

Barry McTaggart

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Personal Injury

Barry is experienced in a wide range of hearings, including trials, CMCs and applications for specific disclosure, strike-out, relief from sanctions and unless orders. His practice includes credit hire, occupiers' liability, employers' liability, and claims under the Animals Act 1971.

His recent experience includes:

- Securing the dismissal of a £45,000 claim for vehicle damage and credit hire at a fast-track trial
- Assisting with the Schedule of Loss in a severe brain injury claim, involving complex calculations of past and future loss of earnings, which settled for £2.6 million
- Acting both for and against claimants in claims where fundamental dishonesty was alleged, including cross-examination and submissions under s 57 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015
- Advising on prospects in a secondary victim claim for psychiatric harm, applying the principles in *Paul v Royal Wolverhampton NHS Foundation Trust* [2024] UKSC 1
- Obtaining a third-party costs order in credit hire litigation, following *Tescher v Direct Accident Management Ltd* [2025] EWCA Civ 733
- Advising a nursery on strategy in a claim arising from a child's playground injury during a game with a member of staff
- Securing costs orders under CPR 27.14(2)(g) on the basis of a party's unreasonable behaviour
- Advising on liability in a noise-induced hearing loss claim arising from a visit to a nightclub
- Drafting Part 35 questions to medical experts in multi-track litigation
- Appearing in costs-only hearings, including a Fixed Costs Determination under CPR Part 45

Academic qualifications

- PGDip Bar Practice, Distinction, Inns of Court College of Advocacy (2025)
- GDL, Distinction, University of Law (2024)
- MSc Finance, Trinity College Dublin (2013)
- BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics(PPE), Queen's University Belfast (2012)

Scholarships

- Sunley Prize, The Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table (2025)

- Peta Fordham Scholarship, Inner Temple (2024)
- Exhibition Bar Course Scholarship, Inner Temple (2024)
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple (2024)
- Exhibition GDL Scholarship, Inner Temple (2023)
- Winner, Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot (2023)
- Winner, The University of Law Public Law Moot (2023)
- 3rd Prize, Tort Law Essay Award by 12KBW and Thompson Reuters (2023)

Professional bodies

- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Attorney General's Junior Junior Panel
- The Honourable Society of The Inner Temple