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Practice Overview

Chambers & Partners 2019 (PI)

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Chambers & Partners 2019 (Clin Neg)

He demonstrates particular strength in complex claims involving cerebral palsy and other infant brain injuries.

Practice Specialisms

Personal Injury (especially spinal and head injuries)

Clinical Negligence

Medical Law

Professional Liability (especially solicitors)

Insurance Litigation

Appointments

Deputy High Court Judge

Chairman of P.I.B.A (2002 - 2004)

Former Member of the editorial team for Kemp & Kemp

Referee pursuant to Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

Former member of the Master of the Rolls Working Party on Structured Settlements.

Directory Comments

Chambers & Partners 2019 (Personal Injury)

A formidable advocate who acts in multimillion-pound cases involving injuries of maximum severity and complexity, such as to the brain or spine. He maintains a stellar reputation for his claimant work while also regularly representing defendants in high-value cases. *"He is one of the best silks in the North of England for catastrophic injury work - he is absolutely phenomenal."* *"He is a fearsome negotiator who commands respect from opponents and is able to give robust and sensible advice."*

Chambers & Partners 2019 (Clinical Negligence)

Has experience on both the defendant and claimant sides of complex cases, including crossover personal injury cases in which doctors fail to spot early signs of more serious injuries. He demonstrates particular strength in

complex claims involving cerebral palsy and other infant brain injuries. *"He has an amazing eye for detail and is extremely thorough in preparation. A brilliant advocate and a joy to see in court."* *"An extremely bright performer."*

Recent work: Secured a multi-million pound settlement for a young girl with severe cerebral palsy which was allegedly caused by poor prenatal care.

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Strengths: "He has a brain the size of a planet and is so prepared for conferences that he puts everyone else to shame." "A QC of unrivalled excellence. His attention to detail is exceptional and he keeps the whole legal team on their toes. Both instructing lawyers and opponents hold him in the highest regard."
Chambers & Partners 2018 (PI)

Has experience on both the defendant and claimant sides of complex cases, including crossover personal injury cases in which doctors fail to spot early signs of more serious injuries. Also advises on wrongful birth, obstetrics and adult-acquired brain injury cases.

Strengths: "He's a brilliant advocate and is extremely thorough." "Extremely experienced, and very well regarded and respected at the Bar."

Recent work: Acted in a cerebral palsy claim and successfully secured a multimillion-pound care package for a young girl after mistakes made prior to birth starved her brain of oxygen.
Chambers & Partners 2018 (Clin Neg)

Has a broad personal injury practice that often crosses over into the clinical negligence sphere. Has acted in several large cerebral palsy cases with large periodical payment orders.

Strengths: "He has meticulous preparation."
Chambers & Partners 2017 (Clin Neg)

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Strengths: "If I had a seriously tricky liability or causation matter I would go to him. He has a very no-nonsense approach and is taken very seriously by his opponents." "A QC of unrivalled excellence. His attention to detail is exceptional and he keeps the whole legal team on their toes."

Recent work: Acted for the claimant in *Wilshaw v Viridor Waste Management*, a catastrophic injury claim arising out of an RTA.
Chambers & Partners 2017 (PI)

Possesses extensive expertise in catastrophic injury cases and is frequently instructed on behalf of claimants and defendants in high-value claims. Sources favourably regard his positive approach to extremely complex cases.

Strengths: "Absolutely brilliant on cross examination. He has a massive intellect, and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the case. He's also very good with the clients."

Recent work: Handled a cerebral palsy case, resulting from chronic hypoxic ischaemia, the central issue of which concerned whether this occurred intrapartum or in the late antenatal period

Chambers & Partners 2016 (Clin Neg)

He is regularly instructed in high-value and complex cases stemming from brain and spinal injuries. He is highly esteemed by instructing solicitors and opponents alike for his experience and superb advice.

Strengths: "He has unparalleled attention to detail and a sensible, pragmatic approach." "Negotiating with him is a pleasure."

Chambers & Partners 2016 (PI)

'A brilliant advocate, who is a joy to watch in court.'

Legal 500 2016

"His gravitas is immense; he strikes fear into his opponents."

Legal 500 United Kingdom 2015

"A veteran silk whose considerable clinical negligence expertise makes him a top choice for cases concerning catastrophic injuries and high-value claims.

Expertise: "He's an intimidating advocate who puts his huge brain to good use - his attention to detail is second to none."

Recent work: He was instructed on a complex cerebral palsy case where the individual concerned had the most severe manifestations of the condition, including epilepsy, visual impairment and profound learning difficulties. " Chambers and Partners 2015 - Clinical Negligence

"Recognised for his proficiency in catastrophic personal injury cases, particularly those involving brain injury. He is instructed by both defendants and claimants.

Expertise: "You know you're in safe hands because he will leave no stone unturned and will spot the tiniest detail in papers - he can add value just from being so thorough." "He dispenses wise and shrewd advice." "

Chambers and Partners 2015 - Personal Injury

"Huge gravitas."

Legal 500 2014

"Acclaimed for his depth of clinical negligence expertise. Instructing solicitors value his mastery of detail and regard him as an ideal choice for catastrophic injury cases.

Expertise: "He is a fine cross-examiner with a ferocious intellect."

Recent work: He acted in a multimillion-pound cerebral palsy case. "

Chambers and Partners 2014 - Clinical Negligence

"Particularly highly regarded for his ability with cases relating to catastrophic brain and spinal injuries, in which he acts for both claimant and defendant solicitors.

Expertise: "He has a great eye for detail and he's a very good negotiator - very well respected and tenacious."
"He's an outstanding analyst."

Chambers and Partners 2014 - Personal Injury

"Is a formidable advocate who has a buoyant practice focused predominantly on handling catastrophic injury claims. "

Chambers and Partners 2013 - Clinical Negligence

Is "a big beast of the legal jungle" who is acknowledged by his rivals as "a truly formidable opponent." He "has a wealth of experience, and a total grasp of any case or solution presented to him." Commentators note that public liability work remains an area of particular strength for him. "

Chambers and Partners 2013 - Personal Injury

"Within Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Byrom Street star silks include Raymond Machell QC "
Legal 500 2013