

## Jason Wells

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### Practice Overview

Chambers & Partners 2022 (Clin Neg) - Band 2

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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Clinical Negligence  
Personal Injury  
Professional Discipline  
Inquests

#### APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Coroner

#### ASSOCIATIONS

Personal Injury Bar Association  
Professional Negligence Bar Association  
Northern Circuit Medical Law Association  
Royal College of Surgeons of England

### Clinical Negligence

Jason is regularly instructed by Claimants in high value complex clinical negligence cases, involving all areas of medical malpractice. Most of these cases settle and are not reported.

Current cases include birth injuries, delayed diagnoses resulting in a variety of injuries (including locked in syndrome, cauda equina syndrome, amputations, stomas, infertility, death) and surgical errors.

#### Reported cases

**Welch v Waterworth [2015] EWCA Civ11**

## Personal Injury

Instructed for Claimants and Defendants in high value cases, including road traffic accidents and accidents at work.

## Professional Discipline

Jason has represented practitioners in a variety of professional disciplinary cases at the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Chiropractic Council.

## Inquests

Jason sits as an Assistant Coroner in the Greater Manchester South District.

Jason regularly appears in Coroner's courts across England and Wales, in cases involving medical accidents, deaths in custody, road traffic accidents and accidents at work. He represented the parents of a number of babies who died at Furness General Hospital.

## Directory Comments

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**Strengths:** "Very thorough and provides realistic advice, but is not overcautious and willing to plead difficult cases if necessary. He has a collaborative approach, and as a former surgeon he obviously has excellent medical knowledge." "A very logical thinker with very good judgement."

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**Strengths:** "I find that he is really approachable with clients. He's very practical too, and the fact that he used to be a doctor makes him really strong on medical issues."

**Recent work:** Acted for a child with bilateral deafness allegedly caused by the failure to treat hyperbilirubinaemia. The case was settled for £1 million at a joint settlement meeting.

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Clin Neg)

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Chambers & Partners 2019 (Clin Neg)

**Strengths:** "He is very tenacious, very enthusiastic, very helpful and good with the evidential issues."

"Impressive at trial. He's thorough and has meticulous attention to detail."

**Recent work:** Assisted with a GP failure to refer case, in which the claimant now suffers locked-in syndrome after presenting to his GP with increasingly bizarre neurological symptoms.

Chambers & Partners 2018 (Clin Neg)

Sources often highlight his background as an NHS surgeon as a major advantage when dealing with medically complex clinical negligence cases.

**Strengths:** "I was really impressed with the depth and thoroughness with which he went into the case, really taking it apart line by line." "He has a direct approach; he's sympathetic and kind, but is clinical and cuts to the chase."

Chambers & Partners 2017 (Clin Neg)

Highly rated by both clients and peers, not least for his understanding of complex medical matters. His background as a surgeon and specialism in urology is considered a practical advantage.

**Strengths:** "He's particularly good on his feet, and is very good technically on the medical aspects of the claim."

Chambers & Partners 2016 (Clin Neg)

"Well versed in the medical field due to his prior career as a urologist. He is beginning to utilise his medical expertise in inquests-related work.

**Strengths:** "His medical background gives him fantastic insight."

Chambers and Partners 2015