Simon Dyer QC

Year of Silk/Call: 2017/1987

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PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Mediation | Clinical Negligence | Personal Injury

HIGHLIGHTS

"Excellent trial advocate." "Simon Dyer QC has an excellent manner with clients and is able to explain complex matters and instils trust." “A highly eloquent, unflappable and effective negotiator.” Legal 500 2021

"Simon is extremely thorough and has amazing attention to detail. He is well organised and responsive, as well as very calm and reassuring with clients." Chambers & Partners 2021
OVERVIEW

Simon Dyer QC specialises in clinical negligence and personal injury claims. He is in demand for important cases with complex issues and is considered the "go-to guy for high-value claims."

Simon acts mostly for claimants and is instructed largely by specialist clinical negligence and personal injury firms. He has been instructed in many high value cases and is regarded highly by solicitors from recognised firms. He conducts hearings, consultations and roundtable meetings, as well as drafting complex pleadings, including large schedules and written advice.

He is currently recommended in both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 for Clinical Negligence.

Simon is commended by the legal directories as "a strong and reliable silk who works through complex issues very well. He has a very good attention to detail and is very sympathetic when dealing with seriously injured clients." "He is calm and client-focused, and that makes a massive difference." "An exceptionally good advocate and one of the sharpest cross-examiners.” "His disarming style in joint settlement meetings and negotiations elicits praise from clients, and he is regularly instructed in multimillion-pound claims." "He puts clients at ease and is a phenomenal performer on his feet." “He frequently acts in challenging cases concerning child cerebral palsy and delayed diagnosis of cancer.” “is highly skilled on the full range of medical law and has a particular focus on cases involving complex cerebral palsy and spinal injuries." "Renowned for his knowledge of spinal injury, obstetrics and cerebral palsy cases".

Simon studied Law at the University of Kent. He was called to the bar in 1987 and took silk 2017. He was appointed a Recorder in 2020.

AWARDS

Appointed QC
Appointed a Recorder
REFERENCES

Legal 500 2021: “An excellent trial advocate”, has an “excellent manner with clients and is able to explain complex matters and instils trust” and is a “highly eloquent, unflappable negotiator.”

Chambers & Partners 2021: "Simon is extremely thorough and has amazing attention to detail. He is well organised and responsive, as well as very calm and reassuring with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2020: "A strong and reliable silk who works through complex issues very well. He has a very good attention to detail and is very sympathetic when dealing with seriously injured clients." "He is just so calm and client-focused, and that makes a massive difference." "An exceptionally good advocate and one of the sharpest cross-examiners at the Bar."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "Focuses on personal injury and clinical negligence for claimants who have suffered catastrophic injuries. He is regularly instructed in multi-million pound claims and elicits praise for his proficiency in joint settlement meetings." "He is very strong technically while also having a very good manner with clients." "A leading junior who is highly skilled in the full range of medical law, with a particular focus on cases involving complex cerebral palsy and spinal injuries. He primarily represents claimants." "He always shows good judgement and he inevitably secures good results at settlement meetings." "He is good in dealing with experts in conference and he has excellent client-care skills." “A leading silk who is highly skilled in the full range of medical law, with particular focus on cases involving complex cerebral palsy and spinal injuries. “He always shows good judgement and he inevitably secures good results at settlement meetings.”

Chambers & Partners 2018: "A leading junior who is highly skilled on the full range of medical law, and has a particular focus on cases involving complex cerebral palsy and spinal injuries. He primarily represents claimants." “Charming and puts clients at ease.” “Renowned for his attention to details and extensive knowledge of the case law and issues relating to clinical negligence.”
The Legal 500 2017: "An excellent advocate, who is very experienced."

Chambers & Partners 2017: "Is highly skilled on the full range of medical law and has a particular focus on cases involving complex cerebral palsy and spinal injuries." "Hugely experienced barrister who is excellent with clients." "Focuses on personal injury and clinical negligence for claimants who have suffered catastrophic injuries. His disarming style in joint settlement meetings and negotiations elicits praise from clients, and he is regularly instructed in multimillion-pound claims." "He puts clients at ease and is a phenomenal performer on his feet." "A go-to guy for high-value claims.

The Legal 500 2016: "An extremely good advocate and a quick thinker."

Chambers & Partners 2016: "He has excellent technical skills, coupled with a superb manner with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "Renowned for his knowledge of spinal injury, obstetrics and cerebral palsy cases". "His advocacy style is subtle, courteous and very effective; he is nimble but sure-footed when put in tight corners. He is very engaging and persuasive in settlement meetings." "Practical and objective in his advice. He has a very good style when dealing with clients and opponents."

Legal 500 2014: “Dyer wins the full backing of the market.”

Chambers & Partners 2014: "An in-demand junior with over 25 years' experience at the Bar, who has an ever-increasing focus on representing claimants in substantial clinical negligence cases. He frequently acts as sole counsel against silks in challenging cases concerning child cerebral palsy and delayed diagnosis of cancer." "He has good attention to detail and is a tenacious negotiator, as well as being approachable and down to earth with clients." "He's a pleasure to work with. He has excellent technical skills, coupled with a superb manner with clients."
APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Silk
Recorder
PIBA
PNBA

PUBLICATIONS AND TRAINING

Invited Speaker at PIBA 2017 annual conference

Invited Speaker AvMA Best Practice in Quantum Conference 22nd November 2016

Invited Chairman and speaker at the AvMA's Cerebral Palsy and Brain Injury Cases conference on 11th February 2015

Qualified Mediator


LNTV invited speaker on cosmetic surgery litigation Programme 5479 2009

Cloisters Annual Lecture : Spinal Injuries October 2009

Invited Speaker “Causation in Cancer Cases” at AVMAs Oncology Conference 4th December 2008.

Chair of the AVMA Essential Medicine in Obstetrics & Gynaecology Conference February 2007.
Invited speaker to the Welsh Assembly Government's Healthy Workforce Conference 29th September 2005.


Speaker at the AVMA Oncology and Clinical Negligence Conference 29th March 2004 on Provisional Damages and Periodical Payments in Cancer Cases

Author of “Gross Negligence Manslaughter” an article in Clinical Risk January 2004

Author of article in Clinical Risk May 2002 entitled “Claims for Psychiatric Injury Caused by Hospital Misinformation”.

QUALIFICATIONS

BA Hons (Law) Kent University

HIGHLIGHT CASES

IO v Kettering General Hospital [2020] QBD Steyn J

PMC v Imperial College Hospital [2020] QBD Chamberlain J.

Grace Davies v Sean Curry [2019] EWHC Master Eastman

Audhali v Sheffield Teaching Hospitals [2019] EWHC Master Yoxall

IO v Kettering general Hospital [2018] EWHC Mrs Justice Lambert

Kamal v Guys and St Thomas' NHS Trust [2017] EWHC (Master Roberts)

Thornburn v South Warwickshire NHS Trust [2017] EWHC 1791 (QB) (HHJ Pearce)
Hearne v The Royal Marsden [2016] EWHC 117 (HHJ Taylor) (QB)


ABC v Kettering Hospitals NHS Trust [2015] (Davies J) QB

Tresidder v Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust [2015] EWHC 1262 (HHJ Taylor) (QB)

Glasgow v Hillingdon Hospitals [2014] (Master Roberts) QB

Smith v Bailey [2014] (Master Yoxall) QB 29/4/14

Parsons v Abertawe Bro Morgannwg [2014] (HHJ Seys-Llewellyn QC) QB 28/4/14

Khudados v Hayden [Court of Appeal] [2008] C.P. Rep 12

NUM v UK Coal PLC [2008] IRLR 4

Hickman v Blake Lapthorn [2006] PNLR 20

Hartman v South Essex Mental Health and Community Care NHS Trust (Moore v Welwyn Components Ltd) [Court Of Appeal] [2005] PIQR 255

Millward v Oxfordshire County Council [2004] EWHC 445 (QB)


Farrell v Southmead Health Authority [2001] Lloyd's Rep Med 458