

Charles Robertshaw

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Insurance, Costs, Inquests, Credit Hire

Charles specialises in complex personal injury claims. He is regularly instructed for both claimants and defendants in a wide range of personal injury work involving serious injury and death, including: employers' liability, public liability, highways claims, clinical negligence, and road traffic liability. Charles' practice involves claims of high value, including some in excess of £1 million.

Charles is known for combining his notorious attention to detail and thorough preparation with an ability to identify the key issues in the case and provide pragmatic, clear, logical advice to his clients.

Charles is an experienced, persuasive and robust trial advocate. He is approachable and builds a strong rapport with his instructing solicitors and clients.

Where settlement is appropriate for his clients, he is a skilled negotiator both in JSM's and in mediations and regularly achieves successful outcomes for his clients without recourse to trial.

Clinical Negligence

Charles is regularly instructed in clinical negligence cases and has experience of advising on all aspects of such cases from the very outset of the litigation.

Having obtained a biology degree, he is well-placed to understand complex medical and biological issues which often arise in clinical negligence cases and he frequently conducts conferences with multiple experts.

Recent examples of his work in this area include:

- Acted for a claimant in a claim arising out of a failure by the defendant to properly monitor and promptly treat his Barrett's oesophagus and low grade dysplasia causing him to develop oesophageal adenocarcinoma and require an oesophagectomy. Complexity arose in the appropriate valuation and approach to settlement required given the claimant's increased future risk of cancer reoccurrence. The claim settled for a six-figure sum.

- Acted for an elderly claimant in a claim arising out of a fall at a care home due to negligent nursing by the defendant. As a result of the negligence, the claimant suffered a fractured hip and a significant decline in her functional state. A successful settlement was subsequently achieved and approved by the court.
- Advising on liability and quantum and attending a successful mediation in a claim involving the failure to obtain informed consent from a mother during birth (in this case, a failure to give full details of treatment options), leading to significant neurological damage, pain and incontinence and a consequent loss of a cherished career.
- Advising on quantum, particularly in relation to a large care claim, in a claim involving a delay in treatment of compartment syndrome. Complexity arose in this case due to (1) the precise length of the negligent delay and its effect on the claimant's prognosis and (2) the claimant having significant pre-existing mobility issues and care needs.

Qualifications & Awards

Imperial College, London BSc (First Class, Hons) in Biological Sciences,
LLB Law (Hons), The College of Law
BVC (Outstanding)
GDL (Distinction)

HR Light Bursary (Middle Temple Scholarship) Winner
College of Law (London) GDL Mooting Competition 2006
Awarded College of Law (London) Advocacy Prize 2007

Memberships

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