



Joel McMillan

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Joel has a successful practice that encompasses all of Chambers' areas of expertise, with a particular emphasis on personal injury, commercial, employment, and education law.

He is in court more or less every day, appearing in trials and the full range of interim hearings and applications. He is routinely instructed on Fast Track and Multi-Track matters, and he acts for claimants and defendants in roughly equal measure.

Joel also has a busy paperwork practice. He provides advice on liability, quantum and tactics; drafts pleadings; and settles schedules of loss, across a wide range of practice areas.

Joel prides himself on thorough preparation, tenacious advocacy, practical advice, and excellent client care.

He is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the Direct Access Scheme.

Personal Injury

Personal injury accounts for much of Joel's work and he has acted in a wide range of claims, including road traffic collisions, employers' liability, occupiers' liability, Highways Act claims, Package Travel Regulations claims and noise induced hearing loss. He has experience of cases involving fraud/dishonesty and LVI.

Joel appears in the full range of interlocutory and final hearings, including trials, applications, CCMCs, CMCs and disposal hearings. He also provides thorough and practical written advice, and settles pleadings and schedules.

Joel is willing to take instructions on a CFA basis where appropriate.

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Employment

Joel has a particular interest in employment law and has acted in cases involving unfair dismissal, wrongful dismissal, discrimination and whistleblowing. Joel is a volunteer with Free Representation Unit (FRU).

Commercial

Joel has considerable experience of representing individuals, businesses and the public sector in commercial matters, including in a wide range of contractual disputes, property disputes, bankruptcy and consumer credit cases. He is always looking to build upon his experience in this area.

Civil Fraud

Joel has considerable experience of cases involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty. He has secured findings of fundamental dishonesty on a number of occasions on the basis of the claimant's evidence on quantum and/or liability, with the consequent disapplication of QOCS. He predominantly acts for Defendants but has seen the other perspective, having represented claimants accused of fundamental dishonesty and/or fraud.

Joel is well-versed in all the relevant case law. He wrote a commentary on the leading cases on fundamental dishonesty of *Howlett v Davies & Anor* [2017] EWCA Civ 1696 and *LOCOG v Sinfield* [2018] EWHC 51 (QB) for the Farrar's Building Personal Injury Newsletter'.

Credit Hire

Joel has extensive experience in this area and normally appears in credit hire trials two or three times a week. He is very well versed in the full range of arguments surrounding enforceability, need, period, impecuniosity and rate. He acts in more or less equal measure for claimants and defendants, which gives him the advantage of being able to anticipate the arguments likely to be deployed by his opponents.

Joel has also successfully defended a number of signatories to credit hire agreements who have been pursued directly for the hire charges.

Joel prides himself on keeping up to date with the latest cases in this ever evolving area of law.

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Inquests

Joel has represented parties at a number of inquests and welcomes instructions in this practice area.

If you would like to instruct Joel McMillan or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

Appointments & Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Free Representation Unit
- Education Law Association

Education & Qualifications

Prizes and Awards

2013 Certificate of Honour for Results in the BPTC, Middle Temple

2013 The Times Law Award essay competition: Runner Up

2013 The Kingsland Cup national mooting competition: Runner Up (final held in the Supreme Court in front of Lord Carnwath JSC)

2012 Blackstone Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple

2011 Jules Thorn Scholarship, Middle Temple

Education

2012 – 2013 BPTC, BPP Law School, London: Outstanding

2011 – 2012 GDL, City University, London: Commendation

1999 – 2003 MA (Hons) History, University of Edinburgh: First Class

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Previous Employment

Before converting to law Joel was on the Civil Service Fast Stream. Joel's experiences in Whitehall included training MPs on the new parliamentary expenses system, drafting a Cabinet paper, working in the private office of a Secretary of State and advising Ministers on the development of Government policy.

Prior to that Joel led and managed cultural tours of Western Europe for groups of multi-national clients, giving lectures on the history of the countries and guided tours of a number of cities including Paris, Rome, Florence, Venice, Barcelona, Vienna, Berlin, Amsterdam and London.

These experiences have made him client focused, calm under pressure and committed to maintaining the highest possible standards.

Personal Interests

Joel enjoys cycling, theatre, travel, cooking, and playing football and tennis. He also has a keen interest in history and politics.

Joel is a school mentor for the Bar Mock Trial Competition, which provides under privileged students with the opportunity to prepare and undertake a mock trial in a real court in front of a Circuit Judge.

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