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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, International & Travel,
Product Liability, Aviation

Harry Steinberg specialises in large-scale group claims - typically involving private international tort law and product liability - serious personal injury and industrial disease. Harry was awarded the Personal Injury / Clinical Negligence Silk of the Year in the *Chambers UK Bar Awards 2017*.

He is renowned for innovative thinking, winning difficult cases and challenging legal orthodoxy.

Harry is "... rapidly establishing himself..." (Legal 500, 2017) in the area of Civil Liberties and Human Rights (including actions against the police).

Legal 500 (2016) said "... he has an extraordinary legal mind with an ability to understand complex legal issues very quickly." Chambers & Partners (2015) described him as "...the go-to man for asbestos claims; no-one else compares".

Directories

Environment – New silks (tier 1)

"Recommended for international tort law arising from large-scale environmental litigation."

Personal injury – New silks (tier 1)

"He has an extraordinary legal mind with an ability to understand complex legal issues very quickly."

Cases

Knauer v Ministry of Justice [2014] EWHC 2553 (QB): acting for the claimant in fatal accident claim in which Bean J (as he then was) gave the claimant a 'leapfrog' certificate to appeal directly to the Supreme Court on the issue of the appropriate date for the calculation of multipliers in fatal claims. The Supreme Court gave permission for the appeal which will be heard in late 2015 or early 2016

Lawrence v Fen Tigers Ltd and others [2015] AC 106 (sometimes known as "Coventry v Lawrence"): appeared in the

Supreme Court on behalf a national asbestos charity on the issue of the compatibility of the CFA regime with the ECHR. Decision expected later this year.

The Bomu-Bonny Oil Pipeline Litigation: Acting on behalf of 15,600 claimants, and in three representative claims, in litigation arising out of two huge oil spills in the Niger Delta. This is believed to be the UK's largest ever environmental action.

Haxton v Philips Electronics UK Ltd [2014] 1 WLR 2721: acting on behalf of the claimant at trial and in the Court of Appeal. The claimant's husband died of mesothelioma and she made a claim as his widow. She then contracted mesothelioma as a result of the same defendant's negligence. This drastically reduced her life expectancy and she recovered the shortfall as the 'diminution in value' of her personal claim. This created a novel head of damages.

Greenway and others v Johnson Matthey Plc [2014] EWHC 3957 (QB): appeared at trial in this test case on behalf of hundreds of workers who have contracted platinum sensitivity as a result of occupational exposure to platinum salts.

Concept 70 and others v Cape International Holdings Ltd: Acting for the claimants in this major product liability group test case for insurers seeking contribution to settled claims from product manufacturers.

Ghoorah v West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and others: appeared at trial for the claimant widow in this fatal mesothelioma claim. The judge made the highest ever general damages award in a mesothelioma case.

Zambarda v Shipbreaking (Queenborough) Ltd [2013] EWHC 2263 (QB): acted for the claimant at trial in this fatal mesothelioma. Obtained case management costs as part of the services dependency claim.

Wilson v Ministry of Defence [2013] CP Rep33: Novel point of law on the definition of "trial" under CPR Part 36. Successful on appeal.

Najib v John Laing Plc [2011] EWHC 1016

Pankhurst v (1) White (2) the Motor Insurers' Bureau [2010] EWCA Civ 1445

Beesley v New Century Group Ltd [2008] EWHC 3033 (QB)

Zamparelli v Bristol City Council and another [2007] EWCA Civ 377: acted at trial and appeared in the Court of Appeal for the defendant in this claim for negligent misstatement arising out of allegedly negligent planning advice.

Rothwell v Chemical & Insulating Co [2007] UKHL 39; [2006] ICR 1458: junior counsel for the claimants in the pleural plaque test case.

Publications

General Editor *Asbestos: Law & Litigation*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019