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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Industrial Disease, Product Liability, Inquests, Abuse, Mediation, Arbitration

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder since 1997

Simon has more than 30 years' experience in the field of personal injury with a particular interest in cases involving accountancy evidence and complex schedules. In the field of clinical negligence, he has a particular interest in drug related therapy, general practitioners, obstetrics and gynaecology, general surgery and cancer.

He was appointed as a Recorder in 1996 and sits on the PNBA Committee (1997), the PIBA Committee (1998), the Industrial Injuries Advisory Committee (2002), the Ogden Committee (2003) and Lord Boyce's Committee for the review of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (2010).

Having edited "Facts & Figures" for 15 years, and been a member of the Ogden Committee for 8 years, Simon is much in demand for the calculation of losses and drafting of Schedules and Counter-Schedules in cases of financial complexity, especially those involving accountancy and actuarial evidence, and company accounts.

Simon is listed as a "Leading Junior" in personal injury in The Legal 500. In Chambers and Partners 2012, industrial disease and local authority liability cases are referred to as second nature to Simon. Previously, he has been recognised as a Leading Junior who is very well thought of when it comes to high-value complex matters. Simon is particularly praised for his "nerveless" performances in court.

Personal Injury

All aspects of personal injury litigation, specializing in complex schedules of loss in the most serious cases.

Clinical Negligence

All aspects: surgical, obstetrics and gynecology (including birth trauma), general practice, ambulance services, paramedics, pharmacological,

Industrial Disease

Asbestos, deafness, hand-arm vibration syndrome, occupational asthma, industrial cancers, etc.

Product Liability

All aspects of product liability. Appeared for the Appellant in the case of **Abouzaid**.

Inquests

Accidents, clinical negligence, deaths in police custody.

Abuse

Both litigation and in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. Institutional sexual abuse, including hospitals, schools and the church.

Mediation

Qualified and experienced mediator.

Qualifications

MA, Cambridge

Appointments & Memberships

Member of the Ogden Committee.

Member of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council for 10 years.

Member of Lord Boyce's committee to review the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

Member of the Personal Injury Bar Association, the Professional Negligence Bar Association, and the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association.

Directories

"He has wide knowledge, good client care skills and is tactically aware." – Chambers & Partners 2016

"Well regarded for asbestos claims." – The Legal 500, 2015

Publications

Editor/author of "Facts & Figures" from its first edition 21 years ago, to date.

Author of "Causes of Action" and "Heads of Loss"

Cases

Abouzaid v Mothercare (UK) – 21/12/2000 Casetrack (CA) – Products Liability under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 s.3;

Fairchild v Glenhaven & Ors [2002] 3 WLR 89 – Causation in mesothelioma claims

Dunnett v Railtrack Plc [2002] EWCA Civ 303 – Costs consequences of refusal to consider ADR

Snell v Young & Co Ltd [2002] EWCA Civ 1644 – Appeal of strike out of group Organophosphate Litigation.

Hoey v Sir Robert Lloyd & Co (limitation in asbestos claims)

Chandler v Cape Asbestos (piercing the corporate veil, and holding parent company liable for exposure to asbestos by subsidiary)

Fletcher v Astra Zeneca & Outward Bound (s.1 of the Compensation Act 1961 – socially desirable activities and adventure courses)