

DEFENCE NEWSLETTER

In this edition, we bring you legal updates and practical insights. Discover case outcomes and meet the people driving results across complex litigation. [Hear from our Head of Defence, Kevin Perkins, as he reflects on the past year.](#)

WIN SECURED AFTER FACEBOOK FAUX PAS

A biker claimed he couldn't ride after an accident, yet hired a motorbike and posted on Facebook about buying a new Ducati. The Court found fundamental dishonesty and dismissed the £40,000 claim.

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REMOTE WORK RISKS: SHOULDER SURFING ON THE MOVE

Working on trains or in cafés may feel productive, but it exposes sensitive data to prying eyes. Shoulder surfing can lead to identity theft, data breaches, and fraud. Cultural change and stronger safeguards are vital to protect information in public spaces.

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MEET THE TEAM: STEPH MCKENNA

Steph knew early on that law was her calling. Today, she leads one of our Legal Defence teams, sharing her expertise to help colleagues litigate confidently. For Steph, the best part of Carpenters Group is the supportive people.

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FIRE DAMAGE CLAIM DISCONTINUED



A claim for nearly £20,000 following a fire between two parked vehicles was dropped after the Claimant failed to prove negligence. The case reinforces that liability for accidental damage requires clear evidence of fault, not just the occurrence of harm or damage.

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REFLECTING ON WATSON V MH SITE MAINTENANCE

Following our Court of Appeal win, District Judges are now taking a firmer stance on indefinite stays, issuing Unless Orders and curbing delays. Claimants are being pushed to act, saving clients significant costs and reinforcing proactive case management.

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