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King's Bench Walk

Steven Snowden QC

Call: 1989

Silk: 2017



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Public Inquiries, Group Litigation, Inquests, Insurance, Costs, Clinical Negligence

Steven Snowden QC is recognised in the independent legal directories as one of the leading barristers in the country in his chosen areas of work.

He is one of only three QCs who have been nominated as PI Silk of the Year for the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards in November 2021.

Steven's main areas of practice are high-value, complex or sensitive personal injury and industrial disease cases, group litigation and public inquiries. His practice extends to associated insurance, professional negligence and clinical negligence work. He works for claimants and for defendants.

Steven is a strong and experienced trial advocate and regularly deals with substantial and complex cases in court and in settlement meetings. His current case-load includes the liability and quantum aspects of head injuries, paraplegic and other serious spinal injury cases, amputations, psychiatric injuries and fatal claims. In disease work he deals with mesothelioma and other asbestos claims, and other occupational illness claims involving difficult issues of liability, causation or quantum. He is currently acting for the largest group of the infected and affected individuals and families (1,400+ core participants) in the Infected Blood Public Inquiry.

He is the elected Chair (2020 – 2022) of the Personal Injuries Bar Association, a member of the Bar Council and has for many years been one of the authors of the Judicial College Guidelines for the Assessment of General Damages in Personal Injury Cases.

Personal Injury

Recognised as a leading silk in the Chambers & Partners Guide and in the Legal 500.

Steven works on his own or with a junior in the full range of personal injury work on liability and quantum for claimants and defendants, including:

- Maximum severity quantum claims (fatal accidents, brain, spinal, amputation and other catastrophic injuries) with issues including periodical payments, pension losses, accommodation claims, prosthetics, assistive technology. He deals with claims involving speculative losses for young children and the overlap between business and personal losses. He regularly handles cases pleaded at £15m+, produces persuasive, detailed, narrative schedules and counter schedules and is fully familiar with all Ogden Tables and PPO issues.

- Road traffic accident claims involving technical expert reconstruction evidence.
- The full range of public liability and employers' liability claims, including occupiers' liability, Animals Act claims and those relating to manual handling, workplace accidents, defective work equipment, etc. He has advised and pleaded in post-ERRA claims. He often deals with issues of contribution among defendants and is familiar with substantial contracts and provisions within them for contractual indemnities.
- Cases involving allegations of fraud, exaggeration or fundamental dishonesty.
- Psychiatric injury claims including functional neurological disorders, functional cognitive disorders and somatoform disorders.
- Chronic or complex pain conditions including fibromyalgia and ME.
- Sports injuries.