

Guy Vickers



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Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Education

- Malvern College (1977-81)
- Corpus Christi, Oxford (Law Scholar) (1982-5)
- The Inns of Court Law School (1985/6)

Credit Hire

Guy came to Credit Hire from a chancery and commercial law background, having been instructed by Steve Evans of Accident Exchange Limited to review hundreds of decided cases in which it was suspected that fraud by rates surveyors employed by Autofocus Limited had adversely affected the claimants' recovery of hire charges (by falsely presenting, as true, rates evidence which had been manufactured).

What Steve and Guy uncovered was, as described by Moses LJ, "perjury on an industrial scale". It led to the overturning of thousands of decisions and settlements (following 2 sets of test cases, heavily contested by various insurers), the committal of 7 of the Autofocus rates surveyors and proceedings against Autofocus, its directors and various solicitors for alleged unlawful means conspiracy.

Guy remained Steve Evans' Junior Counsel of choice throughout this 8-year endeavour and, as a result of his acquisition of extensive knowledge about both the relevant legal principles and the inner workings of the credit hire industry and motor insurers and their solicitors, Guy also represented claimants at first instance and on appeal in "regular" credit hire cases (including in the well-known cases of Bent, Stevens and Sobrany).

Since 2017 Guy has also acted extensively for impecunious claimants (often self-employed motorcycle couriers) as Counsel of choice for clients of Direct Accident Management Limited, and has a comprehensive grasp of all the potential issues which can arise in such cases, factually, legally and procedurally. Guy also has experience acting for taxi drivers and firms. He routinely, and successfully, resists allegations of illegality, fraud and fundamental dishonesty.

His busy practice has him in Court 3 to 4 days a week, giving him an unparalleled depth of practical experience, to match his understanding of the legal issues arising, in credit hire cases.

Credit Hire Cases

Guy's reported Credit Hire cases include:

Bricklebank v Quinn [2018] WL 01470375

Hogg v Newton [2018] WL 02704518

Hart v Biffa Waste [2017] 1 WLUK 11

Herkanaidu v Veolia [2017] WL 09885489

Accident Exchange v Broom and others [2017] EWHC 1096 (Admin)

Sobrany v UAD Transtira [2016] EWCA Civ 28

Gow v NFU Mutual [2016] WL 05335336

Gonzalez v Dignity Funerals Limited [2016] WL 01129799

Conlon v Royal Sun Alliance [2015] EWCA Civ 92

Accident Exchange v Broom and others [2015] EWHC 2205 (Admin)

Lakin v Lawrence [2015] EWCA Civ 272

Stevens v Equity Syndicate Management Limited [2015] R.T.R. 24

Dickinson v Tesco Plc [2013] R.T.R. 27 (Court of Appeal)

Bent v Highways and Utilities Construction [2012] 2 Costs L.L. (Court of Appeal)

Pattni v First Leicester Buses Ltd [2012] R.T.R. 17 (Court of Appeal)

Purushothaman v Malik [2012] R.T.R. 21 (Court of Appeal)

Accident Exchange Limited v George-Broom [2012] EWHC 207 (Admin)

Recommendations

Tier 3 – Commercial Litigation
The Legal 500 2025

“Guy’s strengths are his attention to detail, advocating the issues in a simple, straightforward manner.”
The Legal 500 2024

“Guy’s work rate and commitment to the client are beyond any reasonable expectation. Paperwork and advice are always first-rate. He is a tenacious and fearless advocate and consistently delivers in line with or beyond expectation. He is personable, approachable, eminently flexible and accommodating, especially during the recent pandemic. He has great attention to the commercial objective and specifically a capacity to focus on delivering the best outcome, even if that is to avoid litigation.”
The Legal 500 2023

Ranked Tier 3 for Commercial Litigation, Northern Circuit
The Legal 500 2022

Ranked Tier 3 for Commercial Litigation, Northern Circuit
The Legal 500 2021

“Particularly experienced in credit hire litigation.”
The Legal 500 2021

“Particularly experienced in credit hire litigation and professional negligence.”
The Legal 500 2020

“He is a very good all-rounder – there’s not a lot he hasn’t seen.” “He is a fantastic advocate and will always listen to his instructing solicitor as well as the client. He is tenacious and if a point needs to be made, then he will be certain to make it.”
Chambers and Partners 2019

“He is a superb advocate and very easy to listen to, a commensurate performer.” “He is very calm.”
Chambers and Partners 2018

“A very conscientious barrister.”
The Legal 500 2018/19

“Tenacious yet impressively calm and composed in court.”
The Legal 500 2017

