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## Matthew Waszak

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Matt joined 4 New Square in March 2022 after almost 8 years in practice at Temple Garden Chambers. While his early practice was rooted in a broad range of civil common work, he now specialises in all aspects of costs litigation and litigation funding.

Matt is sought after by clients in high-value cases and those involving complex and novel points of law. He is regularly instructed in high-value between the parties costs cases, in solicitor and own client cases and in disputes concerning the application of fixed costs. He regularly appears in the Senior Courts Costs Office and before Regional Costs Judges, as well as in appellate proceedings on points of appeal. Matt is well versed in the use of the electronic bill and is an experienced cross-examiner. He advises on a broad range of strategic litigation funding issues and is regularly instructed to draft CFAs and retainers. His clients range from market-leading solicitors through to government departments, police forces and local authorities.

**Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, Costs Litigation**

“Matthew Waszak is a very persuasive advocate. He fights hard for his clients, is well prepared and makes succinct points.” (2023, Band 2)

“His advice is thorough and clear and his outstanding, intricate and comprehensive costs knowledge is clearly apparent.” (2023, Band 2)

“Matthew’s very calm during hearings, and his delivery of points and arguments is very considered and to the point.” (2023, Band 2)

“Knowledgeable and has particular ability in relation to the more difficult and complex cases. His advice is thorough and clear, and he is able to deal with awkward opponents skilfully.” (2022, Band 3)

“He has developed great depth of knowledge in this area” and “gives very detailed advice on complex issues.” “Energetic and just really good to be around, he is always thoroughly charming and absolutely on top of the subject matter.” “He’s tenacious and extremely good on the more technical points that arise in a case.” (2021, Band 3)

“Very knowledgeable and competent, he displays particular ability in cases concerning the assessment of recoverable ATE premiums.” “He shows great attention to detail, has an analytical mind, and is someone who produces clear and precise opinions”. (2020, “Up and Coming”)

**Legal 500, UK Bar, London Bar, Costs**

“A pragmatic individual with particular ability in relation to the more difficult and complex cases” (2022, Band 4)

“Utterly superb costs knowledge” (2021, Band 4)

## Reported Cases

- *ST v ZY* [2022] EWHC B6 (Costs)
- *Nema v Kirkland* [2019] EWHC B15 (Costs)
- *Mitchell v Gilling-Smith* [2017] EWHC B18 (Costs)
- *Pollard v University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust* [2017] 1 Costs 45
- *Norman v Norman* [2017] EWCA Civ 49; [2017] 1 WLR 2523; [2018] 1 All ER 769 (sole counsel in the Court of Appeal)

## Other Selected Recent Cases

- Instructed by firm of solicitors in solicitor own client assessment in the SCCO of a £700,000 Bill of Costs.
- Instructed by firm of solicitors in solicitor own client assessment in the SCCO of a £950,000 Bill of Costs.
- Instructed to advise on the principle of costs and the subsequent costs order following an appeal in the Supreme Court.
- Acted for the claimant in contentious assessment proceedings under the **Solicitors Act 1974** against their former solicitor in respect of the costs of divorce proceedings.
- Acted for receiving party in two-day between the parties detailed assessment in the SCCO, in which a significant portion of the paying party's Points of Dispute were struck out/dissmissed for their failure to comply with **PD 47** and the Court of Appeal's decision in *Ainsworth v Stewarts Law LLP* [2020] EWCA Civ 178.
- Instructed in numerous cases involving the construction and application of the fixed recoverable costs rules under section IIIA of CPR Part 45.
- Acted for receiving party in a four-day between the parties detailed assessment in the SCCO of a Bill of Costs arising from a mesothelioma claim.
- Acted for receiving party in three-day between the parties detailed assessment in the SCCO of £700,000 Bill of Costs arising from a catastrophic clinical negligence claim.
- Instructed to advise on and draft written submissions on the principle of costs in a commercial case following a five-day trial.
- Acted for the claimant in a dispute in the High Court concerning the liability for costs of work done to establish the reasonable security of a periodical payments order after the acceptance of a Part 36 offer in a catastrophic injury case.
- Acted for the defendant in an assessment of costs under the **Solicitors Act 1974** where the claimant alleged that the defendant's failure to provide an estimate of costs meant that the Bill should be assessed at nil. Challenge dismissed at preliminary issues hearing.
- Acted for defendant insurer in numerous cases involving the definition of clinical negligence cases and the scope of the **MOJ Pre-Action Protocol for Low Value Personal Injury (Employers' Liability and Public Liability Claims)**.
- Acted for various legal expenses insurers in cases involving challenges to block-rated ATE insurance products.
- Advising a public body on the costs implications of injunctive relief proceedings.
- Advising a claimant firm on the prospects of seeking an alternative costs order under CPR 38.6 following the discontinuance of a clinical negligence claim.

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## Qualifications

Brasenose College, University of Oxford: BA (History)  
City University, London: Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)

Eastham Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

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Lord Bowen Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn

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