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Alastair accepts instructions across all of Chambers' core areas of practice, with a particular interest in insurance and reinsurance, criminal regulatory and environmental, property damage, and personal injury.

Alastair is regularly instructed in matters concerning property damage and personal injury stemming from both negligence and breach of contract. He is also frequently instructed in interlocutory applications and case management hearings.

Outside of court, Alastair's work includes drafting statements of case, applications, and providing strategic advice.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Alastair won prizes at international and national level for both written and oral advocacy. He was awarded a First-Class degree in Law at undergraduate level with academic prizes in Contract Law and Equity. Prior to pupillage, Alastair worked in-house at DWF, where he was regularly instructed to attend small claims hearings and draft pleadings.

Property Damage

Alastair's property damage practice includes both advisory work and attending trials, including disputes arising from floods and fires, and product liability claims.

Selected cases:

- Successfully representing a construction business at trial in a claim for water damage arising from an allegedly defective housing extension.
- Drafting the Defence in a claim for c£1m where negligent construction works allegedly caused flooding damage to a large commercial property (in pupillage).
- Drafting the Particulars of Claim against a neighbour for causing property damage, flooding and noise pollution during construction works (in pupillage).

Insurance & Reinsurance

Alastair welcomes instructions in a wide range of insurance disputes, with particular experience in in advising on policy construction and avoidance.

Selected cases:

- Drafting the Defence for an insurer in a medical condition claim involving issues of policy construction, coverage, estoppel and fraud (in pupillage).
- Advising an insurer on the prospects of a strike-out application for a claim worth c.£400,000 for a failure to appropriately identify a defect in a statement of case (in pupillage).

Criminal Regulatory & Environmental

Alastair's experience includes advising in criminal health and safety proceedings, as well as regulatory advisory work and agricultural disputes.

Selected cases:

- Successfully representing a commercial farm at trial in relation to a contractor's allegation that delay on the farm's behalf had caused fatal disease to spread through a large delivery of livestock.
- Advising a large construction company on prospects of conviction for a failure to implement the Construction Design and Management regulations prior to a fatal accident (in pupillage).
- Drafting written submissions on the appropriate sentence for a subordinate company of a 'Very Large Organisation' following a dismemberment involving workplace machinery (in pupillage).

Health & Safety

Alastair welcomes instructions to attend and draft submissions for inquests. He also has experience in advising in health and safety offences.

Selected cases:

- Drafting written submissions on behalf of an interested party in an inquest relating to a sudden, fatal decline in health in hospital following a workplace accident, arguing that there was insufficient evidence of a causal failure on the employer's behalf (in pupillage).
- Advising a large retailer in respect of a claim for discrimination in providing mobility services (in pupillage).

Personal Injury

Alastair is frequently instructed in personal injury cases involving allegations of fraud, procedural non-compliance, and disputed expert evidence.

Selected cases:

- Drafting the Defence for a claim that a health club failed to follow proper safety guidance or processes in the use of their kitchen equipment, causing injury (in pupillage).
- Advising and drafting Part 35 Questions in a personal injury claim with concerns over fraudulent evidence and symptoms (in pupillage).
- Drafting a counter-schedule in a claim for c£400,000 arising from a complex long-term knee injury (in pupillage).

Qualifications

- LLB (First-Class) Newcastle University
- Bar Course with LLM (Distinction), BPP University Law School
- Exhibition Scholar, Inner Temple (2020)
- Advocacy Scholar, BPP University (2019)
- John Clark Memorial Prize in Chancery, Newcastle University Law School (2019)
- Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Law Society Prize, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Law Society (2019)