



Harry Sheehan
Year of Call: 2017

Harry is developing a practice across all of Chambers' core areas, including personal injury, tax, employment, insurance & reinsurance, and commercial litigation.

Harry has been instructed as junior counsel in a number of large and complex cases and has recently appeared in the Supreme Court as junior counsel to Robert Weir QC in the case of *Cape Intermediate Holdings Ltd v Dring* [2019] UKSC 38. He also regularly acts as sole counsel in smaller disputes.

Prior to commencing Pupillage, Harry read Philosophy at Cambridge and obtained a masters from UCL where he studied the nature of promises.

Employment

Harry is developing a broad practice covering all areas of employment law. He is regularly instructed to appear at both preliminary and final hearings, acting for both claimants and respondents. He has acted in cases involving a wide variety of issues and is particularly familiar with cases of unfair dismissal and disability discrimination.

Harry has also received instructions in the Employment Appeal Tribunal and is comfortable with complex appellate litigation.

Harry has recently been instructed in the following cases:

- A ten day trial for constructive unfair dismissal and disability discrimination, involving complex facts and difficult legal issues in relation to constructive knowledge (led by Chris Stone)
- An appeal to the EAT relating to the disclosure of expert evidence over which the Claimant had asserted privilege
- *Douglas v British Telecommunications plc*
- A two day trial for unfair dismissal following poor performance in which Harry was successful in every aspect of the case
- A claim for unfair dismissal, automatic unfair dismissal, wrongful dismissal and direct discrimination, acting for the respondent in a case in which the claimant was a trade union representative
- A claim for unfair dismissal and direct discrimination, acting for the claimant, involving issues of continuous employment period, worker status and the correct identity of the claimant's employer

In addition to regular appearances in the Employment Tribunal, Harry's practice includes drafting witness statements and legal documents as well as advising clients in conference.

Personal Injury

Harry has gained experience in a wide range of personal injury matters since beginning to accept instructions in his own right. He is currently instructed as junior to Rob Weir QC in a case concerning access to court documents and appeared in the Supreme Court (as junior counsel) in February 2019 in the matter of *Cape Intermediate Holdings Ltd v Dring* [2019] UKSC 38.

Harry regularly acts as sole counsel in personal injury fast track cases, as well as in small claims hearings, and regularly carries out trials in such matters. He has experience representing both claimants and defendants.

Harry is also commonly instructed for interim applications in larger matters, including:

- A recent instruction in a £250,000 chronic pain case
- An eleventh hour application for expert handwriting evidence in a matter involving allegedly forged documents
- An application for costs on account in which the Court ordered payment of 80% of the Claimant's costs budget, and
- Numerous Costs and Case Management Conferences (CCMCs)

His areas of expertise include:

- Road traffic accidents
- Motorcycle accidents
- Employers' liability cases
- Occupiers' liability cases
- Public liability cases
- Stage 3 Disposal hearings
- Infant settlement agreements

As pupil to Jonathan Butters, Harry also gained experience in employers' liability, fatal injuries, clinical negligence and asbestos related diseases.

Tax

Harry is presently instructed in a number of tax cases on behalf of the revenue including:

- A case concerning an alleged tax avoidance scheme which sought to dispose of trust property in the UK and acquire similar trust property offshore to avoid a charge to inheritance tax of around 2.4 million pounds
- A case concerning an alleged tax avoidance scheme which sought to artificially engineer capital losses to reduce a charge to capital gains tax of around seven hundred thousand pounds

Harry also has experience of acting on behalf of taxpayers and has recently been involved in a dispute with the revenue concerning the application of IR35 to the business of a television personality.

Harry also accepts instructions on non-contentious advisory matters and has previous experience in Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax, and Stamp Duty Land Tax.

As pupil to Aparna Nathan, Harry gained a broad experience of tax litigation as well as a range of advisory matters, including: agricultural and business property relief, the transfer of assets regime, judicial review of matters involving HMRC and the gift subject to reservation regime.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Harry is developing a practice in insurance litigation.

Commercial Litigation

During the course of pupillage, Harry gained experience of litigation in UK courts involving jurisdictional issues posed by non-domestic parties, and disputes arising from international arbitration.

Harry has recently been instructed in the following cases:

- A case concerning the non-delivery of goods and non-payment of invoices valued at around £45,000
- Enforcement action taken following a costs order of £55,000

Academic

City University, Bar Professional Training Course (very competent)

City University, Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)

University College London, MPhil Stud. Moral and Political Philosophy

University of Cambridge (Selwyn College), MA (Double First Class Honours Degree) Philosophy

Awards & scholarships

Dawes-Hicks Scholarship

Inner Temple Major Scholarship

Lifetime scholar of Selwyn College

Memberships & Associations

COMBAR; ELA; PIBA

Mooting

Quarter-finalist - City University GDL Mooting competition

Semi-finalist - National Speed Mooting competition

Quarter-finalist - Crown Office Chambers Mooting Competition