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*Gives good robust advice, sticks to his guns, and is very thorough and very helpful.*

- Chambers & Partners

**Carl Troman is a commercial litigator, with particular expertise and experience in disputes involving insurance, professional liability, classic and super cars (including motorsports), property damage and costs. He is also a formally accredited mediator and acts as an arbitrator.**

Carl is recommended as a leading junior in the fields of both insurance and professional negligence by Chambers & Partners having been described in the following terms:

*"Super-intelligent with great interpersonal skills."*

*"He provides excellent advice and is always thinking of innovative ways to get the best possible result for the client."*

*"Very user-friendly and good on tactics."*

*"A really good choice for complex insurance litigation."*

*"Approachable, friendly and incredibly helpful on complex cases. His advice is very clear and he is great with clients."*

*"He's very bright and I like the style of his advice, which is detailed but not overly so. He is good at getting to the nub of a case and he has a very good understanding of the commercial factors in play and what is driving the decisions of insurers."*

*"He's extremely approachable, easy to deal with and has a good rapport with solicitors and clients."*

*"He has an impressive knowledge of the law, and applies it with impressive efficiency to tactical decisions. He also just seems to know how judges will deal with things, such that you never feel like anything that happens is a surprise."*

*"He is very approachable and very user-friendly."*

*"An excellent senior junior."*

*"Very good technically."*

*"At trial, he is well mannered and entirely unflappable. His performance is exemplary."*

*"Go-to junior for professional indemnity."*



*"User-friendly and intelligent."*

*"He has an intelligent, measured approach and a calm manner that clients find reassuring."*

*"Gives clear reasoning and exudes charm and confidence."*

*"Gives good robust advice, sticks to his guns, and is very thorough and very helpful."*

*"He's extremely approachable and a very charming individual who has a good touch with clients."*

*"Tremendous experience dealing with property-related professional negligence matters."*

*"He is very good at drafting and very good on his feet."*

*"A popular choice with clients and good in difficult situations. He's good at putting people at ease and getting the best out of them."*

Carl is also ranked in the Legal 500 and has been described as follows:

*"Outstanding."*

*"He exudes a confidence and charm, which puts clients at ease."*

*"An accomplished advocate."*

*"He is approachable and provides advice in a sensible way"*

Carl provides a service of the very highest quality and practical commercial solutions to even the most difficult or intractable of problems. He is always customer focused, user-friendly and responsive with a keen grasp of all relevant detail.

Carl read law before finishing sixth on the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law winning the Stephen Seabrooke Memorial Prize, the Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize and the Buchanan Prize as well as being awarded the Wolfson Scholarship by Lincoln's Inn. Before joining chambers in 2003 Carl taught law to undergraduates at the University of Reading.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

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### **Property Damage**

A significant part of Carl's practice involves cases concerning damage to property whether as the result of breaches of duty in the supply of services, defective products or otherwise. This area of Carl's work includes:

1. Considerable experience of claims based upon the destruction of high value property by fire. Examples of current cases of that type are the destruction of a large paper storage warehouse and extensive damage to specialist industrial premises. Typically these cases involve complex technical and forensic expert evidence and difficult arguments concerning breach of duty, causation and quantum.
2. Specialist expertise in cases involving the doctrine in *Mark Rowlands Ltd v Berni Inns Ltd* [1986] QB 211. Recent cases in that regard have included the destruction of railway infrastructure at a London market and damage to industrial premises from welding works.

3. A cross-over with claims against professionals such as surveyors in relation to failures to identify and advise upon a myriad of property defects from subsidence to Japanese knotweed.
4. Regularly acting in subrogated insurance recovery claims which often give rise to complex legal and evidential issues. Such cases have included:
  1. The destruction of residential premises through the explosion of a hot water storage tank.
  2. Damage to a building and its contents as a result of asbestos contamination.
  3. Water penetration to sensitive building materials through specialist weatherproofing.
  4. Flooding to commercial premises following plumbing works.
  5. The contamination of land as a result of the escape of heating oil.
  6. The destruction of a building project by a fire allegedly caused by self-heating oil.
  7. Damage to industrial machinery as a result of component failure.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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LL.B. (First Class) Dip. PLS

## Insights

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### **COVID-19 DISPUTE RESOLUTION – Applying the Principle of Frustration to Cancellations Caused by the Virus**

2 April 2020

What happens where a contracting party no longer wishes to perform their obligations because of COVID-19? This is likely to be a major source of disputes in the near future as contracts become uneconomic or difficult to perform because of the virus and the unprecedented disruption it is causing. What are the rights of the parties where an event has been cancelled because of COVID-19 but one of the parties has paid a deposit and the other has spent money preparing for it? A look back to the principle of frustration, first developed in the 19th century but out of fashion for a long time, provides the litigator with a vital tool when advising and assisting their client. Here are some key points...

### **Four Fundamentals of Limitation Periods in Contract and Tort Claims**

25 October 2018

Four key points for the limitation period for contract and tort claims. Limitation is fiendishly complex – these are some fundamentals for an ‘all-or-nothing’ defence affecting every claim.

### **Service Can Be A Right Hassle**

24 October 2018

A short note on a recent Supreme Court case concerning the circumstances in which a Court will order alternative service under CPR 6.15

### **Ten Top Tips for Service of Proceedings**

24 October 2018

Service of proceedings continues to be a fertile ground for disputes. Meritorious and valuable claims can fail on a technicality given how hard it is to obtain a retrospective extension of time for service of a claim form. Here are ten top tips for avoiding the pitfalls and ascertaining whether your opponent has fallen into one.