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BIOGRAPHY

Joby has more than 17 years litigation experience working in the UK. He is skilled in all areas of media and sports litigation, defamation and privacy. Joby has experience in large-scale commercial disputes, high profile, high value and complex pieces of litigation around defamation and breach of confidence and privacy, damage claims and misuse of personal information. He is experienced in defending high-profile celebrities and sports personalities claiming for defamation and breach of confidence and privacy - both pre and post publication.

Previous successful cases that Joby has worked on include: advising the victims of phone hacking; resolving disputes between football players and clubs relating to regulatory and contract issues; advising music publishers; authors and designers on all aspects of disputes involving copyright

infringement; and the dispute between Thames Waters and Vennsys relating to a multi-million pound exclusive contract.

Joby has worked with a series of clients including, national airlines through to "A-list" celebrities, Premier League footballers and clubs, Thames Water, National Grid and Tesco. He is recognised in Legal 500 and recommended as "Up and Coming" for defamation and privacy in Chambers & Partners.

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EXPERIENCE

- **High Court Trials** - Acted for one side of the Ackerman family in the breakup of their substantial property empire. The dispute centred on allegations of unauthorised business dealings by the other side of the family and the actions of an expert appointed to oversee the separation of the Group and involved a 2 week expedited High Court trial.
- **Sporting Compensation Disputes** - Acted for a Premier League football club in their disputes with the Football Association and FIFA over compensation to be paid following one of their players being injured playing for the National team at the World Cup. An extremely high profile case, followed by a negotiated settlement, which led to the introduction of compulsory insurance being put in place by FIFA at these tournaments.
- **Retraction of False Allegations** - Acted for an AIM listed investment company against an investment company in successfully obtaining an apology, retraction of false allegations and recall of a report the investment company had prepared and distributed. The false allegations concerned suggestions of corporate misfeasance by the client which as well as being defamatory and highly damaging, it also threatened to potentially undermine its ability to move to full list.
- **Compensation & Contractual Claims** - Acted for a Swiss based trust in contractual claims for compensation from a state owned Russian airline company following the sale of an aeroplane. The case involved complex issues of Russian law on actual and ostensible authority to execute agreements. The case settled on confidential terms following exchange of witness statements.
- **Partnership Terms Dispute** - Acted for a global power company in a contract dispute about the terms of a partnership to acquire a Bulgarian electricity generating power plant. The claim was successfully settled.
- **Extricating Exclusive Contracts** - Acted for Thames Waters against Vennsys who had a multi-million pound exclusive contract to install smart water meters. Extricating this contract for Thames was essential due to AMP5/AMP6 regulatory targets being at significant risk and the entire smart reading roll out programme. A highly visible case within Thames Water and amongst their shareholders. It was resolved successfully with termination of the contract in question and simultaneously concluding new short-term non-exclusive contracts with other third parties for the supply and installation of the meters.

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