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James is the head of our national technical claims team. He specialises in defendant insurance litigation, with particular expertise in complex personal injury litigation, claims arising from equality and human rights legislation and environmental claims. His large over-arching team includes our local authority team, commercial insurance specialists, an education sub-team and social housing experts.

James currently handles a varied caseload of complex, high-value litigation, acting on behalf of local authorities, public bodies, educational establishments, as well as commercial and agricultural organisations. He has considerable experience in handling catastrophic injury claims, including cases involving traumatic brain injury, amputation, fatal accidents, disease and stress at work claims. He has also developed an interest and expertise in managing large scale litigation following environmental events, such as catastrophic flooding.

James works closely with and is the client partner for a number of key clients, providing tailored training sessions supporting the development of in-house legal teams and offering bespoke risk management advice across our client base.

Expertise

Government

Health and life sciences

Insurance

Retail, consumer and logistics

Featured experience

Major incident

Representing the interests of a local authority following two serious road traffic accidents on consecutive days which resulted in several fatalities and serious injuries to others. Managing a police investigation and numerous pieces of litigation involving various parties and complex procedural, liability and quantum issues.

Catastrophic flooding events

Advising non-departmental public bodies following large-scale flooding events. Managing these significant events has involved careful analysis of civil liabilities, support during an investigation under section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and assembling a dedicated team to handle group actions.

Human Rights in a school setting

Representing a local authority in a claim of real significance, raising important and sensitive issues around the ability of state schools to address sexual diversity as part of the curriculum.

Experience

Managing a caseload involving traumatic brain injury, amputation, serious spinal injury, chronic pain, fatal accidents and significant environmental events.

Testimonials

"James Fawcett is noted for his work in the education sector."

Legal 500 2021 ,

"The personal injury team, headed by James Fawcett focuses on high value and complex personal injury claims, acting for public bodies and insurers."

Legal 500 2021 ,

"Other key figures include... James Fawcett, who specialises in employers' and public liability claims."

Legal 500 2018 ,