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Matthew specialises in all aspects of employers' and public liability claims and disease claims. He has more than twenty years' experience as a personal injury litigator. He is recognised for his expertise in successfully defending and concluding claims for his clients who include local authorities across the UK, insurance companies and private companies.

He currently has seven successfully defended cases reported on lawtel relating to fundamental dishonesty, civil liability in the sporting context, employers' liability and highway claims.

Matthew handles all aspects of disease claims to include claims arising from historic exposures to asbestos (to include mesothelioma), occupational asthma, HAVS and WRULD.

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## Expertise

Insurance

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## Featured experience

### **Discontinuance of a claim**

Forcing the discontinuance of a claim for occupational asthma following the identification of numerous concerns that the Claimant's case was dishonest.

### **Workplace accident**

Persuading a Claimant to discontinue his workplace accident claim valued at one stage at over £1 million having identified a multitude of inconsistencies enabling the client to raise positive allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

## Walsall Council

Securing two findings of fundamental dishonesty for Walsall Council, which led on one case to a Claimant receiving a suspended custodial sentence and in the other to a Claimant being sent to prison for 6 months.

## Fulham FC

Matthew represented Fulham FC, the successful appellant, in the leading case of Jones v Fulham FC on civil injury claims in the sports context. On Appeal, the Appeal Court overturned a judgment that had found Fulham liable for a reckless tackle. Importantly, the judgment confirms that the threshold for civil liability in the sporting context is very high. Fulham succeeded on all four of its grounds of appeal which led to the discontinuance of the claim.

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## Testimonials

*"Matthew Harpin brings a wide ranging knowledge and enthusiasm to the table. This is tempered by a realistic approach to litigation and what ultimately is the best solution for the client."*

**Legal 500 2022 ,**

*"Matthew Harpin - very impressive lawyer: great judgment and tactical awareness, clear sighted, calm, firm and personable."*

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*"Matthew Harpin's enthusiasm shines through in all of our dealings with him and he combines this with a sharp legal mind."*

**Legal 500 2021 ,**