

Ian Bullock



YEAR OF CALL: 1975

INN: INNER TEMPLE

Practice Overview

Prior to concentrating on civil work Ian had a heavyweight criminal practice during which Ian honed his skills as an advocate and cross examiner that led to Chambers and Partners describing him as "good on his feet".

His civil practice involves personal Injury work as well as clinical and professional negligence. He has dealt with catastrophic injury claims and many industrial disease cases, especially asbestos related illness. He has advised on stress at work claims and product liability disputes.

Ian has a considerable experience in inquest work and had dealt with complex and lengthy inquests. In addition, Ian has considerable experience of dealing with property insurance cases, fraudulent insurance claims or claims where an indemnity is refused or limited due to non-disclosure. He has also dealt with property damages due to the escape of noxious substances from adjacent properties.

Ian is a qualified mediator.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Ian has considerable experience in clinical negligence cases and has acted both for Claimants and for Health Authorities. His work has included birth injury claims, including cerebral palsy, brachial plexus injuries, and injuries resulting from forceps delivery. He has also dealt with a large number of birth claims including both psychological and gynecological injuries.

He has dealt with cases involving both the failure to diagnose cancer and the consequences of misdiagnosis of cancer. His experience has encompassed all likely avenues of possible litigation. He has also dealt with numerous cases of dental negligence.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

Ian has vast experience in inquest work and has dealt with complex and lengthy inquests such as the collapse of the working cradle on the Avonmouth Bridge, and the crash of a school bus in South Wales. Both hearings ran for over ten days.

In addition he has dealt with inquests arising out of road traffic collisions and industrial accidents as well as other situations such as the deaths of pupils on school trips, and workmen killed by the collapse of buildings.

In addition Ian has completed the AVMA inquest course that dealt specifically with deaths that might involve clinical negligence in hospitals or at the hands of GPs. He has also been instructed in inquests following deaths in Police Custody and where people have committed suicide at work when under pressure.

Mediation

Ian qualified as an accredited mediator and has had experience of observing and conducting mediations that have ranged from disputes over wills, landlord and tenant disputes, and commercial disputes.

Personal Injury

Ian has considerable experience of a whole range of personal injury work. He has dealt with catastrophic injury claims involving complex damage calculations regarding earnings, care and attendance for both Claimants and Defendants. These cases have often involved the consideration of the appropriateness of periodical payments.

Ian has always had an extensive practice in employers' liability claims involving accidents at work and has also dealt with many claims concerning stress at work. He has acted for both Claimants and Defendants in these matters. In addition he has lectured on both topics.

He has considerable experience in road traffic claims, and has dealt with claims against local authorities both for Claimants and Defendants.

Professional Negligence

Ian has acted in a number of cases concerning professional negligence. These cases have involved mistakes made during the course of litigation by solicitors and counsel. Most of these cases involved the undervaluation of a claim and/or procedural mistakes which were made during the course of litigation that caused the loss of the claim or the Court having to award considerably smaller sums than should have been paid due to mistakes or oversights during the proceedings.

Property Damage & Insurance Disputes

Ian has had considerable experience with property insurance litigation, acting for both Claimants and Defendant insurance companies over the years. . He has dealt with a huge variety of cases including fires in thatched roofs, the spontaneous combustion in grain stores, contamination of large milk tankers through the use of the incorrect

cleaning agents, fires in warehouses, floods in multiple occupancy premises, leaks of drainage and sewerage, as well as other types of damage or alleged damage to domestic premises. These cases involved disputes over liability in respect of any damage as well as quantum. Ian has experience of dealing with the insurance aspects of property insurance claims where the liability is denied for various reasons. These include allegations of fraudulent claims, issues with indemnity denials, or allegations that indemnity is limited due to material non-disclosure or an undervaluation of the property involved. Ian has also dealt with cases concerning the value of damaged property and claims of business interruption. He has also dealt with claims of property damage allegedly resulting from the escape of noxious substances from adjoining properties.

Professional Memberships

- ▶ Personal Injury Bar Association
- ▶ Professional Negligence Bar Association

Qualifications & awards

- ▶ LLB (Bristol)
- ▶ Inner Temple Teichman Scholarship
- ▶ Inner Temple Scholar
- ▶ Observer Mace winner

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