



Barrister

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Specialist in
Public Law
Civil Law
Civil Actions Against Public Authorities
Inquests & Public Inquiries Team
Direct Access Trained
Qualified Mediator

Experience

Patrick is a civil practitioner specialising in housing and homelessness cases, personal injury and construction law. He is regularly instructed by homelessness charities acting for clients who face imminent eviction or who have been refused accommodation by local authorities. He undertakes personal injury and construction cases for claimants and defendants and is willing to consider acting under a CFA in appropriate cases.

Patrick has acted for claimants in brain injury cases involving complex issues of causation and prognosis. He has also acted for claimants in industrial disease cases where the cause of action occurred many years ago and the employer relies on a limitation defence.

Patrick is instructed by employers and contractors in construction disputes involving defective workmanship, non-payment and professional negligence. He has experience in adjudication and arbitration and is a member of TecBar.

Patrick acts mainly for tenants in housing disputes including homelessness applications, section 204 appeals, disrepair claims and possession proceedings. His clients are generally among the neediest and most vulnerable and require particularly sensitive care and understanding.

Interests

Patrick is a keen golfer of limited ability and is a member of both the Inner Temple and Bar Golfing Societies. He enjoys rugby and boxing but nowadays only as a spectator. He is also a keen runner and has run several marathons and half-marathons.

Education

St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath; West Kent College, Tonbridge; London School of Economics (LLB (hons) 2:1; Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships

PIBA
HLP
TEC
SE Circuit
Thames Valley Bar Mess

CASES

Cook v Cook & Walker

Unreported – High Court QB division

Clinical negligence case in which the 10-year-old claimant suffered a brain injury and total blindness as a result of a negligent diagnosis by her GP. The prognosis was unclear and the final quantum hearing was adjourned until after the claimant's 16th birthday

Quantum of the claimant's claim to cover losses up to her 16th birthday was agreed at £625,000. The matter was adjourned until such time as the long-term prognosis of the claimant's injuries was clearer (see [2011] EWHC 1638 per Eady J)

Area of Law:

Civil Law

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Estate Acquisitions & Developments v Wiltshire

[2006] EWCA Civ 533

Order for possession made against Defendants at hearing in which they did not attend and were not represented. The main issue in the case was whether the Defendants had a good reason for not attending the hearing on an application to set aside the possession order under CPR 39.3(3). The Defendants owned the long lease of a property with ground rent of £20 per annum. They moved out of the property without providing a forwarding address to the freeholder and failed to pay the ground rent and other charges for a few years. The freeholder issued forfeiture proceedings which were served by being sent to the property. The Defendants were unaware of the proceedings and did not attend the hearing and a possession order was made in their absence. On application by the Defendants under CPR 39.3(3) the order was set aside. It was reinstated following a successful appeal by the Claimant but the second appeal of the Defendants was allowed by the Court of Appeal; "It is a striking feature of the case that the effect of the decision of Judge Knowles was that an unencumbered leasehold property worth more than £140,000 was forfeited for a debt of £849.21 in proceedings in which the defendants took no part and of which they had no knowledge" – per Dyson LJ.

Area of Law:

Housing & Community Care, Landlord & Tenant

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