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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.

Costs

Steven is very familiar with costs budgeting and with technical costs arguments.

Cases include:

- At costs hearings after trial advancing novel and detailed arguments about 'success' which achieved orders for issue-based costs, payment of a proportion of costs, and set-off against damages: *Everett v London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority* (Lawtel 7.11.14 and articles in JPIL 2015 C108 and PILJ 2015 (Feb) 10-11)
- Achieving an award of costs for a defendant despite its Part 36 offer being beaten by a margin: *Carver v BAA* [2008] EWCA Civ 412; [2009] 1 WLR 113; [2008] 3 All ER 911; [2008] PIQR P15