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"His work is always first class. He is assiduous in his written pleadings, picks up new and helpful points, and is an advocate who is particularly impressive on his feet" The Legal 500 2022

Jack's practice covers civil liability, public law and costs, with particular expertise in cases cutting across those fields. He is a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel and the Panel of Special Advocates.

Jack undertakes a range of civil liability work for both Claimant's and Defendants, including for government and insurers, with a focus on personal injury. He has substantial experience in high-value injury claims and group litigation, particular those arising from historic allegations; by or against military personnel; for psychiatric injury; and for sports injuries. He also has experience of property damage claims.

Jack undertakes general public law work, representing claimants, government and public bodies. He has particular experience in immigration & asylum judicial review, regularly appearing in the High Court and Court of Appeal. He also has experience working in matters of constitutional law, welfare, local government, election law, data protection and mental health. Jack also regular appears in the Court of Protection, predominantly on welfare and DOLS matters

Jack has wide experience of inquest and inquiry work, including lengthy and high-profile matters.

Jack provides specialist advice on costs, with a particular expertise in group litigation and costs arising from public law proceedings. With his experience in other areas, he is ideally placed to advise upon costs in a range of cases. Jack also regularly advises solicitors and complainants on professional negligence by solicitors and counsel, including in respect of SRA proceedings and complaints to the Legal Ombudsman.

Areas of expertise

Public Law and Human Rights

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Inquiries and Investigations

Costs and Litigation Funding

Commercial and Construction Law

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Inquiries and Investigations

Jack has wide experience of inquest work, including lengthy and high profile matters, representing government departments, family members, and other interested parties. These have included Article 2 inquests into deaths in custody, during medical treatment (including whilst under psychiatric care) and linked to public service failings.

Cases of note:

Re Richard Hill (2023) - Inquest into the death of a young man from alcohol poisoning during a rugby club function.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/rugby-union-player-sports-drinking-death-derbyshire-b1070112.html>

Re Conner Marshall (2020) - Inquest into the death of a man killed by an offender subject to probation supervision. Jack represented the Probation Officer responsible for supervising the killer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-51149311>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jan/17/coroner-supervision-of-conner-marshall-killer-woefully-inadequate>

Re Alex Malcolm - Inquest into the death of a child killed by a man subject to probation supervision. Jack represented the Probation Officer responsible for supervising the killer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-49768998>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/sep/19/alex-malcolm-jury-points-to-failings-by-probation-service>

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