021 as "*an effective advocate on TCC cases*", who "*knows the law inside out*" and "*possesses enviable expertise in cases arising from subsidence and damage related to tree roots and shrubs, as part of a broader property damage practice.*"

Jack is regularly instructed in high value claims relating to fires, floods, noxious spillages, subsidence, falling trees and defective products. He has presented the lead lecture on damage from trees at Damage Day 2022, 2019, 2018 and 2017.

Notable Property Damage cases

Davies v Bridgend County Borough Council [2024] UKSC 15. [2024] 2 W.L.R. 1237 (with Howard Palmer KC)

Encroachment of Japanese knotweed. 'But for' causation in the tort of private nuisance.

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Anchor Hanover Group v Arcadis Consulting (UK) Ltd [2021] EWHC 543 (TCC) (with Sonia Nolten)

Flooding from culvert. Scope of common law duty of care owed by the Environment Agency.

Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc v South West Water Limited [2020] EWHC 3747 (TCC)

Cable damage claim under New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. Permission under CPR r.38.7 to bring second claim where first claim discontinued. Abuse of process.

Oldcorn v Southern Water Services Ltd [2017] EWHC 460 (TCC) (with Neil Moody KC)

Flooding of suburb following failure of coastal flood defence system.

Thakerar v Lloyds TSB Insurance & Others [2012] EWHC 1875 (Comm)

Scope of duty of bank to provide documentation to policyholder on renewal of household insurance policy.

Personal Injury

Jack is described in Chambers & Partners 2021 as “a conscientious advocate”, “very much a man for the detail”, “good on any kind of complicated catastrophic injury case” and “a very bright barrister who is easy to work with”.

Jack has a broad personal injury practice covering catastrophic injury (including complex spinal injuries); brain injury; chronic pain; employer’s liability (including occupational disease); occupiers liability and defective premises; Highways Act cases; accidents abroad; RTAs (including fraudulent claims, credit hire issues and acting for the Motor Insurers’ Bureau); the Animals Act; and product liability claims.

Notable Personal Injury cases

Ayannuga v One Shot Products Limited [2022] EWHC 590 (QB) (with Neil Moody KC)

Claim under the Consumer Protection Act 1987. Drain cleaner alleged to have given off toxic fumes causing fatal / catastrophic injuries to bystanders. Chemical engineering analysis of actual source of the gas. Definition of “defect” within the meaning of the Act.

Ayannuga v One Shot Products Limited [2021] EWHC 2930 (QB)

Destruction of documents. Scope of reactive disclosure duties.

C v M (High Court, settled) (with Ben Browne KC)

Catastrophic injury following fall by worker at a construction site down a riser shaft. Claim advanced against

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principle contractor and scaffolding and flooring subcontractors. Pleaded at approx. £15 million.

S v I (High Court, ongoing), (with Nina Goolamali KC)

Catastrophic spinal injury and suspected brain injury following road traffic accident. Pleaded at approx. £17 million.

S v T (High Court, QBD, settled)

Alleged brain injury and chronic pain condition following car on pedestrian collision. Vulnerable claimant. Pleaded at £2.5 million.

T v R (High Court, settled)

Living mesothelioma claim following alleged domestic exposure to asbestos.

Professional Negligence

Jack is regularly instructed in actions for and against professionals including doctors, builders, surveyors and lawyers.

Notable Professional Negligence cases

Claim against solicitor and barrister for allegedly negligent failure to comply with court directions leading to settlement of claim at undervalue (settled pre-action).

Defence of principal contractor on construction project following collapse of adjacent building during demolition works (High Court, TCC, claim struck out before trial).

Claim against loss adjuster in respect of alleged negligent advice as to property underpinning scheme (High Court, TCC, settled).

Defence of asbestos removal professionals following alleged contamination of domestic property during staged asbestos removal works (settled).

Defence of teacher following serious injury to pupil during P.E. lesson (claim dismissed at trial).

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Claim against hospital following negligent late referral of stroke patient (settled pre-action).

Sport

Jack has an extensive sports law practice, with particular emphasis on claims in motor sport.

Notable Sport cases

Claim by leading professional motocross rider following major crash in MAXXIS MX2 championship race (with Nina Goolamali KC and Lucy Wyles KC).

Claim on permanent disablement insurance policy by former Premier League and international professional footballer (with Howard Palmer KC), (High Court).

Claim arising from negligent tackle during schoolboy rugby union training session causing alleged lifelong injuries (High Court, settled).

Claim against professional judo instructor in respect of alleged negligent instruction leading to student sustaining leg injury.

Claim against indoor ski centre for injury to skier arising from allegedly dangerous design and/or management of indoor ski centre.

Claim by professional jockey who fractured spine in fall as a result of dangerous surface of gallop.

Insurance

Jack is classed as Leading Junior in Insurance Law by the Legal 500: "*Very knowledgeable with regard to the law, very astute tactically, and very approachable.*"

Jack regularly acts in insurance disputes including those concerning policy interpretation, coverage and policy defences such as late notification and breach of conditions precedent.

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Notable Insurance cases

Claim by policyholder arising from suspected subsidence and landslip to residential property; disputes on cause of damage, limitation and policy coverage (TCC, settled at mediation).

Claim by policyholder following tree roots clay shrinkage subsidence to family home; disputes on policy interpretation and proper measure of indemnity (TCC, settled at mediation).

Acting for insurer in claim arising from subsidence and water damage to farm building; disputes on causation, policy interpretation and breach of policy conditions (Commercial Court).

Acting for insurer in claim arising from escape of water in residential house; disputes on cause of damage, policy coverage and proper measure of indemnity (TCC).

Product Liability

Jack is classed as Leading Junior in Product Liability Law by the Legal 500*: "He has a robust advocacy style rooted in sound understanding of the principles and rules of law in this field."*

Jack has a busy practice acting in high value defective product claims. He has particular experience in claims relating to defective white goods and household products.

Notable Product Liability cases

Pan NOx Emissions Litigations, Re

Group litigation about NOx emissions from diesel motor vehicles.

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Fire in hotel arising from allegedly defective dehumidifier. Defence of supplier. Follow up recovery action on contractual indemnity against overseas manufacturer.

H v L & S

Spontaneous fire in motorbike causing lifelong burn injuries. Claim against consumer credit supplier and manufacturer.

B v L

Fire in domestic fridge freezer. Claim against manufacturer for defective recall.

Awards

- Hardwicke Award, Lincoln's Inn
- Wolfson Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

Education

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law
- GDL, City University, London
- MA (Hons), Downing College, Cambridge University

Memberships

- LawInSport
- British Association for Sport and Law
- PIBA

Publications

"Treeing off! How to mitigate liability for claims against sports clubs and grounds relating to fallen trees" LawInSport, April 2017;

"Turpitude & the rule of law" – New Law Journal, Vol.164 No.7633 Pages 10-11 – on the growing scope of the ex turpi causa defence;

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"A sporting chance" – New Law Journal, Volume 162, Issue 7532 – on the potential growth of vicarious liability for player's torts on the part of amateur sports clubs;

"Rights & Wrongs". New Law Journal, Volume 162, Issue 7497 – on the standard of the duty of care to be imposed in road traffic cases;

"Keep Out". New Law Journal, Volume 160, Issue 7435 – on the duty of landowners towards uninvited guests.

Recommendations

"Very knowledgeable with regard to the law, very astute tactically, and very approachable." "Jack has excellent judgement, a calm measured approach is someone that can always be relied upon to deliver." "He has a busy product liability practice which ties in with his work as an established practitioner in personal injury and property damage. He has a robust advocacy style rooted in sound understanding of the principles and rules of law in this field."
Legal 500 2025

"Extremely personable and very sensible, with the legal acumen to back it up. A class operator."
Legal 500 2024

"Jack is very well prepared and produces strong submissions. He is always on top of the case and is a persuasive advocate." "Jack has a stellar practice and a wonderful manner in court." "Jack is very accessible, easy to work with and has good attention to detail."
Chambers UK 2023

"A conscientious and well prepared barrister who has an eye for detail in complex personal injury matters. Jack has an excellent manner with clients and adopts a pragmatic approach to risk assessment and negotiation." "Great technical knowledge over a comprehensive range of liability disciplines. Excellent with insurer and lay clients. Dedicated and approachable."
Legal 500 2023

"He is a conscientious advocate and is very much a man for the detail. Clients like him and he is good on any kind of complicated catastrophic injury case." "A very bright barrister who is easy to work with, has a good grasp of the law and works in a user-friendly and collaborative way." "A savvy operator who is conducive to finding solutions to problems." "He's an effective advocate on TCC cases." "He's sharp and knows the law inside out."
Chambers UK 2022

"His technical expertise in Property Damage is terrific and he's also able to make things understandable." "He's an excellent, really user-friendly young chap." "He's very strategic in the way he combats things, and his advice is straight to the point."
Chambers UK 2021

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