

Edward Ramsay

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Credit Hire, Fraud, Product Liability, International & Travel, Insurance, Industrial Disease

Edward is ranked as a Leading Junior for Clinical Negligence in the Legal 500 and for Inquests and Inquiries in both the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners. He has been described as showing “*huge attention to detail*”, with “*a razor-sharp intellect*” and an “*unrivalled knowledge of coronial law*”. In court the directories describe him as being “*skilled*”, “*impressive*”, and “*fantastic on his feet*”, with “*a natural instinct of which lines of inquiry to pursue with witnesses*”.

Edward accepts instructions across all practice areas in Chambers. He specialises in healthcare and inquest law and is frequently instructed in lengthy and complex hospital inquests, including enhanced Article 2 inquests and jury inquests.

In 2021 Ed was appointed Assistant Coroner for the Swansea Neath Port Talbot area.

He retains a busy personal injury and clinical negligence practice acting for claimants and defendants, particularly in the field of fatal accident claims, and often where he has previously appeared at the inquest relating to the death in question. He has led many high value cases through from inquest to successful settlement, including at JSM and mediation.

Ed has extensive experience managing experts in conference and in drafting statements of case and complex schedules of loss. As a result of his inquest practice, he has a wealth of experience in general witness handling, including examination of experts.

Ed continues to act for large insurers in fraud and related costs work arising out of RTA and exaggerated credit hire claims.

Clinical Negligence

Edward has an established clinical negligence practice covering the full range of cases – from orthopedic injuries,

obstetric, gynaecological and urological injuries, misdiagnosis and cancer cases, and hospital fatalities.

Many of his instructions arise out of his hospital inquest work where there is a follow-on civil action. Through his inquest practice Edward has extensive experience examining expert witnesses in court and has particular expertise in cases where hospital systems errors are raised.

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course, (Outstanding).

Graduate Diploma in Law, (Distinction).

MA (Oxon) (History & Politics; First Class; 1st place in year).

Major Scholar, Inner Temple (2012)

Scholar, St. Catherine's College, Oxford (2007-2009)

Cases

Holt v Allianz Insurance Plc [2023] EWHC 790 (KB) – landmark decision on the use of pre-action disclosure applications by putative defendants facing claims for credit hire.

Jones v HM Coroner for Mid Kent and Medway [2020] EWHC 3733 (Admin) – successful application under s.13 of the Coroners Act 1988 to quash inquisition on grounds of insufficiency of inquiry and new expert evidence as to the medical cause of death.

R (on the application of Parkinson) v HM Senior Coroner for Kent [2018] EWHC 1501 – leading case concerning the domestic application of ECtHR jurisprudence on Article 2 in hospital inquests

McBride v UK Insurance Ltd [2017] EWCA Civ 144 Whether the Court should revisit its earlier decision in *Stevens v Equity Syndicate Management* [2015] EWCA Civ 93 regarding the correct approach to the calculation of Basic Hire Rates in credit hire litigation.

Greenway & Ors v Johnson Matthey Plc [2016] EWCA Civ 408. Whether platinum sensitisation is an actionable injury and/or capable of giving rise to more than nominal damages in contract and/or an exception to the rule against recovery for pure economic loss in tort.