



Name

Mark Cooper

Year of Call

2005

Areas of Law

Personal Injury, Civil Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law

Overview

Mark has developed a substantial civil practice since becoming a tenant at Oriel Chambers in 2006. He has extensive knowledge in personal injury litigation and frequently appears in the County Court representing both Claimants and Defendants in interim hearings and trials across all tracks.

In May 2020, he was appointed by the Lord Chief Justice as a Deputy District Judge (Civil) on the Northern Circuit, and in October 2020 he was appointed by the Queen as a Recorder (Crime) on the North Eastern Circuit. He continues to combine these judicial roles with his practice at Hundred Court Chambers.

Mark is highly regarded for his meticulous preparation, pragmatic advice, and conscientious approach. He combines legal knowledge with commercial insight, providing clients with realistic assessments of prospects and financial implications.

Outside of work, Mark spends much of his time with his young family and is actively involved in preaching and teaching the Bible in his local church and beyond.

Education

- Birkenhead School, Wirral (1994-2001)
- Selwyn College, University of Cambridge (2001-2004)
- Inns of Court School of Law, London (2004-2005)



Further Information

The majority of Mark's work is in road traffic litigation, including credit hire, low velocity impact, late notification, and fraudulent claims. He has an impressive success rate in defending such claims at trial, including securing findings of fundamental dishonesty on behalf of insurers.

Alongside road traffic cases, Mark also handles employers' liability, public liability, and highway authority claims. He is recognised as an expert in quantum disputes, costs arguments, and procedural issues arising from the RTA and EL/PL Protocols. He provides seminars and training to solicitors and claims handlers on substantive and procedural personal injury law.

In addition to advocacy, Mark undertakes advisory and drafting work across all areas of personal injury litigation, with paperwork typically turned around within 14 days or sooner if required.

Beyond personal injury, Mark has experience in costs hearings, anti-social behaviour injunctions, committal proceedings, and commercial matters such as contractual disputes, sale of goods, debt recovery, possession, and insolvency proceedings. His judicial roles have further broadened his expertise across these areas.