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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.

Directories

As a junior, Steven was for many years recognised in Band 1 for personal injury work and industrial disease work in the Chambers & Partners Guide and in the Legal 500. Since 2017 Steven has been listed as a leading silk in personal injury and industrial disease. He is one of only 10 silks nationwide in the "spotlight table" for industrial disease in the Chambers & Partners Guide.

Quotes over the years include:

"An outstanding litigator with a forensic attention to detail. He is very good on his feet and always delivers the right results."

"He is a skilled barrister and understands that strategy and tactics are as equally important as the legal analysis."

"Provides calm and considered advocacy in catastrophic injury cases."

"A very polished advocate."

"Very thorough. He has quality drafting and court skills but also has strong commercial awareness when required. He is able to cut through complex issues with finesse."

"Approachable, knowledgeable and good at working in a team."

"Clued-up, committed and sharp as a tack."

'Very bright, approachable, good with clients and unflappable.'

"A cut above the rest, he is a brilliant advocate, analyst and strategist."

"A masterful performer in court."

"...conjures an easy, yet beguiling, familiarity with witnesses."