

SIMON KING

Year of call
1987



Simon King practises in clinical negligence, personal injury (including product liability), professional negligence and civil litigation in tort and contract disputes, and in specialist criminal and regulatory work in related fields.

His practice is based in London but is not restricted by location, and much of his work is (by choice) undertaken in the Midlands, Yorkshire and the North of England.

His early practice at the Bar was in the criminal courts, providing him with forensic advocacy experience much valued by subsequent clients. Since 2003 he has sat as a Recorder and is now authorised as such to deal with cases in the criminal, civil and family jurisdictions of the Crown and County Courts. He is cited annually in the principal professional directories (Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500) as a leading practitioner at the London Bar in the areas of Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Clinical Negligence

Selected Cases

Advising and representing the Claimant in a complex claim concerning failure to diagnose cervical cancer with consequences of incontinence, infertility, premature menopause and psychological injury. All issues – breach of duty, causation and quantum – in dispute. Settled at mediation just weeks before trial of liability issues.

Representing the Claimant in claim for damages for allegedly negligently-performed spinal surgery, resulting in substantially increased permanent back pain in a young man. All issues in dispute; breach of duty, causation and quantum all contested. Claim settled eventually just weeks before trial due to commence.

Advising and representing Claimant in a claim for damages for negligence in failing to prescribe appropriate broad-spectrum antibiotics and/or failing to identify and treat necrotising fasciitis in the Claimant, an IV drug user, resulting in him losing one arm at the shoulder and suffering substantial tissue loss in the other arm following surgical debridement. Succeeded at trial of liability issues, claim proceeds on quantum.

Acting for Claimant (a protected party) in serious birth trauma/brain damage claim, eventually settled at joint settlement meeting (and subsequently approved by the Court) on a combined lump sum and periodical payments basis equivalent in total value to approx. £16 million.

Personal Injury

Selected Cases

Serious brain injury suffered by Simon's client the Claimant in RTA (bicycle v van). Claimant lacking capacity and memory of accident; difficult liability issues; claim settled advantageously for Claimant at a very early stage in proceedings at a joint settlement meeting. 7-figure settlement subsequently approved by the Court, anonymity granted to the parties.

Very serious orthopaedic injuries suffered by Simon's client the Claimant in two-car RTA, leading to development of an intractable chronic pain syndrome, functional restriction of mobility, and almost complete dependence on others for tasks of everyday living. Complex and difficult presentation of symptoms with substantial psychiatric element; Claimant lacked capacity to conduct her own litigation (Official Solicitor engaged as litigation friend). Claim settled advantageously at a joint settlement meeting between the parties (7-figure settlement) and subsequently approved by the Court.

Representing a young man with serious post-traumatic brain injuries following his involvement in a RTA when he was a child. As he grew and matured an initially benign picture became more complex and difficult, so that in adult years he lacked capacity and was unable to function safely and effectively for everyday purposes without almost constant care and support by way of oversight and prompting. Claim settled for £multi-million damages at a joint settlement meeting in advance of trial.

Road traffic accident causing spinal injury to Simon's client the Claimant when he was aged just 10 or so; claim proceeded for many years before the medical outcome was sufficiently defined/resolved to allow settlement; settlement eventually took place at a joint settlement meeting between the parties (by when the claimant was an adult). A relatively good recovery made, but complex and difficult issues about claimant's

ability to undertake various forms of work given the likely long-term effects of his spinal injury and the probable need for future spinal surgery.

Appointments

- Recorder – Crown & County Courts (2003)

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association