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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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### **Classic and Super Cars**

Carl is a leading barrister in the field of automotive litigation encompassing a broad range of disputes involving vintage, classic and supercars.

At the interface between commercial litigation and motorsport, Carl acts and advises in relation to disputes arising out of racing contracts between, for example, drivers, teams and sponsors.

Disputes involving high value unique property like classic cars can involve urgent applications for injunctions and Carl has extensive experience in that regard.

The types of issue which often arise and of which Carl has extensive experience are:

- Breach of contract in relation to:
  - The sale of a car involving some failure on the part of the buyer or seller to do what they promised.
  - Repair or restoration work, which typically relates to the quality of the work or the price which should be paid.
  - Race support services involving disputes about the quality of the services provided and the price to be paid for them
- Misrepresentation where a car transpires not to be what a seller told a buyer, whether in terms of provenance or quality.
- Personal injuries and property damage as a result of accidents whether on the road or at sporting events.
- Disputes with agents acting for a buyer or a seller (or both) who are alleged not to have behaved as they should.
- Disputes as to who has title to a particular car whether because two or more people claim to own a single car or because two people each claim that a car they own is a car with a particular provenance.
- Disputes as to whether a car should be registered with a particular number plate.
- Disputes arising with auctioneers where something has gone wrong in the auction process.

Recent cases in which Carl has been involved have included:

- *Hrabalek v Hrabalek* [2015] EWHC 1456 (QB), a case which went to trial in the High Court concerning the ownership of a unique and valuable Lancia Stratos collection
- Disputes between sellers and buyers as to the provenance and quality of:
  - An ex-works group A Lancia Delta Integrale rally car.
  - A classic Rolls Royce.
- Multi-party disputes over the ownership of:
  - A Pagani Zonda F C12 Coupe Clubsport.
  - A pre-war chassis.
  - A replica of a vintage car.
- A dispute between a vendor and an auctioneer over the circumstances in which a car was sold.
- Disputes of over the quality of restoration works and/or the price to be paid for restoration works in relation to:
  - A classic Alfa Romeo.
  - An Aston Martin DB5.
  - Various E-type Jaguars.
- A registration problem in relation to an Aston Martin DB4.
- A dispute over the ownership of a classic racing Porsche.
- Personal injury claims and associated insurance disputes arising from circuit racing and speedway accidents.
- A claim against an expert with respect to a report he provided concerning the quality of a car.
- An insurance dispute in relation to cover for a high specification Range Rover.

## 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.