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Will Harman has a practice that encompasses all areas of business dispute resolution, with a particular focus on commercial litigation and arbitration, civil fraud, professional liability and insurance. He is also ranked as a "Rising Star" in sports law by the Legal 500.

"Strengths include exceptional advocacy skills and in particular highly persuasive written work; he also has a remarkable ability to build rapport with the judge or tribunal." The Legal 500 (2022)

"Highly intelligent, articulate and sharp. Has a pragmatic approach in dealing with a variety of issues. Quickly grasps key evidential points." The Legal 500 (2021)

Will's experience includes high-value disputes with an international dimension before both courts and arbitral tribunals. He also has a growing offshore practice having spent three months on secondment in Jersey following instructions in Guernsey and the Isle of Man. Alongside his busy practice, Will co-authored the latest edition of *Toulson & Phipps on Confidentiality*.

For examples of his recent and ongoing work, please see the individual practice areas below.

Privacy Policy

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Transparency Statement

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Areas of Expertise

Professional Liability

Will regularly receives instructions in substantial and complex claims against a range of professionals. As a co-author of *Toulson & Phipps*, he has particular expertise in confidentiality and privilege issues arising from professional retainers.

Recent and ongoing examples of his work include:

- Acting for defendant solicitors in a counsel team led by Jamie Smith QC in respect of a claim for conspiracy pleaded at c.£130m in the Commercial Court.
- Instructed by insurers in relation to a high-profile dispute involving allegations of breach of trust against lawyers practising

between the UK and Italy.

- Defending SAR reporting accountants in a claim arising from a substantial fraud on a practice of solicitors.
- Acting for Danish insurers in multi-party proceedings in the Commercial Court involving allegations of negligent claims handling.
- Part of a large counsel team in a high-value claim against accountant auditors following the administration of a Guernsey investment fund.
- Acting as sole counsel for the successful claimant in multi-track proceedings against conveyancing solicitors.
- Advising and drafting on behalf of family law solicitors in a claim following matrimonial proceedings.
- Representing a number of renewable energy engineers in claims for professional negligence.
- Advising and drafting for an insurance broker in a dispute over the proper construction of an accident policy.
- Acting for a well-known chamber of commerce in defence of a claim in negligence and deceit.

Will has also appeared in the SDT in regulatory proceedings following the administration of a well-known law firm.

Qualifications & Memberships

Before joining 4 New Square, Will undertook the Bar Professional Training Course (graded Outstanding) and the Graduate Diploma in Law (with Distinction) at City Law School. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn as a Lord Denning Scholar, Hardwicke Scholar and Buchanan Prize winner.

Will previously worked as a journalist in Rome covering the 2013 Italian election. He also holds a first class degree in Modern and Medieval Languages from the University of Cambridge, where he received the prize for the best performance in Italian.

Education – BA, Cambridge (First Class Honours); GDL, City (Distinction); BPTC, City (Outstanding)

Memberships – COMBAR; PNBA; TECBAR; CFLA; Government Legal Department Junior Junior Scheme; Young International Arbitration Group; British Association for Sports Law

Insights

Sport and anti-doping – the year in review 2018/19v

16 May 2019

Richard Liddell and William Harman of 4 New Square wrote an anti-doping update for Law In Sport on 16th May 2019. Its primary focus is UK anti-doping, decisions in the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and developments relating to the major international anti-doping bodies.

GDPR and Sport: make sure that you're on the ball!

11 May 2018

Richard Liddell, Kendrah Potts and William Harman look at some of the principal enforcement risks facing sporting bodies under the new regime described by the ICO as a "game-changer" and consider how the GDPR might feed into existing facets of sports dispute resolution.

Englehart CTP (US) LLC v Lloyd's Syndicate 1221 and others [2018] EWHC 900 (Comm): all risks marine cargo insurance and fraud on the insured

27 April 2018

After being provided with fraudulent bills of lading for a shipment of non-existent copper ingots, Englehart's attempt to recover its losses under an all risks Marine Cargo and Storage policy was rejected by the Court on the basis that the alleged damage was economic loss to which an all risks cargo insurance policy did not respond. Sir Ross Cranston's decision is considered by Will Harman of 4 New Square.

Moonlighting: the latest word on vicarious liability

16 March 2018



The run of recent appellate decisions on vicarious liability continues in the case of *Frederick and others v Positive Solutions (Financial Services) Limited* [2018] EWCA Civ 431. On this occasion, the Court of Appeal has decided that a financial adviser was not vicariously liable for fraudulent “moonlighting” by one of its registered agents. [Click to see Will Harman’s case note.](#)