

## Rhiannon Jones KC

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### Practice Overview

Chambers & Partners 2022 (PI) - Band 2

Rhiannon Jones KC appears for both claimants and defendants in serious injury and chronic pain cases, with particular expertise in spinal and brain injury claims involving complex issues of quantum. Her practice also encompasses fatal accident and sexual abuse claims.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Personal injury for both Claimants and Defendants

Clinical negligence for Claimants

Inquests

Professional negligence relating to personal injury/clinical negligence cases

### ASSOCIATIONS

PIBA

### Personal Injury

Rhiannon acts for Claimants and Defendants in substantial or complex employers liability, public liability and road traffic accident claims. She is particularly sought after for her expertise in high value spinal and brain injury cases. Early in her career she appeared as junior counsel in **Biesheuvel v Birrell (1999) PIQR Q40** and this was followed by instructions in a number of high value spinal injury cases, notably **Owen v Brown [2002] EWHC 1135 (QB)**, **Parry v Humbert (2005)** and **Streeter v Hughes and MIB [2013] EWHC 2841**. She has continued to specialise in the whole spectrum of catastrophic injury claims since then.

Rhiannon is also regularly instructed in brain injury cases involving children, subtle brain injury cases, amputation claims and fatal accidents.

She has experience in investigating contributions from public funding in cases where contributory negligence is an issue.

She regularly acts in claims with a foreign element including cases where the Claimant lives abroad after the accident and she has had to gain an understanding of care systems, health funding and insurance provision in these countries and the implications arising from these so far as the damages claim is concerned. Recently settled claims involve Claimants living in the United States and Poland.

She has experience of dealing with cases with complex loss of earnings claims involving loss of the chance of career progression.

Rhiannon has also been involved in a number of cases where the initial injury has been complicated by subsequent negligent medical treatment and issues arising as to the interaction of the various defendants. Expertise in the management of the expert evidence in such cases is vital.

She has dealt with a number of cases where fundamental dishonesty has been raised.

She regularly appears in contested interim payment applications. (See **Hardman v Davies [2019] 11 WLUK 470** and **Farrington v Menzies Haines [2019] EWHC 1297 (QB)**)

## Clinical Negligence

Rhiannon is instructed to advise and represent patients and their families in clinical negligence cases. Her caseload covers a wide spectrum of medical accidents, including birth trauma, delayed diagnosis, failure to diagnose cardiac conditions, consent and failure to act upon information that previous anaesthetic had caused serious neurological complications.

## Directory Comments

### **Chambers & Partners 2023**

"Rhiannon was brilliant. She can use her experience and expertise to guide you through the process and can really turn the case around."

"She is excellent on detail and on complicated medical matters. She's got a great eye for detail."

"She is a fearless advocate."

"Rhiannon provides a fantastic service to her clients. She is also technically excellent and gives sound advice to ensure cases are progressed as quickly as possible."

"She gets to the heart of the issue quickly and she's very responsive."

"She's an incredibly bright individual and she's very thorough."

### **Legal 500 2023**

"Rhiannon is one of the best KCs doing this work and her attention to detail is second to none. She has the ability to absorb huge volumes of information quickly and distil it down to the key issues in a clear and easily

accessible way. She is calm and reassuring with lay clients, and she is excellent in conference with experts on complex medical issues."

"Rhiannon is a formidable advocate. She grasps very complex issues and digests a huge volume of evidence swiftly, she is firm and clear with the client and she engenders huge respect from everyone."

#### ***Chambers & Partners 2022***

"She provides detailed advice, gets good results and is amazing in court. Her advocacy is on another level."

"She is highly experienced, incredibly organised and always prepared."

"She is exceptional on paper and on her feet in court."

#### ***Legal 500 2022***

"Rhiannon has excellent attention to detail and outstanding advocacy skills, as well as having a personable and approachable nature."

#### ***Chambers & Partners 2021***

"Rhiannon is exceptional - her ability to sift through evidence and present her case is incredible. She makes the most complex matters seem readily understandable, and her direction on cases is invaluable. She is also very personable, always approachable and passionate about what she does."

#### ***Legal 500 2021***

"She is very compassionate and has a very caring manner with clients and their families. She is extremely well prepared and very methodical in conference. She has strong advocacy skills and her drafting is meticulous."

"Methodical, meticulous, dogged, wants nothing but the best for the clients and makes sure they get the best they can."

#### ***Chambers & Partners 2020***

"She is incredibly thorough and has an outstanding eye for detail."

"She is extremely pragmatic and excellent with clients."

#### ***Legal 500 2020***

"Excellent, thorough and impressive."

#### ***Chambers and Partners 2019***

*"She represents her clients' interests well"*

#### ***Chambers and Partners 2018***

"She's amazing. She goes through everything meticulously and is always on the money in her assessments of what can be achieved."

"Outstanding both on paperwork and on her feet. She has superb judgement and an eye for detail."

#### ***Chambers & Partners 2017***

*"She's tactically brilliant."*

*"She is very incisive and good at getting to grips with the particulars of a case with a heavy volume of paperwork."*

*"She's absolutely fantastic, full of empathy for the clients and always puts them first."*

#### **Chambers & Partners 2016**

*"She acts for both Claimants and Defendants and is acknowledged by her peers for her expertise in representing insurers."*

*"She works extremely hard on her cases and gives her all to her clients."*

*"She puts up a good fight and fully understands what the insurers are expecting and needing."*

#### **Chambers & Partners 2015**

*"She has the ability to get to the heart of the matter and give pragmatic advice."*

*"She is tactically very, very good, gets on well with clients and puts time and effort into the preparation of her cases."*

#### **Legal 500 2015**

*"She richly deserved her silk appointment"*

#### **Chambers & Partners 2014**

*"Acting on a broad range of high value personal injury work, handling issues involving fatalities, amputations and severe psychiatric injuries. She has particular experience in catastrophic brain and neurological injury claims. Acts for Claimants and Defendants and is adept in dealing with issues of quantum and liability"*

#### **Legal 500 2014**

*"A calm, efficient barrister, who gets to the heart of a claim quickly."*

#### **Chambers & Partners 2013**

*"She impresses with her resourcefulness, pragmatism and respect for clients"*