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Practice Overview

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
Civil Fraud
Employment
Clinical Negligence
Professional Liability
Partnership
Health and Safety
Professional Discipline
Defamation
Public Law

APPOINTMENTS

Attorney General's Provincial List (1992)
Standing Counsel Inland Revenue (2000)
Recorder (Crime, Class 2, Civil, Chancery) (2001)
Qualified Mediator (2009)
Bencher (Middle Temple) 2013

ASSOCIATIONS

HSLA,
CBA

Commercial Litigation

Simon is experienced in all aspects of commercial litigation and has developed his junior practice in silk.

Concluded cases

Catfoss Finance v Topdog: claim for conversion of hired goods settled at trial.

Dixon v S & N [2002] 4 Comp LR 484. Construction of Beer Order in a case in which the issue was whether the tenant had breached the terms of his tenancy agreement. First time the order had been the subject of judicial consideration.

Abbey Archway v Cooper. Construction of an option agreement for the sale of land in which there were 2 such options, both of which the Claimant purported to exercise and in respect of which the Defendant alleged undue influence.

Flowrite v Masternaut. £1,000,000 claim for breach of contract resulting from a failure to pay for goods supplied, the Defendant claiming that the goods were unfit for purpose.

Garforth Residential v Leeds City Council. Claim against local authority for failure to pay block grant involving construction of the National Assistance Act 1948.

TNT v Somerfield Stores Claim for loss of profits where extension of contract was conditional upon minimum sales figure being reached. Issue of whether figure was reached and whether, if not, the failure was manipulated by the Defendant.

Sample current cases

€30m claim for damages and conversion in connection with 4 yachts.

Defending Commercial Court claim for breach of contract in relation to the contract's termination for non-performance.

Defending £6m claim for company accused of deliberately misinforming insurers about financial information.

Representing company directors in Tax Tribunal where HMRC seek penalties in respect of a declared tax avoidance scheme, which failed.

Employment

Simon has long experience in employment work, especially relating to improper use of confidential information and breach of restrictive covenants, but including advisory work on the implementation of new rules and regulations.

Concluded cases

Menage v Nuffield. Claim by doctors wishing to decamp to new private hospital to be released from their contract of services with the existing provider.

Re F. Claim by a taxi company to restrain passing off relating to their name and the recruitment of existing employees by competing business set up by ex-employees.

Re Nuffield. Advice on application and requirements of new nursing homes regulations to large private supplier.

Re X: Advised serving police officer on whether disclosure of adverse judicial finding is compulsory or whether, in the circumstances, the Chief Officer is breaching the agreement for service. Officer reinstated in investigative capacity with disclosure accompanied by explanation of circumstances of finding.

CCC: Super-Injunction against employee, restraining disclosure of confidential information.

Sample current cases

Advising partner dismissed by partnership in claim including sex, religious and age discrimination.

Representing respondent charity in claim by alleged employee whose contract for services expired and was not renewed.

Personal Injury

Simon has long experience in employment work, especially relating to improper use of confidential information and breach of restrictive covenants, but including advisory work on the implementation of new rules and

regulations.

Concluded cases

Barnsley Footwear v Masters. Claim by company against former employee for account of profits arising from employee's new business. Issue as to precise status of Defendant, confidentiality of information and whether information legitimately acquired.

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Sample current cases

Advising ex director on whether co-director's actions amount to repudiation of contract where key financial decisions made in absence of director and where financial information deliberately withheld.

Clinical Negligence

Simon has regularly acted for Hospital Trusts and doctors.

Concluded cases

M v Calderdale and Kirklees Health Authority (formerly West Yorkshire Health Authority) [1998] Lloyd's Rep Med 157. Health Authority's delegation of care of patient under S1 NHS Act 1977.

Bancroft v Harrogate Health Authority [1997] 8 Med LR 398. Causation in cervical cancer.

Burke v Leeds HA [2001] EWCA Civ 51. What constitutes negligent advice in clinical care.

Sample current cases

Acting for Claimant in claim against hospital for cerebral palsy said to be caused by negligent treatment.

Professional Liability

Simon mainly deals with cases involving solicitors, barristers and accountants, often when professionals acts together to administer an estate or as part of a tax planning exercise. He has also acted in cases involving architects and surveyors.

Concluded cases

Del Grosso v Payne & Payne [2007] EWCA Civ 340. Claim against solicitors for negligent advice regarding the purchase of a club.

Singer v James Hay. Claim by beneficiary of pension fund against pension trustees, solicitor and accountants regarding pension planning and purchase of annuity.

Seddon v Egan. Acted for solicitor in a claim by client alleging failure to adequately advise on £3m deal to sell commercial site subject to conditions.

Sample current cases

- Acting for charitable trustees regarding potential misuse of charitable funds by employees as sanctioned by professional advisers who were also trustees.
- Right to Buy. Lead counsel for 11,000+ Claimants in negligence claim against solicitors acting for purchasers of council houses.

Professional Discipline

Simon acts regularly for firms of solicitors being investigated by the SRA. He has advised other professions as diverse as accountants and probation officers, and has advised on the wording of professional rules and guidance, and the setting up of disciplinary proceedings. He has represented numerous police officers via the Police Federation. In December 2010 he completed a 6 year stint on the BSB Conduct Committee and resumed taking instructions for Barristers.

Concluded cases

The Law Society v Waddingham & Ors [2012] EWHC 1519 (Admin): successfully defended solicitors the subject of SRA appeal that SDT's decision that clients not dishonest should be overturned.

Re T: Successfully argued that case against barrister should be dropped and recovered costs for Bar Mutual.

Re H & L. Representing firm of solicitors appearing before SDT in relation to charges brought arising from the COPD (Miners' Compensation) scheme.

Richard Inquiry. Acted for the Humberside Police Federation in the Inquiry into the Soham murders and made successful representations regarding comments in the Report.

Alder Inquiry. Represented police officers in the IPCC inquiry into the death of Christopher Alder.

Cross Border. Represented 3 officers charged with various offences arising from the Cross-Border investigation.

Re H Probation Service. Advised Probation Service as to disciplinary routes open regarding officer who had failed to complete an adequate OASYS assessment with catastrophic results.

Sample current cases

Representing firm of solicitors appearing before SDT in relation to charges brought arising from the COPD (Miners' Compensation) scheme.

Advising Customs Officers regarding disciplinary proceedings brought after criminal charges were dismissed.

Partnership

Simon regularly deals with partnership matters, usually involving the dissolution of professional firms, or misfeasance on the part of partners. He also has experience of franchise litigation.

Concluded cases

Scargill v Crank. Claim for an account turning on issue of when the Partnership was dissolved involving close construction of Partnership Agreement.

Re Cheshire. Claim for breach of Franchise Agreement by local franchise holders of national firm, based on deliberate default of franchisor.

Thompson v Shackleton. Breach of Partnership in food business including claims of theft and fraud.

Re C. Claim by one partner against others for conspiring against him to force his retirement, including holding secret partnership meetings and refusing to provide proper access to information.

Sample current cases

Acting for partners in claim against ex-partner alleged to have breached accounting rules and procured resignation rather than expulsion by covering up those breaches.

Acting for partner in claim that ex-partners falsified accounting position of firm in attempt to expel him from partnership and obtain existing assets when partnership dissolved.

Advising solicitor on restrictive covenants and construction of contract as he attempts to extricate himself from his former partners.

Advising solicitor on construction of interrelated Partnership/LLP/LMC Deeds and his entitlement as regards basic share and points.

Health and Safety

Simon deals with criminal cases, advises on the effect of accidents, and deals with civil claims involving damage to property.

Concluded cases

R v Butters. Acted for employee directly responsible for fatal accident at Lightwater Valley in both the Inquest and the criminal proceedings.

R v Next. Prosecuted Next Plc for fatal accident in which employee abseiled from fork-lift truck with inadequate equipment and died when the rope paid out without stopping, causing a fall of about 30m.

Re E MAPPA. Advice on departmental enquiry after offender committed suicide when the subject of supervision.

R v Next plc. Prosecuted Next for fatal accident when lift inadequately specified and maintained.

Sample current cases

Representing 2,000 Claimants in claim against chemical company for allowing fire causing escape of toxic gas from its premises.

Defamation

Simon has accepted defamation instructions since taking silk.

Concluded cases

X v Y. Acted for Claimant in a case where Defendant making accusations of criminality and theft from friends. Settled for damages and costs.

Re Solicitors. Acted for 2 firms of solicitors accused in a script of an investigative BBC Radio programme of assisting an offender. Script altered.

Levi v Bates ([2009] EWHC 1495. Acted for successful Claimant in action for libel against Ken Bates regarding the takeover and subsequent management of Leeds United.

Weston v Bates & Anor [2012] EWHC 590. Successfully represented Claimant before Master and Judge in

Defendant's application for order that he had not been properly served in Monaco.

Levi & Anor v Bates & Ors [2012] EW Misc 9. Successful harassment claim, following on from the defamation action between the named parties.

Ontulmus & Ors v Collett & Ors [2013] EWHC 980. Successfully resisted strike out on basis that Claimants had no trading reputation in the jurisdiction.

Sample current cases

- Advising professional sportsman the subject of made up quotes in a newspaper article, which adversely affected ongoing contract negotiations.
- Representing foreign businessman in libel claim against ex-customer and the customer's business/legal advisor, in which claim for lost business exceeds €4.5m.
- Representing director of a company accused by US based journalist of being a fraudster.

Directory Comments

"His commercial and Chancery expertise includes tax tribunal matters"
Legal 500 United Kingdom 2015

"Is recognised for his expertise in commercial cases and a range of other civil matters "
Legal 500 2014

"His practice encompasses criminal, civil and regulatory matters, and his financial crime expertise extends to covering insurance, advance fee, broking and tax frauds. "
Chambers and Partners 2013 - Fraud Criminal

"is exceptionally bright and an outstanding advocate"
Legal 500 2013 - Chancery and Commercial Litigation

"Has a heavyweight commercial litigation practice "
Legal 500 - 2012

"Simon Myerson QC ... acted on the Asgha Holdings case, concerning an alleged pension and banking fraud on shareholders. In a strong vote of confidence in his abilities, his clients include legal professionals themselves accused of fraud."
Chambers & Partners 2012 - Fraud: Criminal

"Simon Myerson QC has a heavyweight civil fraud, defamation and disciplinary practice."
Legal 500 2011

"...very user-friendly and high-quality. He handles serious crime, criminal and civil fraud, regulatory work and commercial and professional negligence"
Chambers and Partners 2010

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Chambers & Partners 2025 (PI) - a Band 1 Silk

James Rowley KC is well known as a leading expert on quantum issues in high-value brain injury cases. He frequently represents child claimants at all stages of complex clinical negligence cases arising from negligence at birth. He has further proven strength in delayed diagnosis of cancer and meningitis cases.

"James has a high level of technical knowledge and skill. He's an impressive and persuasive advocate."

"He has a brain the size of a small continent - just so intelligent!"

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Clin Neg) - a Band 1 Silk

James Rowley KC maintains a balanced practice representing both claimants and defendants in catastrophic injury cases. He deals with claims of the utmost severity, including amputations along with brain and spinal injuries. He is lauded by sources for his attention to detail and understanding of complex quantum issues.

"James is phenomenal. The guy is a walking encyclopaedia on case law. He never says a word that is not relevant to advancing his case and operates on another level."

"James is a true master of clinical negligence law."

PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury

Clinical Negligence

Mediation as an expert/evaluative mediator in the above fields

APPOINTMENTS

Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn

Counsel to the Alder Hey Inquiry (2000)

Recorder of the Crown and County Courts (2003-2015)

Chairman of the Personal Injuries Bar Association (2010-12)

ASSOCIATIONS

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Member of the London School of Mediation
Registered Mediator of the Civil Mediation Council

AUTHORSHIPS

Serious Personal Injury Litigation - Quantum updated to 2024 [Buy Now]
A PIBA Guide to Pension Loss Calculation
Facts & Figures: sections on Care and Pensions

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born in 1964 in North Staffs., educated at Stonyhurst and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, James studied Classics (MA) before converting to Law. He lives in the Cheshire countryside with his wife and has 3 grown up sons. He plays cricket but increasingly poorly. Otherwise, he describes himself as an armchair sportsman, gardener and cook, and keeps a wine cellar.

Personal Injury

James Rowley specialises in Personal Injuries litigation of maximum severity or special interest. He works for claimants and insurers. His breadth of experience allows him to cover the entire spectrum of cases. An understanding of medical/expert evidence, numeracy and attention to detail in paperwork maximizes his client's position.

James has covered cases on liability involving almost every conceivable type of personal injury claim including:

- accidents on the roads
- accidents on construction sites, in factories and involving occupiers' liability
- military accidents in training (including SAS selection in the Brecon Beacons) and disasters in Iraq and Afghanistan
- sporting injuries
- injuries arising out of faulty consumer goods

On the quantification and settlement of claims, James takes an active role in choosing and leading the team; he drafts detailed Statements of Case, Schedules and Counter Schedules himself in heavy actions; he knows the ins and outs of early pathfinder JSMs and how to guide a case towards its best tactical resolution. He has particular experience in cases of:

- Serious brain injuries and where the issue of capacity is borderline
- Spinal injuries at all levels
- Amputee cases at all levels, including bilateral amputation
- Psychiatric injury and especially PTSD
- PPOs for overseas residents including Brazil and Australia
- Reverse indemnity agreements / abatement clauses from PPO orders in respect of statutory funding to the benefit of both claimant and insurer
- Reduced expectation of life and the medical literature associated with its evaluation

REPORTED CASES

Hammond v Gibbon [2023] EWHC 2550 (KB)

There was no liability on a motorist when a 4 1/2 year old child ran from behind a parked vehicle, in her nearside peripheral vision, into collision with the front nearside corner of her Freelander vehicle. (Represented the successful motorist.) [Click to read the article "Hammond v Gibbon - A case of eccentricity"]

Moreira v Moran (t/a ACH Joinery and Building Contractors [2021] EWHC 1800 (QB)

Two self-employed builders were equally liable for the brain injury sustained by a labourer who fell from a mezzanine onto a concrete floor. Their negligence in failing to provide a safe place and system of work had caused his accident. In the circumstances, the owner of the premises had not breached its common duty of care under the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 s.2 and was not liable. (Represented the successful occupier of the premises.)

Faisal v Younis & Active Brands [2018] EWHC 1111 (QB)

On appeal in a case where a two-year-old child, accompanying his mother to a convenience store, had been able to open a bottle of caustic soda with faulty top and ingest from it, the Recorder had been entitled to apportion responsibility on the basis that the bottle manufacturer should bear two-thirds and the shopkeeper one-third for displaying hazardous goods at pushchair height.

(Represented the successful manufacturer, having admitted liability, in gaining contribution from the shopkeeper.)

Dunhill v Burgin [2014] 1 WLR 933, [2012] EWHC 3163 (QB), [2012] EWCA Civ 397, [2011] EWHC 464 (QB)

A litigant's capacity to conduct proceedings was to be judged on the basis of the claim which she actually had, not on the basis of the claim as formulated by her lawyers. CPR Pt 21 invalidated a consent judgment involving a protected party where it had been reached without the appointment of a litigation friend and court approval, even where the individual's lack of capacity had been unknown at the time of the compromise.

"There was much more to the defendant's arguments than this, and they were made with conspicuous learning and skill. It was certainly not counsel's fault that we rejected them." - Baroness Hale, after summarizing James' arguments before the Supreme Court, in the Peter Taylor Memorial Lecture 2014 to the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Scott and Evans v Griffiths 2014 WL 16579 - A motorist had taken the precautions a reasonable motorist would have taken in the circumstances before his car struck a pedestrian who had stepped on to the carriageway. He had reacted to the presence of the pedestrian at the side of the road by taking his foot off the accelerator and steering towards the centre of the road; there had been insufficient time to brake and, consequently, no breach of his duty of care in failing to brake. (Represented the successful motorist.)

Threlfall v Hull City Council [2011] ICR 209 - The Court of Appeal gave guidance about the correct approach to the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 reg.4 and reg.6, with particular emphasis on how to determine whether personal protective equipment was "suitable". (Represented the claimant on the successful appeal.)

Stanley v Bryn Close t/a Armthorpe Moto Parc [2009] EWHC 2849 (QB) - The court determined that a motor track operator was both vicariously and directly liable for the actions of one of its track marshals, following a collision between two motorcyclists, as it had failed to employ and train the marshals properly. (Represented the successful claimant.)

The Kajaki Dam Disaster v MoD (2008) - Liability compromised on confidential terms between a section of 3PARA losing limbs and life in a minefield in Afghanistan in 2006. Chinook rescue helicopter attempted to land, the downwash causing further detonations. Issues on liability involving combat immunity and the duty of care; resources; practicalities; military planning and deployment of proper aircraft in Medevac. (Represented the family of Cpl. Mark Wright GC at the Inquest, when he questioned the Surgeon General on the lack of provision of suitable Medevac and rescue helicopters, and the survivors on liability issues in the civil actions.)

Samantha Roberts v MoD (2006) - Liability and quantum compromised on confidential terms. Sgt Roberts, the first British casualty of the 2nd Gulf War, was shot and killed by his own side having given up his body armour, which was in short supply and would have saved his life. Issues involving combat immunity and the duty of care; political constraints on the open purchase of equipment in the run up to the declaration of hostilities while UN Inspection Teams were still in Iraq; deficiencies in training in the firing of the coaxial machine gun of the Challenger 2 tank. (Represented the Widow at the inquest, where he unlocked the cooperation of the MoD in providing sensitive evidence by applying for a witness summons in respect of the Secretary of State for Defence, and in the civil action.)

In the PTSD Group Actions - Multiple Claimants v MOD [2003] EWHC 1134 (QB) - Ministry not generally in systemic breach in the past when the risk of chronic/delayed PTSD was thought to be low. Ministry immune under Statute prior to 1987 and with continuing Common Law combat immunity as widely defined. However, 4 of the 14 Lead Claimants established liability (subject to statutory immunity in early cases) for *Bolam* breaches in their care after combat. CBT and drug therapy found to be effective in the treatment of PTSD. (Senior Junior for the claimants, who were unsuccessful on generic breach issues but successful on generic causation issues.)

Craven v John Riches et al and Knockhill Racing Circuit [2001] EWCA CIV 375 - On a track day, the respondents had been negligent by allowing riders of motorcycles travelling at high speeds to be on the race track at the same time as riders travelling at slow speeds. (Junior for the claimant, who lost at first instance but succeeded on appeal.)

Jebson v MOD [2000] 1 W.L.R. 2055, I.C.R. 1220 CA - "Ministry liable for injury after night out" - where an obligation of care was implied or assumed in respect of a person who was likely to be drunk, that liability could not be avoided because the person was inebriated. (Represented the claimant, who lost at first instance but succeeded on appeal.)

SAMPLE CURRENT CASES

Too numerous to specify. Relevant cases will be supplied on specific request.

Clinical Negligence

James has covered all the common sorts of case on liability over the years and many unusual ones. He has particular experience in the interpretation of CTG traces (applying the NICE Guidelines of 2001, 2007, 2014, 2017 and 2022) and cases of infant meningitis and septicaemia. An ability to find and focus on the key factors within the unique matrix of each case is what counts; but his experience includes:

- Obstetric/midwifery and neo-natal mismanagement

Failure in CTG monitoring, IUGR, excessive use of Syntocinon, cases of twin and home delivery, amniotic fluid embolism, premature labour, cord prolapse, uterine rupture and shoulder dystocia, perineal tears, HIE, hypoglycaemia and polycythaemia, persistent pulmonary hypertension, vitamin K deficiency and GBS infection in the new-born, retinopathy of prematurity, achondroplasia / foramen magnum decompression, neonatal balloon valvuloplasty for valve stenosis

- Delay in diagnosis

Premature precipitate labour, cancers, meningitis, subarachnoid haemorrhage, brain abscess, tetanus, diabetic foot, abdominal aortic aneurysm, cervical myelopathy, spinal extradural haematoma leading to paralysis.

- Cardio-vascular events

Cardiac disease, stroke, mismanagement of hypertension, peripheral arterial and vascular disease, DVT, delay in relief of tension pneumothoraces.

- Generally

Minimally-invasive (keyhole) surgery, ERCP including torn oesophagus, gastro-enterological and colo-rectal disease, acute pancreatitis and hepato-biliary tract disease; gastrectomy and vagotomy; radiation enteritis; mismanagement of schizophrenia.

James prefers to draft his own Statements of Case - usually for disclosure during the pre-action protocol - to refine the issues at an early stage. Following agreement/ determination of liability, he is active in the preparation for and negotiation of claims to assess damages.

REPORTED CASES

Beech v Timney [2013] EWHC 2345 (QB) - A GPs record of low/normal blood pressure (110/80) in a 34-year old man was not inaccurate or negligently obtained. Even if the BP had been $\geq 180/110$, the absence of antihypertensive treatment, stepping up gradually over 6 months prior to a haemorrhagic stroke, made no difference as it would have happened anyway. Efficacy of treatment of high blood pressure considered. (Represented the successful GP.)

Spencer v NHS North West [2012] EWHC 2142 (QB) - A health authority had not been negligent in its treatment of a baby who had developed Group B haemolytic streptococcus shortly after her birth, causing irreversible brain damage. There was no basis for finding that no reasonable midwife would have acted as had the midwife in the case, and the fact that the illness had been preventable did not mean that it had been caused by negligence on the part of the health authority. (Represented the unsuccessful claimant.)

Parkes v Mann [2011] EWHC 1724 (QB) - No liability on a GP for failing to refer to hospital a woman in fact in *premature* labour but presenting with slow, almost silent dilation of the cervix (similar to common discomfort in pregnancy) rather than contractions. *Precipitate* delivery was not reasonably foreseeable: a GP could reasonably give advice to seek further assistance if there was some development. (Represented the successful GP.)

Morris v Blackpool Victoria Hospital NHS Trust [2003] EWHC 1744 (QB) and [2004] EWCA Civ 1294. (Junior for the unsuccessful claimant.)

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Directory Comments

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"James is very intelligent and knows his stuff. He is a very formidable opponent who is a reliable advocate."

"James has excellent attention to detail."

"James is a good barrister because he is effective and works well to targets."

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Chambers & Partners 2023 (Clin Neg) - Band 1

Chambers & Partners Directories 2023 say this:

"James Rowley QC (a Band 1 Silk in both Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury sections each year) ...

Clinical Negligence

2023

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Lectures, Seminars and Publications

Books

PNBA *Facts & Figures* (annually) - General Editor and Author of Chapters K1: Care and attendance and H1: Notes on Pension Losses

Serious Personal Injury Litigation - Quantum Updated to 2024: Author

"... a meticulous and masterful work ..." the Honourable Mr Justice Turner (in the Foreword)

A PIBA Guide to Pension Loss Calculation (2020): Main Author

"This publication calls for compliments, but I am not being merely complimentary in suggesting it will become indispensable" the Right Honourable Lord Justice Irwin (in the Foreword)

Articles

James has published articles on the themes in the above book titles for many years and in addition:

Periodical Payments Orders - Useful or useless? Kemp incorporating Quantum 1/2007

Combat Immunity and the Duty of Care [2004] JPIL 280

Seminars

James speaks regularly (to both sides): on the quantification of damages in serious cases; in Schedules Masterclasses, drafting tricky heads of damage on screen; on CTG interpretation for lawyers in obstetric claims with the evolving NICE Guidance.