# Byrom Street Chambers

# **Jason Wells**

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#### **Practice Overview**

#### Clinical Negligence (Band 1)

Jason Wells is a talented junior barrister with experience handling brain injury cases, as well as amputations and fatalities. His background as an NHS surgeon helps inform his practice when dealing with medically complex clinical negligence cases. He demonstrates a good command of issues such as delayed diagnosis.

#### Strengths:

" Jason is a well-informed, knowledgeable and highly skilled counsel. "

" A great junior with a technical handle on all things."

" Jason is a very experienced junior in medical negligence work. "

" He has a great forensic ability and he is fabulous on complex clinical cases. "

## Legal 500

Clinical Negligence (1)

Jason is a forthright advocate with great insight and understanding of the medical issues in any case.

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**

Chambers & Partners 2025 (Clin Neg) - Band 2

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"Jason is thorough and provides reasonable and clear advice."

"Jason always provides excellent and sound advice. He is helpful and thoughtful, with a real attention to detail."

"Jason's ability to decipher issues pertaining to breach of duty and causation is unrivalled."

"Jason is very thorough and detailed. He is a former surgeon so that helps with understanding where medical folks are coming from."

Chambers & Partners 2024 (Clin Neg) - Band 2

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"Jason is very good analytically and is always responsive."

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"Jason's medical background enables him to forensically review the evidence."

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"He is very pragmatic."

"Jason's pleadings are considered and concise." Chambers & Partners 2023 (Clin Neg) - Band 2

**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." Chambers & Partners 2022 (Clin Neg) - Band 2

**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)