



WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2020 BY ZOOM WEBINAR - PROMPT START AT 13.30 UNTIL 17.30

# Large Loss Personal Injury Seminar

Speakers: **James Hurd, Chris Taft, Russell Dickinson, Michael O'Neill, Elizabeth Murray, Amy Rollings, Paul Fidler, Dr Katherine Dawson**

## James Hurd

**"Office parties, petrol forecourts, foster parents and #MeToo - vicarious liability in the 2020s"**

## Chris Taft

**The Discount Rate** - Chris will deal with the correct application of Tables A-D in the calculation of future loss of earnings, and will examine in particular (through a consideration of the cases) the approach that judges have taken to impressionistic adjustment of multipliers since *Connor v Bradman*.

## Russell Dickinson

**Life Expectancy Evidence in Personal Injury Claims:** the use of Medico Legal Expert Evidence.

Russell will discuss some recent cases that consider issues including:

- when the court may consider it to be appropriate for expert life expectancy evidence to be obtained.
- what type of expert should be instructed.
- what methodology is likely to be most appropriate.

## Michael O'Neill

**s.69 of The Enterprise And Regulatory Reform Act 2013** - what we know so far. A review of the impetus behind, and intended effect of, s.69, with consideration of a number of recent judicial interpretations of the significance of the "six pack" regulations in 2020.

## Elizabeth Murray

A general **RTA update** encompassing contributory negligence in claims involving pedestrians and children.

## Amy Rollings

**Post-Concussion Syndrome** is a traumatic brain injury, often termed 'mild'. It is a complex disorder which is often difficult to identify in the initial stages post-accident. This talk will deal with the complex myriad of issues that arise out of claims of this type and will examine pitfalls to avoid.

## Paul Fidler

**Accident Reconstruction**  
**"Making the Connection"**

Collision investigators have been using physics-based calculation methods as a way of determining the parameters associated with road traffic incidents or over 70 years. In the last 20 years

data has become available from other sources such as digital CCTV and dashcam footage. In the last 10 years manufacturers have provided data from the vehicle airbag control module (on request in criminal proceedings). We are now at a point where vehicle computers are extremely sophisticated. The issue has, until recently, been how to access this (potentially) useful data. As of 2020, collision investigators can now access data from not only the vehicle's airbag control unit and from diagnostic tests, but also from the 'infotainment' system. This presentation aims to explain what data is available, how we can access the data, how reliable/accurate it is, and what it can be used for.

## Dr Katherine Dawson

(Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist)

**Definitions of a mild brain injury and prolonged PCS symptoms**

- brain injury and non brain injury related symptoms
- vicious cycles and the role of personality, coping and previous trauma
- hidden attentional difficulties and impact upon daily life
- treatment options



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## Speaker Biographies



James Hurd



Chris Taft



Russell Dickinson



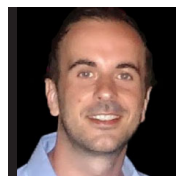
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Dr Katherine Dawson

### James Hurd

James is often instructed in cases of severe injuries (including brain injuries), requiring expert evidence and the drafting of extensive and complex schedules and counter schedules of loss. He deals with complex trials, as well as advising on paper and in conference.

"Always identifies the key issues and potential weakness in a case" - Legal 500 2020. "An assertive cross-examiner with excellent judgement" - Legal 500 2016.

### Chris Taft

Chris has specialised in personal injury work for nearly 20 years. He acts for both claimants and defendants. He has extensive experience of the full-range of multi-track personal injury work. Chris is frequently instructed in cases involving large losses and where there is serious dispute between the medical experts. He understands the importance of a careful examination of the evidence - and particularly the medical evidence.

### Russell Dickinson

Russell practices exclusively in the field of personal injury work, representing both Claimants and Defendants in cases involving significant injuries following accidents in the workplace, public liability disputes and serious road traffic accidents. He has a particular interest in cases involving serious limb injuries, particularly those involving mobility issues and the ability to return to work.

### Michael O'Neill

The majority of Mike's instructions relate to complex and high value personal injury claims, regularly valued in excess of £500,000. He is experienced in dealing with life changing orthopaedic injuries, pain disorders, subtle brain injuries, amputations and fatal accident claims. He is regularly instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants and has experience of defending high value claims on behalf of the Motor Insurers' Bureau.

### Elizabeth Murray

Elizabeth specialises in all areas of personal injury claims, for both defendants and claimants, with a particular interest in Animals Act cases.

She is regularly instructed in multi track matters valued up to £500,000 and deals with all stages of the case from the initial pleadings and schedules of loss through to trial. Through her industrial disease practice she has become well versed in limitation arguments and has frequent conferences with experts.

### Amy Rollings

Amy is adept at handling high value litigation on behalf of Claimants and Defendants, having started her career working for a leading Personal Injury QC. Her practice has a specific focus on the following areas; acquired brain injury claims, chronic pain, fatal accidents (including representation at Inquests), clinical negligence and amputation claims.

### Paul Fidler

Paul Fidler is a Director at GBB and has been with the company since 2009. Prior to GBB he worked as a consultant/researcher and was involved in many areas of accident research. His most 'high profile' case was the inquest into the Death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Paul has a degree in physics and 14 years professional experience. He has given evidence in the UK High Courts (Eng/Wales/NI) and also abroad (IRE/Fin). He leads a team of experts who specialise in the investigation of 'large loss' incidents (involving fatal/catastrophic injury and high value claims).

### Dr Katherine Dawson

Dr Dawson works full time as an independent Clinical Neuropsychologist and has been providing private neurorehabilitation since 2008. Her work includes: neuropsychological assessment and treatment of individuals following stroke, spinal, brain, orthopaedic and other complex trauma injuries.

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