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Essential toolkit seminar

*for personal injury and
clinical negligence
lawyers*

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- 5.30pm

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Programme



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1.00 - 1.25pm Registration and refreshments

1.25 - 1.30pm Welcome and introduction

1.30 - 1.55pm Opening plenary session

Louise Asprey, Deputy Head of Personal Injury team
Robert Mills, Deputy Head of Clinical Negligence team

2.00 - 2.55pm Parallel Session A Parallel Session B Parallel Session C

Introduction to chronic pain

James Hughes and
Rhodri Jones, Barristers

Secondary victims

James Marwick

Mock CCMC: Case management directions and costs budgeting

Louise Asprey, Barrister (acting as the Judge), Jimmy Barber and Jonathan Lindfield acting as Counsel

2.55 - 3.10pm Refreshments

3.10 - 4.05pm Parallel Session D Parallel Session E Parallel Session F

Making the most of Part 36: A practical guide

Jimmy Barber and
Jonathan Lindfield, Barristers

Vicarious liability in the clinical negligence sphere

Robert Mills and
Rhodri Jones, Barristers

Relief from sanctions: hints & tips on bringing or opposing an application (mock hearing)

Rachel Segal, Barrister (acting as the Judge), Louise Asprey and David Forster acting as Counsel

4.10 - 5.05pm Introduction to Fatal Accident Act claims

Robert Mills, Deputy Head of the Clinical Negligence team

5.05 - 5.20pm Q & A Session

5.20pm Join our speakers for a drinks reception overlooking the views over the Harbourside.

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Louise Asprey
Barrister (Call 2007)
St John's Chambers

Louise has many years of experience representing both claimants and defendants in personal injury and clinical negligence matters. She regularly deals with claims arising out of road traffic accidents and is experienced in dealing with claims brought under the Highways Act 1980, the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 and the Defective Premises Act 1972. Louise regularly advises on these matters and is skilled at assisting with the best tactics required to achieve an early conclusion of proceedings. Louise has particular experience in dealing with issues in respect of fundamental dishonesty.

As well as representing parties at fast-track and multi-track trials, Louise also has gained extensive experience of acting and advising on high-value claims with complex loss of earnings and pension calculation issues.

As a member of the Attorney General's Regional Panel B, Louise is instructed on behalf of the MOD and the MOJ in respect of various personal injury and clinical negligence matters. Louise is regularly instructed on behalf of the MOJ to represent their interests in inquest proceedings surrounding deaths in custody. She also has experience of representing interested persons at inquests arising in the context of clinical negligence.



Jimmy Barber
Barrister (Call 2008)
St John's Chambers

Jimmy accepts instructions in all aspects of personal injury law, primarily acting for insurance companies and local authorities and public bodies. He is willing to accept instructions from claimants on a CFA basis in appropriate cases. He is regularly instructed to advise, settle pleadings and to attend trials and interim hearings in multi-track cases in the County Court and the High Court.

Jimmy has significant experience of fraudulent RTA claims, and has dealt with claims involving allegations of dishonesty, surveillance footage, low velocity impacts, staged accidents and exaggerated claims. He has secured multiple findings of fundamental dishonesty at trial.

He is experienced in employers' and public liability and industrial disease claims, including claims involving health and safety regulations, NIHL, occupational stress, the Highways Act 1980, the Occupiers' Liability Acts and claims for negligence. He acts in travel law claims brought under the Montreal and Athens Conventions and the Package Tour Regulations.



James Marwick
Barrister (Call 2008)
St John's Chambers

"James is extremely engaging, commercial and pragmatic. He has an amazing ability to identify the heart of the issues. He is also extremely responsive."

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PERSONAL INJURY

James accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury work acting for both claimants and defendants.

Particular specialisms include construction industry, road traffic accidents, fraud and public liability. James is regularly instructed to act where there are allegations of fraud or fundamental dishonesty and he is an experienced trial advocate particularly where there are causation concerns. He is a specialist in all procedural matters and has recently acted in several cases concerning, inter alia, the deployment of surveillance evidence, stand alone fundamental dishonesty hearings and the disapplication of QOCS.

This work complements instructions in the full range of road traffic accidents, public liability and employer's liability (including industrial disease) matters together with recovery contribution claims. James has a significant advisory and drafting practice dealing with all aspects of liability, quantum and procedure.

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James Hughes
Barrister (Call 2011)
St John's Chambers

James is a specialist personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner. He has extensive experience across the full spectrum of such work, including public and employer's liability, road traffic accidents, industrial disease and travel claims. He is a highly experienced interim hearing and trial advocate. He acts for claimants and defendants in roughly equal measure. He is regularly instructed on behalf of defendants or their insurers where allegations of dishonesty or the disapplication of QOCS are argued.

In addition to his core personal injury and clinical negligence caseload, James is also a specialist in data protection, privacy and confidentiality work, whether arising out of the GDPR/data protection legislation, or at common law.



Rachel Segal
Barrister (Call 2013)
St John's Chambers

"A strong, organised and approachable barrister, who goes above and beyond to be available to deal with urgent matters. She is patient and understanding with clients, and is excellent at explaining complex matters in layman's terms."

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Rachel is a specialist personal injury and clinical negligence barrister with a busy court and paper practice across the spectrum of personal injury law.

Rachel advises and represents claimants and defendants in a range of RTA, Highways Act, employers' liability, occupiers' and public liability matters.

Her recent clinical negligence work has ranged across ophthalmology (cases involving keratoconus and Fuch's Endothelial Dystrophy), obstetrics and gynaecology, oncology (particularly delayed diagnosis of breast cancer) and dentistry. Rachel also continues to be in particular demand for her specialism in relief from sanctions applications following her published work in this area.



Robert Mills
Barrister, (Call 2014)
St John's Chambers

"Robert is wise beyond his years, and his attention to detail is admirable. He is incredibly responsive, commercial and pragmatic."

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CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Robert is a clinical negligence specialist, acting for both claimants and defendants. He has experience of litigation across a wide range of areas of medicine, with a particular interest in obstetrics, brain injuries, oncology, orthopaedics and cardiology. He also conducts clinical negligence inquest work. He is experienced in handling high value litigation involving life-changing injuries.

Robert has a particular interest in the law surrounding fatal accident claims, which represent a core component of his practice and on which he regularly provides training. He provides specialist advice on high value claims for care, loss of earnings and pension loss. He is regularly instructed by solicitors across the country, including Birmingham, Manchester and London, as well as a strong practice in the South West.

Robert is one of the leading barristers in the country in the field of dental negligence. In June 2018, he represented the claimant at the Royal Courts of Justice and obtained the highest ever reported damages award in a dental negligence case.



Jonathan Lindfield
Barrister (Call 2017)
St John's Chambers

Jonathan is a specialist personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner. He has a busy practice, balancing frequent court appearances with regular paperwork, and routinely acts for both claimants and defendants.

He is regularly instructed on all levels of claim, from small claims to cases on the multi-track, and is experienced in providing detailed, clear, tactically sound advice at all stages of the litigation process, as well as being well-versed in courtroom advocacy. Jonathan regularly drafts pleadings, Letters of Claim, Part 35 questions to experts, Part 18 questions, as well as a range of other documents.

He is an approachable, personable advocate who has a down-to-earth approach with both lay and professional clients. He understands the challenges faced by those instructing him, particularly with respect to limited costs recovery, and endeavours to reflect that in his attitude towards the turnaround of paperwork and cases in general. He is happy to accept work on a CFA basis in suitable cases.



Rhodri Jones
Barrister (Call 2017)
St John's Chambers

Rhodri's practice focusses on clinical negligence, inquests, and personal injury.

Before retraining as a barrister Rhodri practiced as a medical doctor for 18 years, principally in A&E and general practice. His wealth of knowledge and experience enables him to quickly grasp the relevant issues in all aspects of medical law.

His recent experience includes advising and drafting statements of case in relation to claims in general practice, anaesthetics, cardiology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, general surgery, and dentistry. Rhodri assisted in the appeal case of *David Price v Cwn Taf University Health Board* [2019] EWHC 938 (QB). He has a particular interest in claims with complex issues of causation.

Rhodri also has significant experience in inquests representing families and Healthcare Trusts. His experience includes representing the family in a seven-day inquest following a neonatal death. He recently represented a GP following the death of a patient.

His personal injury practice includes advice, applications, and fast-track trials relating to road traffic accidents, employer's liability and occupier's liability.



David Forster
Barrister (Call 2018)
St John's Chambers

David specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence law, with a busy fast-track practice. He is frequently instructed by both claimants and defendants in a wide variety of fast-track matters, including; occupier's liability, employer's liability, Highways Act claims, RTA claims including LVI and fundamental dishonesty.

He has extensive experience on the small claims track, particularly in credit hire matters. He is also regularly instructed in CCMCs and interim hearings on multi-track claims.

David appeared for the defendant in *X (a Minor) v MPL Home & Senza Group Ltd* in which he successfully argued that a defective product claim fell within the ambit of the public liability protocol, and that the claimant's costs ought to be limited to the fixed costs within that protocol.

David also worked closely with his pupil supervisor Matthew White on the leading Highways authority case in *Barlow v Wigan Council* [2019] EWHC 1546 (QB).