



## Matthew Mawdsley

### Head of the Travel Law Group

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Year of Call: 1991

Matthew read law at the Victoria University of Manchester and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1991. Matthew practises in all areas of Civil Law but with a particular emphasis on Personal Injury Law, acting for both Claimants and Defendants.

## Appointments

- Deputy District Judge – Northern Circuit

## Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates (SCMA)

## EXPERTISE

### Personal Injury

Matthew practises in all aspects of Personal Injury Law (Accidents at work, Road Traffic, Industrial Disease, Public and Occupiers Liability as well and Landlord and Tenant Act and Defective Premises Act cases). Matthew is instructed in equal measure by both Claimants and Defendants in both the Fast and Multi-track. Instructions are also regularly received to present Costs Case Management Conferences. Advice and representation is also given in Interlocutory matters.

Matthew is regularly instructed in Public and Employer Liability Claims for Local Authorities (Salford City Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and Bury Council) and has developed a significant practice in the defence of “tripping claims”.

Instructions are also regularly received on behalf of Police Authorities and national construction companies.

In addition to the traditional tribunals of the County and High Court, Matthew also appears in the CICA as well as undertaking First Tier Tribunal Work. Inquest work is also conducted.

As the Civil Procedure Rules continue to evolve and to encourage ADR, Matthew has experience of conducting mediations and arbitrations, as well as the more traditional “round table” discussions.

Matthew prides himself on a prompt service in respect of the return of his paperwork.

Matthew has regularly lectured on Fatal Accidents at the Manchester Metropolitan University and is therefore well placed to advise and represent in such cases. In addition he has also presented “in-house” lectures and presentations for his Instructing Solicitors and clients.

## Accidents Abroad

As head of St John’s Buildings Travel Law Team, Matthew is especially well placed to accept instructions on all aspects of claims involving accidents or claims abroad. Matthew is fully conversant with the Warsaw and Montreal Conventions, the Delayed Boarding Rights Regulations and of course the Package Travel Regulations 1992.

This practice area is supplemented by having chaired several of the Manchester Law Society’s Conferences on Travel Law.

## Disease

Matthew has always accepted instructions from both Claimants and Defendants in respect of such matters and is developing a burgeoning practice in respect of NIHL and Vibration Injury cases. Other areas of interest are Dermatitis and Asthma as well as Repetitive Strain injuries.

## Cases

**Remmington v Lancashire Care NHS Trust:** Unreported Preston County Court HHJ Butler 19th March to 23rd March 2012 and 29th March 2012. Successful claim brought on behalf of psychiatric nurse assaulted by a patient.

**Shoreman v New Charter Housing and Tameside MBC:** Unreported Manchester County Court Recorder Berkley QC 20th to 21st September 2011 – use of Facebook Entries to undermine credibility of the Claimant.

**Williams v Salford City Council:** Unreported, Manchester High Court Swift J 13th to 16th June 2006. Case involving the alleged failure to recognise a school child’s dyslexia.

**Re J, J and J:** CICA unreported 18th to 19th December 2002. Case involving the Sexual abuse of 3 brothers. Total of £750,000 awarded by the Appeal Panel.