

David Regan



YEAR OF CALL: 1994

INN: INNER TEMPLE

JUDICIAL OFFICE: DEPUTY
DISTRICT JUDGE (CIVIL),
ASSISTANT CORONER



Very pragmatic and good with clients.' 'He has vast expertise in inquests and fatal claims in particular. Family members really appreciate his genuine interest and empathy, but he is also robust in court, tactically savvy and very accessible. He is a calming influence and a pleasure to work with.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2019
CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Practice Overview

David practises in all areas of personal injury law and has extensive experience of medical and other professional negligence actions. He has a broad clinical negligence practice, acting for claimants and clinicians, and has extensive experience of complex causation disputes. He has established a good rapport with lay and medical witnesses, and is renowned for his expertise in cases where there are fatal consequences.

David's personal injury expertise sees him regularly being instructed in cases involving vulnerable claimants including cases of severe psychological disorder, rape, sexual abuse and distressing reproductive, genito-urinary and bowel disorders.

David's practice is complemented by his expertise in employment law, where he has particular interest in issues arising from disability in the workplace.

He is a regular contributor to the New Law Journal and the Solicitors' Journal.

David is qualified to undertake public access work in appropriate cases.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

David has extensive experience acting for claimants, hospitals and clinicians in all aspects of clinical negligence litigation. He has particular expertise in cases of fatal injury and complex causation disputes. He has published on both subjects in the New Law Journal and the Solicitor's Journal. He regularly acts in cases with catastrophic consequences and is happy to provide informal advice by telephone. He has established a good rapport with lay and medical witnesses and combines an approachable manner with academic rigour.

Employment

David has extensive experience of advocacy and advisory work in the field of employment law, in the fields of racial, sexual and disability discrimination, redundancy, 'whistle blowing', transfer of undertakings, constructive and unfair dismissal. He also has experience of claims for unlawful dismissal in the County Court.

The profile of David's practice is varied. He acts for both claimants and respondents and regularly acts for a number of local authorities and statutory bodies. He has also acted for both statutory bodies and defendants in the field of Professional Disciplinary Proceedings and has particular experience of lengthy and complicated Police Disciplinary Proceedings and Appeals.

David's particular area of interest is in the field of disability discrimination, which is complemented by his practice in the field of personal injury and medical negligence.

In common with all members of Chambers, David is happy to discuss matters related to employment law with instructing solicitors on an informal basis by telephone.

Areas of expertise include:

- ▶ Law relating to discrimination (particularly disability discrimination)
- ▶ Professional disciplinary hearings

Inquests and Public Inquiries

David has experience of complex multi-party inquests, acting for families and other interested parties. This includes deaths arising from:

- ▶ Clinical negligence;
- ▶ Death of a child in care;
- ▶ Suicides in custody and in the context of continuing medical treatment;
- ▶ Deaths at work and arising from industrial disease;
- ▶ Multi-party motorway collisions.

Personal Injury

David is regularly instructed in cases involving vulnerable claimants, including cases concerning severe psychological disorder, rape, sexual abuse and distressing reproductive, genito-urinary and bowel disorders. David is happy to advise by telephone on an informal basis. He is an approved Pupil Supervisor and has trained as an Advocacy Trainer for the Western Circuit.

Areas of particular interest and expertise include:

- ▶ Limitation, Issue Estoppel, Abuse of Process and Civil Procedure
- ▶ Fatal accidents: complex and persisting claims for dependency
- ▶ Complex historic industrial disease such as mesothelioma and other consequences of asbestos exposure, vibration white finger, noise-induced hearing loss, repetitive strain injuries
- ▶ Catastrophic injury: extensive experience of cases where accidents result in conditions such as tetraplegia, quadriplegia and brain damage including complex multiple injuries, cognitive disabilities and personality change
- ▶ Liability for animals: cases involving strict liability concerning negligence of horses, livestock and dogs (including guard dogs). Also liability for nuisance caused by wild animals
- ▶ Physical and sexual abuse: care and residential homes, actions involving local authorities and schools
- ▶ Psychological injury: cases arising within and outside the workplace. Complemented by David's practice in employment law, particularly in the field of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- ▶ Highways: the liabilities of Highway Authorities; nuisance; liability for defective trees and adjoining structures

Professional Negligence

David's practice includes cases of negligence in the conduct of litigation in the fields of personal injury, employment law and more widely in the law of tort. He has acted for very vulnerable litigants mistrustful of the legal profession following their previous experiences. He has experience in actions outside of the conducted appeals in the Court of Appeal in actions relating to issues of issue estoppel arising from previous negligence.

David has also acted in cases of the negligence of estate and letting agents and surveyor's and architect's negligence.

Recommendations

"David frequently undertakes fatal accident, surgical negligence and misdiagnosis cases. 'He seems to know everything about everything. He's very strong technically and very empathetic.' 'He has a very good reputation in the field of fatal issues.' 'He's thorough and helpful.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2018
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"David represents claimants and defendants as part of his comprehensive clinical negligence practice, and is also active in professional negligence, personal injury and employment law. He frequently handles fatal accidents and failures in general practice. 'Very thorough and good on quantum.' 'He's very good on fatal cases and on tricky medical issues. He's very nice with clients and expresses difficult issues to the client in understandable terms.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2017

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"He has technical brilliance and a very sensitive and understanding client matter."

LEGAL 500, 2018

PERSONAL INJURY AND CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

"Well known for his expertise in disability discrimination matters."

LEGAL 500, 2018

EMPLOYMENT

"Very thorough with great attention to detail."

LEGAL 500, 2017

PERSONAL INJURY AND CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

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Appointments:

- ▶ Deputy District Judge (Civil)
- ▶ Assistant Coroner

Professional Memberships:

- ▶ Personal Injury Bar Association
- ▶ Employment Law Bar Association
- ▶ Western Circuit

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ MA (Oxon) Dip Law



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