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Practice overview

Dickon is an extremely experienced and capable barrister who represents clients in civil and criminal cases at all levels. He is calm, adaptable and very good at interacting with people. He is always able to provide reassurance to those facing very stressful times in their lives, and is an authoritative and persuasive presence in court.

Dickon's civil practice includes personal injury claims; breach of contract; and debt collection proceedings with a focus on consumer credit matters. He acts for both creditors and debtors and has extensive experience of claims dealing with PPI issues and declarations as to unfair relationships and fraud.

Dickon has a thriving criminal practice, prosecuting and defending in the Crown Court. His cases cover a wide range of offences and he is particularly in demand where there is cross over between jurisdictions, such as fraud and regulatory crime.

Dickon sits as a Deputy District Judge in the County Court.

Personal injury

Acting for both claimants and defendants, Dickon is regularly instructed in relation to all aspects of personal injury litigation, whether it be for his specialist advocacy skills, drafting pleadings or advising in relation to liability or quantum. Claims range from the road traffic

accident, usually involving credit hire, to accidents at work, to those involving occupier's liability or the package travel regulations.

Dickon's criminal practice, particularly in relation to fraud, means that he is very well suited to cases involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty. He is particularly good at exposing flaws in the other side's case through clear and effective cross examination and has appeared in a number of High Court committal hearings.

Business and property

Dickon acts for both landlords and tenants in a wide variety of property disputes, from simple possession cases, through to boundary disputes and claims in relation to service charges. He has experience in regulatory cases, particularly those relating to property, and is able to deal with both the civil and criminal aspects of such cases.

Dickon also regularly appears and advises in relation to contractual disputes both for companies and individual consumers. He has particular experience of debt recovery claims, regulated agreements under the Consumer Credit Act and allegations of unfair relationships. He is able to navigate and explain to clients and judges in an understandable and focussed manner the issues at hand and the relevant legislation.

Regulatory

Dickon has developed an extensive practice assisting individuals, companies and local authorities in respect an number of different regulatory regimes. In particular he routinely appears in cases involving alleged "rogue landlords" under the HMO legislation, and can assist and advise letting agents and landlords on their responsibilities.

Adopting a business minded approach Dickon has also had great deal of success advising clients as to applications made under the Licensing Act, and where necessary on appeal.

He also both conducts and defends cases involving offences brought by Trading Standards or in relation to food safety.

Crime (prosecution)

Dickon prosecutes in the Crown Court on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service and local authorities.

Dickon has a wide ranging practice, including drug offences, violence and sexual assault. He

acts in cases involving dishonesty with a particular focus on fraud and has extensive knowledge of and experience in confiscation matters.

Numerous local authorities, both within and outside of London, instruct Dickon for both written work and oral advocacy in respect of the entire gamut of prosecutions from complex benefit fraud, to more routine matters involving fly tipping, the breaching of enforcement and noise abatement notices, trade mark and food hygiene offences and often complex HMO prosecutions.

Crime (defence)

Dickon routinely appears in the Crown Court in all areas of crime including fraud, robberies, burglaries and other dishonesty offences, drug offences, assaults, sexual and public order offences as well as possession of offensive weapons and firearms. He also advises and appears on behalf of clients charged with driving offences and has conducted confiscation hearings both for the prosecution and the defence.

An increasing area and focus of Dickon's work is in assisting clients being prosecuted by local authorities, in particular in relation to alleged breaches of the HMO legislation, and improvement and enforcement notices.

Education

- Deputy District Judge

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Association of Prison Lawyers

Notable Cases

EUI Ltd v Olayinka [2019] EWHC 3014 (QB): Represented a defendant in contempt proceedings following a finding of fundamental dishonesty in contempt proceedings

[Zebaida v Secretary of State for Education \[2016\] EWHC 1181 \(Admin\)](#): Successfully argued on behalf of the Appellant that the Government had had no jurisdiction to impose a prohibition order.

[Bexley LBC v XXX \[2016\] EWHC 711 \(Admin\)](#): Successfully argued for judicial review of a costs order made in respect of liability orders.

[Quinn Insurance Ltd v Trifonovs \[2013\] 10 WLUK 260](#): Represented a cage fighter in proceedings for contempt of court stemming from a personal injury claim.

[R v Steele \[2012\] 4 WLUK 255](#): Prosecuted one of the first reported prosecutions under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

[Turbridy v Sarwar \[2012\] EWCA Civ 184](#): Represented the respondent in one of the key cases examining the recoverability of Counsel's fee under CPR r.45.