DWF Chambers



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Who we are

DWF Chambers is an expert, quality, streamlined service, operating as an alternative to the external Bar and traditional chambers – saving you money and making communication easier.

How we can help

Operating as an in-house set of chambers, with a dedicated clerking team, DWF's barristers and advocates understand that getting the best results from advocacy relies on specialist understanding and up-to-the-minute experience. That's why DWF Chambers is separated into sub-teams, drawing together experts in personal and catastrophic injury, occupational health and disease, employment and commercial including commercial landlord and tenant and real property, professional indemnity and costs applications and assessments.

DWF Chambers accepts instructions directly, as well as through DWF Law LLP. Whether you need someone to conduct remote or in-person court hearings, in all courts across England and Wales or support with drafting, our commitment to providing the very highest quality legal expertise, at a reasonable cost, sets us apart from the other chambers.





Personal Injury / Fraud

We cover the work of a variety of teams within DWF, including Catastrophic Injury, Occupational Health / Casualty, Motor, Fraud and Costs, providing a full service including advisory, drafting and advocacy work as well as attendance and representation at ADR.

We are able to accept a wide range of instructions from very high-value catastrophic personal injury matters down to volume work such as representation at stage 3 quantum hearings.

Unlike traditional chambers, our 'in-house' nature means we are able to draw on deep and broad sector understanding from our position within the firm. Our barristers and advocates sit alongside specialist solicitors, as well as a range of in-house connected services, providing a seamless client experience. This allows us to deliver the very best representation at rates competitive with the external bar.

Working alongside DWF's 1000-strong, award-winning insurance team our Cat PI and Occupational Health advocates bring market-leading insight, deep legal expertise and seamless client service. Our innovative in-house structure supports this in a way traditional chambers can't. By working alongside many solicitors and claims specialists, as well as Medical and Rehabilitation managers, Forensic (our forensic accountancy service) and in-house collision investigation experts, we are able to develop a better cultural understanding of the case, as well as improve its day-to-day management.

Our advocates are skilled in drawing upon a sector-specific understanding of claims ranging from RTA and motor claims, to NIHL and disease claims, EL/PL, product liability, police and prison claims. We have particular expertise in handling interlocutory matters, fraudulent claims and matters relating to costs and case management.

Commercial / Dispute Resolution

Commercial

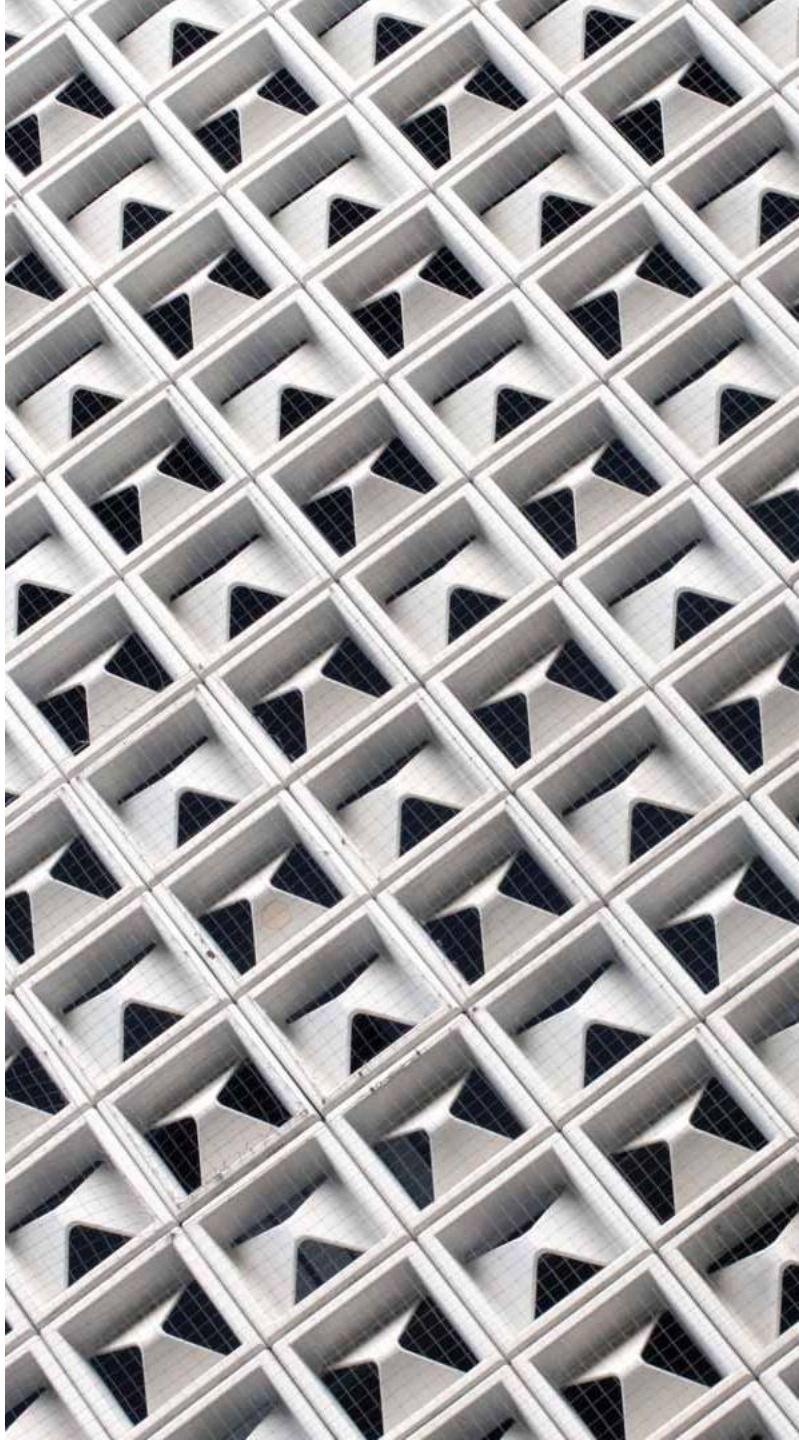
Our team act in both domestic and international matters in different commercial sectors including contract, sale of goods and professional indemnity. Our team members have wide experience in the specialist County Courts lists and the High Court of England & Wales and experience acting in high-value freezing injunctions. The team has experience acting from the pre-action stage to trial.

Insolvency and Company

Our team act in a range of Insolvency applications across England & Wales. Our advocates are regularly instructed in applications for the extension of the Company's administration term and possession and sale applications. Our team has experience in a range of company law-related matters, from general shareholder disputes, including unfair prejudice petitions, to a breach of fiduciary duties. Furthermore, the team is instructed to advise in corporate transactions.

Property

Our team cover matters such as advice and trials on covenants and easements etc., commercial and residential landlord and tenant work, 1954 Act renewals and dilapidation claims and private client claims for injunctions for example arising out of neighbour type disputes over boundaries and covenants. Our team members have a wide range of experience in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal as well as the First-Tier Tribunal . The team has experience acting from the pre-action stage to trial.





Employment

Our employment law advocates represent both employers and employees at all levels of tribunal and Court across England, Wales and Scotland on a wide range of employment claims.

With a particular specialism in advising on discrimination claims unfair/wrongful dismissal, TUPE, misconduct, and regulatory matters. In addition to advising on and leading internal disciplinary proceedings, our advocates understand the sensitive and complex elements within every employment law case.

Unlike traditional chambers, our ‘in-house’ nature means we can draw on deep and broad sector understanding, from across DWF, in particular in the education and public sectors.

Regulatory

The regulatory team at DWF Chambers has a wide depth and breadth of knowledge of cases in the fields of health and safety, inquests and inquiries, healthcare regulatory and environmental law.

Members of the team are have been instructed to both prosecute and defend cases brought on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, the Care Quality Commission, the Food Standards Agency, various local councils, and Fire and Rescue Authorities.

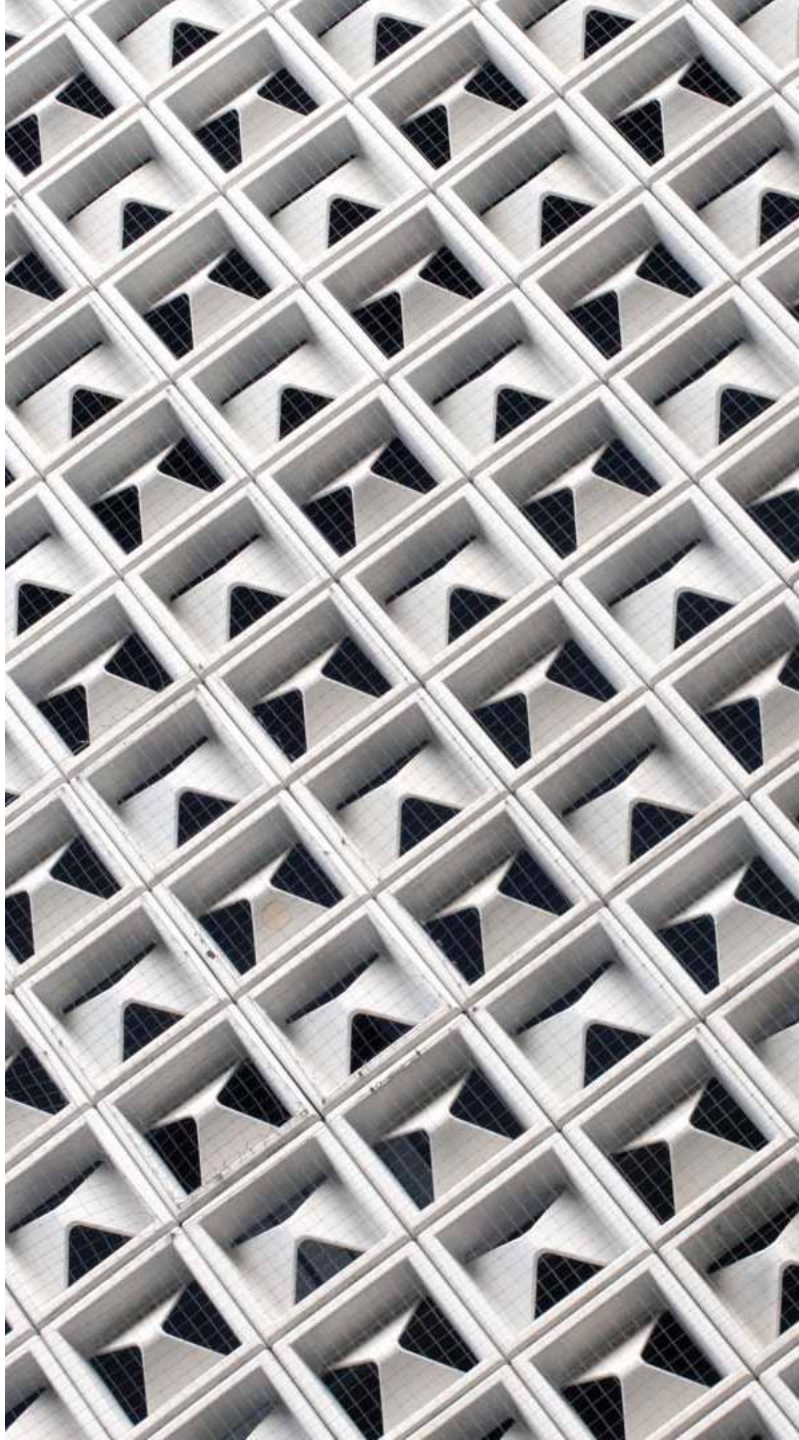
In addition we have experience of inquests, and can assist with representation on behalf of any interested persons. Members of our inquest team have been instructed by mental health charities, the Royal College of Midwives, the Health and Safety Executive and bereaved families.

We also have experience of conducting private prosecutions following fraudulent civil claims.

We have members of the team who are on the list of specialist regulatory advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law.

The team have experience representing parties in proceedings brought against medical professionals in fitness to practice and disciplinary hearings.

Members of the Chambers team have also been instructed on behalf of core participants in a number of significant public inquiries including: *The Grenfell Tower Inquiry, The Brook House Inquiry and The COVID Inquiry*



The DWF Chambers Team

The team

Dan Monaghan
Head of DWF Chambers

Daniel Tresigne Barrister (Director)	Dravin Bheemah Barrister (Director)	Elizabeth Gallagher Barrister (Director)	George Davies Barrister (Director)	John Craggs Barrister (Director)
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Dan Monaghan

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Dan joined DWF in 2020 after 25 years spent working in external chambers.

Dan heads DWF Chambers and is responsible for the leadership, business development and operations of the team.

Working closely with the Head of Insurance Business Services, Dan strives to provide a first-class service to all clients and to assist all practice groups to provide bespoke and innovative products often in collaboration with our practice groups' current and new initiatives.

Dan is a Qualified Member of the Institute of Barristers Clerks, a St John's Ambulance qualified mental health first-aider and co-leads DWF's men's mental health group.

When time allows, Dan can be found riding or tinkering with his motorcycle or playing the guitar.

Advocates



Daniel Tresigne

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Daniel has been a member of DWF Chambers since September 2018 and has a broad practice spanning personal injury and wider civil litigation. He is regularly instructed in RTA and EL/PL matters, from low-value claims to cases involving catastrophic loss, and also undertakes clinical negligence work, including claims arising from misdiagnosis, negligent treatment and cosmetic procedures.

He also acts in claims involving human rights, data breaches and serving prisoners, and has appeared in numerous inquests, including those arising from fatal road traffic accidents and deaths involving vulnerable individuals in the care of public or private bodies.

Daniel has significant experience in fraud and counter-fraud litigation, including cases involving exaggerated injury, staged accidents and surveillance evidence, and has secured findings of fundamental dishonesty with costs consequences disapplying QOCS protection.

His wider practice includes credit hire, property damage, consumer contract disputes, defamation, data protection, insurance recoveries and enforcement work, as well as commercial and chancery matters.

Alongside his oral advocacy, he regularly undertakes written work including pleadings, statements of case, grounds of appeal, advice and conference preparation. He has also delivered and supported training sessions, including seminars and mock trials.

Outside work, he enjoys Formula 1, family time and barbecuing.

Advocates



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After a BA in Politics and Legal Studies at the University of Exeter, Dravin read for BA degrees in Business Studies and then Law, after which he took the Bar Vocational Course and a Masters in Advanced Legal Practice. Dravin was called to the Bar in 2010 and shortly thereafter he was headhunted by Stones Solicitors LLP (now part of Trowers & Hamlins) where he developed his advocacy skills working as an Employment Tribunal Advocate. Whilst working at Stones, Dravin cross-qualified as a solicitor via the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test. Dravin then spent several years working as a solicitor (and subsequently a solicitor-advocate), specialising in Employment Law.

In September 2017, Dravin switched to the self-employed Bar and continued his work as an Employment specialist, but also represented hundreds of clients in a wide range of other civil claims, in particular Personal Injury cases. Over the last five years, Dravin has cultivated a successful practice at the Bar and he has provided representation for clients in complex and high value claims, some of which carried significant reputational risk for the parties involved.

In January 2023, Dravin moved to DWF Chambers where he continues to undertake Employment and civil work. Having worked as a solicitor for a number of years, Dravin understands perhaps better than most the pressures that solicitors face. Dravin welcomes the opportunity to speak with solicitors directly should they need to discuss a case for any reason.

Advocates



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Elizabeth joined DWF Chambers in November 2024. She is an expert in all aspects of Personal Injury / Fraud and also practises in Regulatory (Inquests, Inquiries and Health & Safety). Her Personal Injury practice includes employers' liability; occupiers' liability; highway accidents; road traffic accidents; product liability; serious orthopaedic injuries including amputations, burns and scarring, long-term psychiatric disorders, pain conditions, industrial disease and head/brain injuries.

Elizabeth has extensive trial experience in relation to personal injury claims involving issues of causation (including low velocity impact claims), occupancy, induced and/or staged road traffic collisions. She also has experience of cases involving exaggerated or fabricated injuries using surveillance, social media evidence and forensic engineering evidence.

Elizabeth is experienced with health and safety issues arising out of her personal injury practice, including claims on construction sites and in other employment settings, and her work on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Elizabeth has a broad insurance practice and is regularly instructed on behalf of national insurance companies as well as a number of international insurers. She has particular experience of issues arising from misrepresentation and non-disclosure in the context of motor insurance, and indemnity disputes in relation to the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Article 75 of the Motor Insurers' Bureau's Articles of Association.

Elizabeth prides herself on her personable manner and her ability to give clear, client-focused advice. She is familiar with dealing with sensitive, high-profile matters, having been instructed in the Hillsborough Victims Litigation and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Advocates



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George joined DWF Chambers in November 2024. He practises personal injury / fraud and commercial law. He is an experienced advocate in civil fraud litigation dealing with both insurance and commercial disputes ranging from injunctions to trials and subsequent contempt proceedings.

He has extensive experience in defending fraudulent and exaggerated personal injury claims. His common law practice areas also includes inquests and inquiries. George's personal injury practice encompasses high value road traffic claims, employers' liability and major injury claims.

His regulatory work includes financial services disputes (acting for both banks and consumers).

His knowledge of commercial litigation and financial services regulation originated from working at a City law firm and with the Enforcement Division of the FSA (now FCA).

George is recognised in Chambers and Partners as Band 2 in Motor Insurance Fraud and has been ranked for the past 9 years

Advocates



John Craggs

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John specialises in commercial, property, tax, personal injury and fraud claims. An experienced advocate with a strong written practice, he regularly advises on merits and quantum and drafts pleadings for claimants and defendants.

A Chartered Accountant who trained with two of the Big Four, John brings a keen eye for figures and the uncommon ability to combine legal analysis with commercial reality. His advice is practical as well as grounded in black-letter law.

His busy, varied practice includes advocacy and written work in commercial and tax disputes and high-value personal injury claims. He has particular experience of enforcing judgment debts and setting judgments aside.

John has also practised extensively in family law and prisoners' cases, and has appeared in the Employment and Immigration Tribunals, Crown Court and Court of Appeal. He has been involved in reported tax, commercial and criminal cases.

More recently, he spent an extended period within DWF's team representing the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Tenant Management Organisation in the Grenfell Tower Litigation.

Known for his communication skills and adaptability, John is a skilled, tenacious and persuasive advocate committed to thorough preparation. He gives realistic advice and can adopt either an adversarial or collaborative approach as circumstances require. This versatility helps secure the best outcomes while maintaining strong relationships with clients, professionals and the judiciary. A former Head of Chambers, he is also adept at managing and communicating with individuals and teams.

Advocates



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Jonathan joined DWF Chambers in October 2023 after a career both as a self-employed barrister and a solicitor.

Jonathan specialises in Insolvency/Financial Restructuring, Commercial Litigation, Property / Real Estate and Professional Negligence. Jonathan is also experienced in Personal Injury / Fraud claims.

Recent work includes:

Acting for the guarantor of a £2.5m facility to defend a claim on the guarantee on the grounds of misrepresentation;

Advising a lender on the validity of the appointment of receivers and the possibility of subrogation to earlier charges, with some £4.5m of lending on a luxury-home build in issue;

Appearing in 5-day trial for the landlord on a leasehold damage and disrepair claim;

Advising and drafting statements of case on a £3m negligence claim against a patent attorney for causing its client to fall into breach of a pre-existing contractual obligation;

Jonathan is a Contributing Editor to *Encyclopaedia of Banking Law*, LexisNexis.

Advocates



Paul Dunn

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Paul Dunn joined DWF Chambers in November 2025, following over 11 years as a solicitor before being called to the Bar. He specialises in personal injury, including employers', occupiers' and public liability, industrial disease (such as dermatitis, work-related upper limb disorders, noise-induced hearing loss, and respiratory disease), and road traffic accident claims. Paul is particularly experienced in handling fraud-related cases. He represents both claimants and defendants in fast and multi-track trials, disposal hearings, and case-management conferences, and also undertakes clinical negligence, sports, travel/holiday, and animal-related claims.

Paul is adept at drafting pleadings for civil litigation, including particulars of claim, defences, counterclaims, contribution proceedings, and schedules of loss, often under tight deadlines. He provides written and conference advice on liability, causation, quantum, prospects of success, evidence, tactics, and procedure.

In employment law, Paul acts for both claimants and respondents in tribunals and county courts, covering unfair dismissal, discrimination, whistleblowing, equal pay, unlawful deduction from wages, worker status, redundancy, minimum wage, and breach of contract.

Paul also handles commercial and property disputes, is an accredited mediator (CEDR, ADR Group), and holds an Advanced Certificate of Arbitration. He is skilled in costs management and has a keen interest in housing litigation, representing landlords and tenants at all stages.

Advocates



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Peter is an experienced civil barrister whose practice spans Employment, Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, Coroner's Inquests, Fatal Accident work and Sports Law. He acts for Claimants and Defendants, combining careful written analysis with regular trial, tribunal and inquest advocacy.

In Employment, he handles unfair dismissal, discrimination, whistleblowing, wages and contractual disputes for employees and employers, including a Russell Group university and a civil servant in a successful claim against the Home Office. His clinical negligence work includes complex and sensitive claims involving psychological treatment, safeguarding, multi-disciplinary teams and matters attracting public or media attention.

Peter's personal injury practice covers employers' and public liability, road traffic accidents, industrial disease, hazardous substance exposure, fraud, low velocity impact and credit hire. He analyses medical and expert evidence, advises on liability and quantum, drafts pleadings, applications, grounds of appeal and advices, and is accustomed to urgent instructions and short deadlines.

He appears at inquests involving industrial disease, road traffic accidents and hospital deaths, advising bereaved families on scope, evidence and the distinction between findings and speculation. He is familiar with Article 2 ECHR, Interested Person status, disclosure, juries and evidential issues.

Advocates



Stephen Flint

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Stephen Flint is an experienced barrister being in practice since 2012 and having previously practised as a solicitor from 1999-2012.

Stephen has a wide knowledge of personal injury claims arising from road traffic accidents and employers' and public liability cases. He regularly conducts trials; disposal hearings; interlocutory applications and CCMC's. He has particular interest and expertise in the following areas: Credit hire claims, Motor Fraud including Low Velocity Impacts and staged accidents, Mixed injury claims and MIB Claims.

He provides advice on liability and quantum, Part 36 offers and drafts pleadings and schedules of loss. He also provides training sessions.

Stephen also has experience of: conducting Inquests including before a jury; CICA appeals and professional negligence claims.

Stephen was junior counsel in High Court class action brought by 20,000 Kenyans against the Foreign and Colonial Office in respect of serious abuses committed by the security forces under British control during the Kenyan State of Emergency during the 1950's.

As a former solicitor and partner at a regional law firm Stephen has a wealth of experience within the legal sector. Over his years of practice Stephen has achieved a proven track record of providing: excellent client care; assured handling of difficult situations and uncomplicated advice to clients.

Advocates



Stuart Young

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Stuart joined DWF Chambers in May 2024.

Stuart is an experienced advocate with vast experience of personal injury & fraud claims and regulatory

He is recognised for his pragmatic approach, forensic case analysis, robust cross examination and focussed submissions.

Stuart prides himself on his busy personal injury practice, regularly acting on behalf of clients in road traffic claims, employers' liability, and public liability cases.

Stuart is regularly instructed to act on behalf of a number of leading defendant insurers as panel Counsel.

He is regularly instructed in cases where fraud is alleged or imputed, or in other suspicious cases where a robust and thorough defence is required.

He is considerable experience in cases involving alleged fraud rings, phantom passenger claims, low velocity impact (LVI), exaggeration and credit hire claims.

Stuart is instructed from pre-issue advice to conference with insured and insurer clients, drafting pleadings, attending interlocutory pleadings and attends complex fraud trials all over the country.

Advocates



Alistair Reid

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Alistair Reid joined DWF Chambers in August 2026. A former solicitor, admitted in 2007 and attaining Higher Rights of Audience in 2010, Alistair has practised as a barrister since 2014 and specialises in crime and regulatory work.

Alistair has substantial experience prosecuting and defending serious criminal matters, including cases involving serious violence, conspiracy, rape and firearms offences. He also has experience of regulatory prosecutions, including trading standards, health and safety, and environmental matters. He is adept at handling cases involving complex expert evidence, and incidents resulting in grave injury.

Alistair has specialist expertise in motoring and transport offences, including:

- Causing death by dangerous driving;
- Causing serious injury by dangerous/careless driving;
- Unsafe vehicle weight;
- Tachograph infringements;
- Taxi Licensing applications and appeals;
- Drink/drug driving allegations

In addition to his expertise in Crime and Regulatory, Alistair also practices in general civil and Personal Injury.

Advocates



Haseeb Yousaf

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Haseeb joined DWF Chambers in January 2025, bringing extensive experience from his time at the self-employed Bar and roles as a Senior Crown Prosecutor and District Crown Prosecutor at the Crown Prosecution Service. Known for his strong advocacy skills, Haseeb has handled a wide range of criminal, regulatory, and civil matters, ensuring a strategic and practical approach to litigation.

Before coming to the Bar, Haseeb worked as a paralegal in personal injury, dealing with road traffic accidents and liability claims. In chambers, he regularly conducted county court hearings and provided advice in conferences and writing. His prosecutorial background helps him identify fraudulent claims, analyse evidence, and collaborate with expert witnesses.

Haseeb has a distinguished background in criminal and regulatory law, appearing in numerous Crown Court trials involving serious violence, fraud, sexual offences, homicide, and organized crime. He has handled high-profile cases, demonstrating resilience and precision under scrutiny.

Additionally, Haseeb has prosecuted for the Health and Safety Executive and defended cases brought by the Environment Agency and Trading Standards, showcasing his ability to navigate complex regulatory frameworks and present technical evidence effectively.

Advocates



Lee Kipling

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Lee joined DWF Chambers in February 2025, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise. Since qualifying as a Solicitor in 2017 and completing his Higher Rights (Civil) in 2021, Lee has led a team of in-house advocates at a prominent North-East England firm.

In July 2026 Lee was called to the bar and began practising as a barrister.

With over 16 years in civil procedure and litigation, Lee specialises in personal injury, civil matters, and credit hire claims. His advocacy spans trials, applications, disposal hearings, and case management conferences. Notably, Lee's deep understanding of credit hire claims, including need, period, rate, impecuniosity, and enforceability, enables him to adeptly represent Defendant Insurers, identifying critical evidential deficiencies to limit damages and maximize savings.

Lee's proficiency also extends to costs associated with personal injury and credit hire litigation. His skills in drafting bills of costs, points of reply, and applications, coupled with his extensive experience in summary assessments, oral review hearings, Part 8 hearings, and costs applications, make him a valuable asset to any legal team.

Discover the exceptional legal services Lee provides at DWF Chambers, where expertise meets dedication.

Advocates



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Lily joined DWF Chambers as a Pupil in September 2022, having completed her Bar Professional Training Course ('BPTC') in the same year. She studied the BPTC part time at the BPP University London (Holborn) achieving a 'Very Competent'. The modules she excelled in were 'Resolutions of Disputes out of Court', 'Drafting', and 'Criminal Litigation', achieving an 'Outstanding' in each.

Her previous experience includes 5 years working in the small legal team of a rapidly growing, fast-paced multi-jurisdictional General Insurance Group. Her position had strong commercial and strategic focus, with emphasis on drafting, reviewing, and negotiating contracts; providing legal insight, opinion and advice; managing complaints litigation; and acting as the nominated legal advisor for complex or commercially significant projects. While working in this role she also became the first colleague to have been afforded full sponsorship to complete a BPTC. Lily attended the University of Liverpool to complete my LLB (Hons) where she obtained a 2:1, excelling in Company Law and Financial Services Law which she took as elective modules, achieving a 1st in each. In her third year she was also the winner of the University of Liverpool's Third Year Mooting Competition.

Advocates



Richard Bantin

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A Solicitor since 2013, Richard joined DWF Chambers in March 2026 in order to pursue his passion for advocacy. Richard's work as a fee earner over 18 years has included various of areas of personal injury litigation.

Acting for NHS Trusts and beneficiaries, Richard has considerable experience in clinical negligence dealing with a variety of complex and high-value claims. As part of his practice, Richard appeared regularly as advocate in the High Court at CCMCs as well as interim application hearings. He has secured the strike out of several claims as well as wasted costs and Civil Restraint Orders.

Richard has also appeared at the County Court in a range of negligence claims, dealing with CCMCs and applications ranging from specific disclosure to strike out/summary Judgment. Richard has considerable expertise in relation to Pre-Action Disclosure, appearing at numerous hearings to successfully oppose applications and recover costs.

Richard's experience includes a number of years handling small and fast-track RTA and EL/PL claims as well as fast and multi-track travel litigation matters including contractual and jurisdictional issues.

Richard has acted for a broad range of clients including insurers, NHS Trusts, medical professionals, tour operators, local authorities and regulatory bodies.

Richard has conducted numerous training sessions on topics including civil procedure, litigation tactics, costs and expert evidence. He has also provided external training to General Practitioners and also as part of a Clinical Risk and Claims Management Diploma.

Richard is a contributing author to LexisNexis PI & Clinical Negligence.

Advocates



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Sarah has been a member of DWF Chambers since September 2022, and has experience across the fast and multi-track including trials and appeals.

Commercial: Sarah has experience of a range of contractual disputes especially within a sale of goods and services context. Sarah is familiar with both business to business and consumer disputes.

Insolvency: Sarah has experience with both personal and corporate insolvency appearing regularly in bankruptcy and winding up hearings.

Property: Sarah has extensive property experience including both commercial and residential landlord and tenant disputes and has appeared in the County Court, High Court, Magistrates Court and First-Tier Tribunal on a wide variation of property matters. Other experience includes interim injunctions, boundary disputes, party wall disputes, breaches of covenant and rights of way.

Prior to commencing pupillage Sarah worked for a nationwide estate agent and her responsibilities included drafting and renewing leases for telecom masts.

Personal Injury: Sarah enjoys a varied practice across personal injury, including RTA, EL/PL and holiday sickness/injuries. Sarah also has experience with fraud and counter fraud work.

Alongside her experience in oral advocacy, Sarah has extensive experience in drafting pleadings and other statements of case including injunctions and advisory work; both written and in conference in all areas of her practice.

Advocates



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Zarah joined DWF Chambers in November 2026. Prior to joining the bar, Zarah practised as a solicitor, specialising in civil and commercial litigation. She has extensive experience managing complex disputes and has developed strong advocacy skills through appearances at a wide range of hearings across multiple practice areas.

Zarah combines her practical and strategic knowledge of litigation with effective and persuasive courtroom advocacy. She is also a civil and commercial mediator.

Advocates



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Daniyaal Malik practises in civil law with experience in a variety of areas including liability and quantum road traffic accidents, personal injury, clinical negligence, bankruptcy and insolvency and property disputes.

Daniyaal completed his Law and Politics LLB degree at Queen Mary, University of London before attending BPP London Holborn to undertake the LLM Legal Practice (Bar). During his degree, Daniyaal took part in numerous pro bono activities including community projects aimed at educating primary and secondary school students on several key areas of law.

Following his degree, Daniyaal worked as a Paralegal, and later, Lead and Senior Paralegal at LexisNexis. With a focus on PI & Clinical Negligence, Daniyaal was responsible for content creation and maintenance of documents used by subscribing practitioners in the field. During his time at LexisNexis, Daniyaal was promoted to a Lead Paralegal maternity cover position, managing a team of paralegals working across Dispute Resolution and Public Sector practice areas.

Throughout his former role, Daniyaal was instrumental in the creation and enhancement of the wider Lexis+ Practical Guidance offering, including graphic visualisation of legal concepts to enhance customer experience and AI and automation projects to streamline the LexisNexis Quantum Database.

Advocates



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Max Wrigley joined DWF Chambers in May 2026. He is a Solicitor Advocate with over ten years' experience in contentious civil litigation, combining extensive pre qualification work with a strong advocacy focused post qualification practice.

Prior to qualification, Max managed a varied counter fraud caseload, including complex fraud rings and staged accident claims. After qualifying, and prior to joining DWF, he joined a leading national insurance law firm and developed a substantial oral and written advocacy practice as a member of an in house advocacy team. He completed his Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Proceedings) in 2025.

Max specialises in civil litigation, with particular expertise in Road Traffic Accident (RTA) and Employers' and Public Liability (EL/PL) matters. He has substantial experience conducting advocacy across a wide range of hearings including trials, interim applications, case and costs management conferences (CCMCs), costs hearings, and Stage 3 hearings.

His experience encompasses counter fraud, credit hire, motor liability, and casualty work, achieving consistent outcomes for clients, including strike outs, dismissals, and significant savings on quantum disputes. Max has also been instructed as an off panel advocate on behalf of the Government Legal Department.

Alongside his practice, he has delivered training sessions and regularly advised fee earners on both a formal and informal basis. He is known for his personable, pragmatic approach and his ability to provide clear and practical guidance.

Outside of work, Max is a keen runner and enjoys spending time outdoors with his young family.

Advocates



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Paige joined DWF Chambers in January 2021 as an advocate and whilst here successfully obtained a training contract exemption, qualifying as a Solicitor as of December 2025 and obtained Higher Rights in April 2026.

Since joining DWF Chambers, Paige has established her practice predominantly in RTA work in attending small claims trials, CMCs and applications as well as increasing her drafting experience for a variety of matters including; witness statements in support of an applications; witness statements for use at trial; defences and Particulars of Claim as well as advice on the prospects of success.

Whilst Paige's work in Chambers has largely been Defendant focused, Paige has experience of acting for claimants so is able to assess and understand the position on both sides. Paige is praised by those instructing for the manner in which she takes conduct of the case and by her lay clients for being attentive and supportive pre and post-trial.

Paige also receives an increasing number of instructions to deal with Recovery matters dealing with Bankruptcy Petition hearings and Orders for Sale as she is able to deal with these confidently and concisely in being able to identify quickly what is required in these proceedings.

The majority of her work is dealing with RTA matters, however Paige has expanded her practice into Consumer and Contract matters with an increasing amount of instructions from BT and the commercial team which includes small claims trials, applications as well as the drafting of witness statements and defences.

Advocates



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Jonathan qualified as a Solicitor in 2023 and joined DWF Chambers in 2026.

His practice encompasses a range of civil litigation, with particular expertise in personal injury, healthcare and insurance litigation. He has acted on behalf of road traffic and professional indemnity insurers and NHS Resolution across a diverse range of claims.

Jonathan has considerable experience in clinical negligence litigation, advising on claims involving complex liability and causation issues.

He also has extensive experience in personal injury litigation, including multi-track road traffic accident, employer's liability and public liability claims.

Jonathan regularly appears as advocate in the County Court. He represents client's at disposal hearings, as well as interim application hearings including those for pre-action disclosure, relief from sanctions, unless orders, strike out, extensions of time and transfers of proceedings.

Outside of work, Jonathan enjoys football, keeping fit and is currently training towards obtaining his Private Pilot's Licence.

Advocates



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Hope joined DWF in 202*. Prior to joining, Hope routinely attended possession (mortgage and private landlord) hearings as well as small claims trials arising out of breach of contract, some involving consumer rights issues. Hope also has experience in representing car finance providers in return of goods and hearings relating to PCP "secret" commissions claims. Prior to commencing her legal career, Hope spent 4.5 years working in the banking sector. She was exposed to the FCA regulatory framework in relation to the prevention of fraud and scams and the industry standards relating to offering compensation to victims. Hope welcomes instructions in all areas of commercial and finance litigation.

Hope has drafted pleadings and interim applications, both in commercial and personal injury matters. She has experience dealing with claims brought by litigants in person, both in drafting pleadings and offering strategic advice. Hope prides herself in her ability and her track record of completing her drafting instructions very swiftly. She particularly welcomes instructions to settle pleadings in commercial and property matters.

Hope also has experience in RTA and Personal Injury litigation. She has dealt with RTA liability and quantum matters which often involve elements of credit hire and credit recovery and storage. Hope is diligent in her analysis of voluminous disclosure in support of impecuniosity and is adept in both the substantive and procedural arguments routinely employed in credit hire matters by both the claimants and the defendants. She has also deployed technical arguments relating to the claimant's failures to comply with various aspects of the RTA Small Claims Protocol.

Advocates



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Matthew joined DWF Chambers in July 2025, ahead of commencing pupillage in September. Matthew is a member of Inner Temple having been called in 2021, after completing the Bar Training Course at BPP Leeds in 2021 with a grade of Merit. He also was awarded an Upper Second Class Law LLB at the University of York.

Matthew has over three years of experience as a self-employed county court advocate, having appeared in more than 1,800 civil hearings. His advocacy spans a wide range of complex matters including small claims trials, housing possession proceedings, consumer credit disputes, OIC claims, consumer rights, bankruptcy, and interim applications.

Before joining DWF Chambers, Matthew volunteered with Support Through Court in Manchester, assisting unrepresented individuals with court documentation and access to legal advice. He also contributed to legal advice clinics, where he was responsible for interviewing clients and drafting tailored advice letters.

Outside of law, Matthew takes an interest in local elections and works as a Presiding Officer for the local polling stations. He is also a keen hiker and gym-goer, often found exploring the outdoors with his dog at the weekend.

Advocates



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Roxana joined DWF Chambers in March 2025. She brings with her substantial advocacy experience, having conducted hundreds of civil hearings as a self-employed advocate. She is skilled in handling complex and varied small claims track final hearings lasting up to one day. Her expertise includes preliminary and final hearings in areas such as RTA, OIC, consumer rights, consumer credit law, housing, debt and assignment, contract, and tort.

Roxana also gained experience as a Paralegal at law firms, managing large PI and Property caseloads, including fast track and multi-track claims. She possesses extensive experience in drafting, having prepared pleadings, witness statements, and formal applications.

Roxana Commenced Pupillage on 1 September 2025

In her spare time, Roxana is an avid reader and participates in book clubs and a poetry workshop.

Advocates



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Aisling joined DWF Chambers in August 2025. Prior to joining DWF, she worked as a self-employed advocate, appearing for both Claimants and Defendants in civil matters across the Northern and North Eastern Circuits.

Aisling obtained a First-Class Honours degree in History from Durham University. She then attended the University of Law in Manchester to complete her Postgraduate Diploma in Law, for which she obtained a Distinction, and the Bar Practice Course, for which she was awarded an overall grade of 'Outstanding'.

Aisling regularly appears in RTA and credit hire small claims trials, as well as interlocutory applications and OIC claims.

Aisling commenced pupillage in September 2026

Advocates



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Andreea commenced her pupillage on 1 September 2026 under the supervision of Stuart Young. She is to gain exposure to the breadth of Chambers' practice areas.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Andreea worked as a paralegal at a large consumer law firm, specialising in clinical negligence. Working under the supervision of principle lawyers, Andreea assisted with multi-track litigation involving serious and complex injuries, including significant brain and spinal injuries, amputations, and other life-changing injuries. Andreea also attended court regularly, assisting counsel in relation to hearings, trials, and inquests.

Andreea also worked as a County Court advocate and solicitor's agent, appearing in a broad range of civil hearings. This included possession proceedings (both mortgage and landlord and tenant), bankruptcy hearings, return of goods hearings, infant settlement hearings, allocation hearings, and case management conferences. Andreea also undertook a wide range of interlocutory applications, including applications for summary and default judgment, stays of proceedings, and applications to adduce further evidence.

Beyond the Bar, Andreea maintains an interest in travel and trying new foods.

Advocates



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Laura joined DWF Chambers in September 2025, having gained 3+ years of experience as a self-employed county court advocate. Her legal knowledge and pragmatic approach enable her to deliver the best outcomes for clients in applications and final hearings in RTAs, credit hire, OIC, consumer rights and credit law, housing, debt and assignment, contract, flight delay. She is confident taking on instructions in new and familiar areas of law at short notice. Laura gained experience as a family paralegal at a law firm, assisting in managing caseloads in non-molestation orders, Specific issue applications, Child arrangements and Prohibited steps applications. She interned at a boutique IP strategic consultancy, developing specialist knowledge in Intellectual Property law.

Laura commenced pupillage in September 2026.

When not advocating in court, Laura is on court playing tennis to a very high level. She enjoys the creative arts, going to the theatre and travelling.

Advocates

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Michael joined DWF Chambers in October 2026 to commence pupillage. Michael is a member of Lincoln's Inn having been called in November 2023, after completing the Bar Practice Course at the University of Law (Manchester) in 2023 with a grade of Outstanding.

Prior to joining DWF Chambers, Michael accumulated advocacy experience as a self-employed County Court Advocate, appearing in over 200 hearings. This experience covers a wide range of hearings and practice areas including possession proceedings, consumer credit disputes, bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, interim applications and preliminary hearings.

Michael also has significant experience within Subrogated Recoveries, having spent time as a File Handler and Team Leader in this area. He developed technical expertise in this area and amassed extensive drafting experience having prepared pleadings, witness statements and applications. Michael's work in this area also covered Credit Hire disputes.

Advocates



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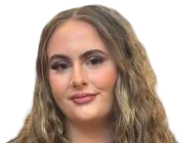
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Nathaniel joined DWF Chambers in September 2026 as a pupil barrister, bringing with him three years' experience as a self-employed County Court advocate. He has conducted more than 1,200 hearings across a broad range of civil matters, including small claims and OIC hearings, possession and forfeiture proceedings, interim applications, and bankruptcy cases.

Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 2023, Nathaniel completed the Bar Practice Course at the University of Law, Leeds, achieving an Outstanding grade and receiving a Buchanan Prize. He previously graduated from the University of York with a First Class Law LLB with Distinction.

In his spare time, Nathaniel enjoys music; he plays both the violin and saxophone to a high standard. He is also a keen sailor.

Advocates



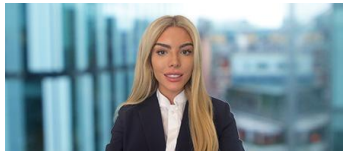
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Advocates



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Brooke joined DWF Chambers in March 2026, she was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in July 2025. She previously practised as a self-employed County Court Advocate on the Northern Circuit, appearing before District Judges in a broad range of civil matters and acting for both claimants and defendants.

Brooke graduated with a First Class law degree from the University of Liverpool in 2024, before completing the Bar Practice Course and LLM at the University of Law. She achieved a High Distinction (81%) in the Bar course and a Distinction in her Master's, where she specialised in immigration law and medical law and ethics.

In addition to her legal experience, Brooke is committed to supporting vulnerable individuals. She volunteers as a mental health advocate with VoiceAbility and has previously assisted clients at Citizens Advice with Personal Independence Payment applications.

Outside of her legal career, Brooke is an accomplished pianist and runs her own piano school teaching young musicians. She continues to perform in her own time, reflecting both creativity and discipline beyond her professional work.

Advocates



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Cameron joined DWF Chambers in August 2025, following the completion of his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in law, in which he secured consistently high marks no matter the area – criminal or commercial, trusts or tort. With a 2:1 degree and a Distinction from the BPC, he is well prepared to handle the needs of any case.

Alongside his studies, Cameron gained valuable experience in both legal and non-legal roles. As a pro-bono legal advisor, Cameron frequently worked with vulnerable clients, helping them to navigate through court processes, divorce initiation, and the creation of documents such as deed polls. He also spent some years working in a school, where he further honed his communication skills, knack for quick thinking, and proactive approach to work.

In his spare time, Cameron loves the theatre and has regularly performed with amateur dramatic societies for many years. He also volunteers with the cadet group he was a member of in his youth, and enjoys walking with his two dogs.

Advocates

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Danielle joined DWF Chambers in October 2026. Prior to joining DWF, she obtained First-Class Honours in Law from the University of Warwick, within which she was awarded the Dissertation Prize for the highest mark of her cohort. She then attended City St George's University of London to complete her Bar Vocational Studies, for which she was provided with a Cassel Scholarship from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, and achieved a high Merit.

Danielle regularly appeared in national mooting competitions on behalf of her universities, and in her spare time participates in jewellery-making workshops and playing guitar.

Advocates

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Emma joined DWF Chambers in October 2026. She studied law at De Montfort University, graduating with a First-Class Honours degree, before completing the Bar Training Course and an LLM in 2024.

Before joining DWF, Emma gained extensive experience in a general litigation team, working across a broad range of matters including property possession, contractual disputes, debt recovery and contentious probate. Through this work, she developed strong drafting skills, preparing witness statements, applications and pleadings. Emma also previously worked as a paralegal in a motor claims team, handling road traffic matters on a daily basis.

Outside work, Emma has a keen interest in sport and particularly enjoys trampoline gymnastics, paddleboarding and surfing.

Advocates



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Freja Clacy joined DWF Chambers in August 2025. Freja gained a first-class law degree from Sheffield Hallam University and achieved a High Distinction for the BPC with the University of Law Leeds.

She brings both academic and practical experience, particularly through the law in practice module of her undergraduate degree involving a placement at DLA piper in their commercial litigation department. In addition, obtaining a High Distinction during her BPC in conference skills, drafting, examination in chief and cross examination.

Prior to joining DWF, Freja built on her communication skills whilst working for His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) as a case administrator, which involved completing enforcement requests from probation officers e.g compliance letters and recalls to prison. She also assisted during the temporary early release scheme for prisoners serving standard determinate sentences in the UK.

Freja has also worked for a large insurance law firm as claim's handler, managing her own caseload of pre-litigated motor claims from creation to closure, or settlement. This involved using her client handling and time management skills to correspond with third party insurers and negotiating credit hire packs, to reviewing accident reports and repair estimates before raising claim payments to the necessary parties.

She brings interpersonal skills following her time as a care assistant providing respite and residential care to adults with varied learning difficulties.

In her spare time, Freja enjoys all manners of photography, and at home likes to cook and bake for herself and family. When she gets time, Freja likes to learn new music on the Piano.

Advocates



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Heather joined DWF Chambers in November 2025 following her call to the Bar in October. Heather gained a first-class law degree from Chester University and went on to achieve a High Distinction in the Bar Practice Course and a Distinction in her Master's in Law with Distinction at the University of Law, Manchester.

During her undergraduate studies, Heather was selected to take part in The Supreme Court Mooting competition, where she was awarded Advocate of the evening, judged by Lord Burrows.

Before joining DWF, Heather built a successful career in senior HR leadership roles across the healthcare, travel and construction sectors. She brings a wealth of experience in stakeholder management, policy development and resolving complex workplace and regulatory issues. Heather's background has given her a strong understanding people, the ability to build trust and communication, which she now applies to her advocacy, client care and case preparation.

Alongside her studies, Heather served as Clerk to School Admission Appeals for a local authority, where she worked closely with the public, explaining legal and procedural matters and ensuring fair hearings in line with statutory guidance. This experience deepened her understanding of procedural fairness and enhanced her ability to communicate legal concepts clearly to those unfamiliar with the law.

Outside of work, Heather is an avid dancer and holds Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) qualifications up to Grade 8. She continues to attend ballet, tap and Pilates, and has a keen interest in the arts, padel and travel.

Advocates



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James joined DWF Chambers in August 2026. Prior to joining DWF, he worked as a self-employed County Court Advocate appearing in a variety of civil hearings across both the Western and South Eastern Circuits. His experience involves small claims trials, OIC hearings, possession hearings and interlocutory hearings.

James has also gained experience as a Paralegal working in a commercial and property litigation team; dealing with fast-track and multi-track claims. He possesses extensive experience in drafting having prepared witness statements and applications.

In his spare time James is an avid sports fan and can be found either following his beloved Liverpool Football Club or out on the golf course.

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Joseph joined DWF Chambers in August 2026, having previously worked as a self-employed advocate in civil matters across the South Eastern Circuit.

Joseph completed the Bar Practice Course at the University of Law with Distinction, having been called to the Bar in 2024. He also holds an LLM Qualifying Law Degree from Birkbeck, University of London and a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from King's College London. He is currently completing an LLM in Tax Law at Queen Mary, University of London.

Joseph volunteers as an advocate with the Free Representation Unit and has undertaken voluntary work with AMICUS, assisting with capital defence work in the United States. Before embarking upon his legal career, he worked as a journalist, translator and interpreter. He is a Chartered Linguist.

Outside of law, Joseph enjoys making woodcut prints, playing tennis, and tackling beginner-friendly cryptic crosswords, all of which he pursues with an enthusiasm not entirely supported by talent.

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Mamar obtained a First-Class Honours degree in Law from the University of Law in Leeds and went on to complete the Bar Practice Course at the same establishment obtaining a Distinction. During his studies, Mamar entered an internal speed moot hosted by the bar society at the University of Law in Leeds and was successful in securing 1st place.

Outside of his studies, Mamar volunteered for 2 years at the Witness Service at Bradford Crown Court between 2023 and 2025. Mamar has also been a volunteer with Childline since June 2025 acting as a Childline counsellor and continues to volunteer with the organisation. In his spare time, Mamar also enjoys ice skating with friends and family.

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Pritpal joined DWF Chambers in September 2025 following her call to the Bar in July. She completed the Barrister Training Course (Masters) at BPP University on a full-fee scholarship and achieved an overall distinction. She is due to receive her Master's qualification shortly.

Before undertaking her postgraduate degree, Pritpal studied LLB (Hons) Law with a Year Abroad at the University of Liverpool and was awarded a First Class. Pritpal had the privilege of studying her year abroad at the National University of Singapore, ranked 8th in the world. During her undergraduate degree, Pritpal was selected to take part in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition, the largest moot competition in the world, and ranked in the top 20 national speakers overall.

Over the summer, Pritpal became an accredited ADR ODR International Mediator and Associate Arbitrator, building on her expertise in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Outside of academia, Pritpal hosts a Spotify podcast called Law on Tour, where she interviews law students and legal professionals. Pritpal recently had the opportunity to interview Heidi Stonecliffe, Vice-Chair of the Bar Council for 2026. In her free time, Pritpal enjoys acting, playing tennis, and watching Reiki sessions as part of her commitment to personal wellbeing.

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Toyosi joined DWF Chambers in September 2025, bringing with her a wealth of advocacy experience. Called to the Bar in 2023, she began her career as a county court advocate, regularly appearing in civil matters including small track claims, such as road traffic accidents and credit hire claims.

Toyosi then worked as a Higher Executive Presenting Officer, representing the Secretary of State in the First-tier Tribunal. In this role, she appeared in asylum, human rights, and deportation appeals, developing strong expertise in cross-examination, legal submissions, and case management hearings. She frequently managed directions from tribunal judges and advanced complex arguments on behalf of the government.

Alongside her legal experience, Toyosi has undertaken a variety of voluntary and professional roles. She was a care coordinator for the NHS, as an advocate she assisted individuals in making personal independence payment applications to the DWP and completed an internship at the South Centre in Geneva, where she assisted in drafting briefing papers for trade experts. These experiences, combined with her legal training, make Toyosi a well-rounded professional with strong interpersonal skills that greatly assist her advocacy.

Outside of practice, Toyosi enjoys playing tennis and cooking a variety of cuisines.

Our Clerking Team

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Josh joined DWF in 2023 having spent 13 years clerking at Exchange Chambers in Manchester.

Josh is an experienced clerk, recognised for his efficient, detail-driven approach and strong understanding of civil litigation practice and regularly noted as being able to provide a top class service and being noted as great to work with by the Legal 500. With a background supporting a wide range of court work and drafting, Josh provides responsive and practical support to solicitors, clients, and counsel. He is known for clear communication, effective case and diary management, and a consistent focus on delivering a high standard of client service. Josh works closely with instructing solicitors to ensure matters are progressed smoothly and commercially, reflecting both his prior experience and his ongoing role within Chambers.

In conjunction with Clerking, Josh is primarily responsible for the diary management and practice development of all members of the DWF Chambers team and, along with the team of experienced clerks, to ensure the delivery of a first class service to all clients.

Alongside the Head of DWF Chambers, Josh is responsible for the continued development of clerking practices to ensure the highest quality service at all times. Josh's role involves providing invaluable support to the Head of DWF Chambers, in the management and administration of the team and deputising in his absence.

In his spare time, Josh enjoys all manner of sports, but particularly Football and supports Manchester United. Josh also enjoys spending time with his family and friends and travelling to new places whenever the time allows.

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Avais joined DWF in 2025 following over 14 years at external chambers in Manchester. He has experience in all areas of law, diary management, fee negotiation and practice development. During his time at external chambers, Avais also has in depth knowledge of all chambers finance departments.

Avais oversees clerking practices to maintain quality service at all times. Avais's role involves providing support to the Senior Clerk and Head of DWF Chambers in the management and administration of the team.

In his spare time, Avais enjoys staying active running and playing football. He also has a young family which keeps him busy!

Our Clerking Team



Sarah joined DWF in 2021.

She has many years experience in the legal profession having previously worked as a clerk in external chambers, a conveyancing assistant in a busy solicitors practice and as a PA to a number of barristers.

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Prior to joining DWF Chambers, Jonathan previously worked as a paralegal for 5 years.

One year in a small claims firm and the previous 4 within DWF itself, mainly working within Finance Litigation. Outside of work he enjoys going walking, attending as many Manchester United matches as possible and playing guitar.

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Kelcie is responsible for assisting the clerks with a busy day to day management of the diary and dealing with incoming queries from our advocates, solicitors and external clients.

Outside of work, Kelcie enjoys going to the gym, spending time with her friends and family whether it be shopping, attending gigs or watching 90's films and enjoys learning about Ancient History when the time allows.



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Samuel is responsible for assisting the clerks with the day-to-day administration of the diary and acts as a key liaison for incoming queries from advocates, solicitors, and external stakeholders.

Following his First-Class studies in Literature and Philosophy, Samuel maintains a love for reading and exploring ideas through conversation. He also plays competitive grassroots football in Salford and is a lifelong Manchester United supporter.



The team in action

As well as substantial experience in CCMCs with fantastic results for clients, the team has a proven track record in final hearings.

Due to our team's exposure to so many such hearings, their experience is likely to far exceed that of external counsel of equivalent seniority. Add to this the speed and ease with which internal counsel/advocates can be booked and instructed, then the advantages of using DWF Chambers are clear and overwhelming.

Between May 2025 and April 2026:

- DWF Chambers undertook 6844 court hearings
- DWF Chambers undertook 2208 final hearings
- The team helped to reduce damages claimed by in excess of £5.3m

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