

ADAM WALKER

Year of call
2000



Adam Walker's practice incorporates clinical negligence, personal injury, inquests, sports and commercial law.

He acts for both Claimants and Defendants and is instructed regularly to appear in court and before tribunals, to advise and to draft documents.

Adam is listed as a leading junior in the areas of Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury and Inquests & Inquiries in the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners directories.

Adam is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Clinical Negligence

Adam is listed as a leading junior in the area of Clinical Negligence in the current editions of the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners directories.

Adam has extensive experience of advising, drafting, negotiating and appearing in court in a wide variety of clinical negligence matters, including those relating to accident & emergency medicine, orthopaedic surgery, general and colorectal surgery, oncology, general practice, psychiatry, neurology, obstetrics, gynaecology, foetal medicine and in cases involving the provision of fertility treatment.

Adam is also regularly instructed to appear at Coroners' Inquests in respect of instances of alleged clinical negligence leading to death, which often involve issues arising from Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Selected Cases

Richardson v Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [2018] 12 WLUK 556, LTL 15/1/2019

Acted for successful Claimant in a case involving craniofacial remodelling surgery on an 8-month old child, in which poor management of scalp flap intra operatively led to permanent scarring and hair loss. The Claimant was awarded £250,000 and indemnity costs at trial.

Cerebral palsy as a result of negligent management during delivery, settlement of £9.87m.

Chronic abdominal pain following sepsis arising from failed anastomosis formed during colectomy procedure, settled at £1.2m.

Failure to diagnose hypoglycaemic episodes consequent on hyperinsulinism in a 9-month old child, leading to significant brain injury.

The failure to identify calcium deficiency in a patient who attended Accident & Emergency, leading to hypocalcaemic tetany and a debilitating psychiatric reaction in a high earning individual.

The erroneous prescription of antipsychotic medication which was then administered for a protracted period of time and which led to the development of tardive dyskinesia.

Personal Injury

Adam is listed as a leading junior for Personal Injury work in the current editions of the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners directories.

Adam has a wide and varied experience of advising, drafting, negotiating and appearing before courts on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in a wide variety of areas of personal injury work, including claims involving employers' liability, occupiers' liability, product liability, public liability, Highways Act claims and road traffic collisions.

He is regularly instructed to act in maximum severity cases and in claims in respect of fatal accidents.

Adam also has significant experience of acting and advising in a wide variety of claims involving the Armed Forces, including liability disputes in respect of the provision of appropriate equipment, injury in the course of

service, combat immunity cases and in respect of complex disputes over quantum in such cases.

Adam also acts in industrial disease claims, having appeared in a large number of hand-arm vibration syndrome, noise-induced hearing loss and work-related upper limb disorder cases, in which liability in relation to systems of work is in issue and in which causation and diagnosis are disputed.

Adam is also instructed regularly to appear at Coroners' Inquests in respect of instances of alleged negligence leading to death, which may involve issues arising from Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights and which may require a jury.

Selected Cases

Serious leg injury to serviceman suffered on a training exercise leading to the loss of his service career, settled for £2m+ in 2018.

Organic brain injury caused to a young would-be fireman, as a consequence of a serious road traffic collision, resulting in settlement at £1.6m.

A serviceman who sustained a serious injury to the spine while serving in Afghanistan and in which combat immunity was in issue.

Numerous cases in which soldiers sustained non-freezing cold injuries as a result of the equipment provided to them in the course of exercises.

Jury inquest involving the injury and death of a prisoner, raising issues of Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Sports Law

Adam's practice covers a variety of aspects of sports law. He represents the interests of sports organisations, coaches, teachers and managers in addition to individual sportsmen and women. He provides advice and representation in sports-related personal injury and health and safety law, regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Selected Cases

A marshal who suffered significant head injury during a national motor rallying event, settled for six figure sum in 2018.

A young footballer whose apprenticeship contract was terminated, purportedly as a result of injury, when the injury could be demonstrated to be one from which he would probably have recovered within a reasonable period of time, with appropriate treatment.

Serious head injury involving a fracture of the frontal sinus, sustained during the course of a rugby match.

Advising a sports governing body as to the effect on the six-pack regulations of s.69 of the Enterprise & Regulatory Reform Act 2013 and the consequences for sporting governing and regulatory bodies.

Memberships

- Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)