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Chris Bryden – Barrister

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Areas of Practice

Chris has built a busy practice across the range of the common law, with the exception of crime, and enjoys a well-deserved reputation for his knowledge and expertise in each area. Chris is regularly called upon to act in matters that straddle a number of areas of law, having taken the deliberate decision to “specialise in general practice”. He appears regularly in the County Court as well as in the High Court and Employment Tribunals, and has been involved in cases up to and including the Supreme Court. He regularly is instructed at Appellate level and has enjoyed notable success particularly in the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Chris has a particular interest in Chancery and Commercial Litigation, Family (primarily Financial Remedies and Private Client), employment, Property, Housing and Landlord and Tenant work, and Company and Insolvency law. Chris also has an extensive paper practice covering pleadings and advice on all areas of the law and has experience of drafting both court-related documentation and contracts, employer handbooks and other related documents. Chris has been instructed on several occasions to provide contracts of employment for English workers employed by foreign companies, or for workers based abroad but subject to English law.

More details of Chris’ expertise in his various areas of practice can be found on his Chambers profile page, together with links to specialist CVs.

Harassment and Cyberstalking

Chris is acknowledged as an expert in the field of harassment and cyberstalking and on 12 October 2011 at the invitation of Elfin Llwyd MP gave evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into potential amendments to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. The report of the Committee led directly to the amendment to include a specific offence of stalking.

Chris is the co-author of the leading paper in this area of law, entitled I CAN See You: Harassment and Stalking on the Internet and published in the Journal of Information and Communications Technology. Since publication, Chris has also presented a paper at the IADIS Conference held in Rome in July 2011 building on his conclusions, and which was published in the October 2012 International Journal of Distributed Systems and Technologies.

Chris works closely with the National Centre for Cyberstalking Research, based at the University of Bedfordshire, as well as the Cyber Stalking Unit established by Collyer Bristow. He is also affiliated with the National Stalking Training Academy which provides training and awareness of the risks posed by Cyberstalking. In November 2011 Chris was appointed visiting Fellow of the University of Bedfordshire, as part of his ongoing work with the National Centre for Cyberstalking Research.

Chris is also the co-author of the paper "Cyberstalking in the UK: Analysis and Recommendations", IJDST 3(4), 34-51 Oct-Dec 2012 and his first book, Social Media in the Workplace, was published by Jordan Publishing in 2015.

Seminars

Chris enjoys preparing and presenting seminars on various areas of the law, both in Chambers as part of its ongoing seminar program and in house directly to solicitors. His seminars are CPD accredited and he is happy to prepare seminars specifically on request by solicitors in areas of law that may be of interest to them.

Publications

In addition to his work relating to harassment and cyberstalking, Chris is a prolific author of legal articles and papers, which regularly appear in various legal journals. He has recently been appointed to the panel of expert authors of the New Law Journal and is commissioned to produce at least six articles for them per year.