

Edward Ramsay

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Credit Hire, Fraud, Product Liability, International & Travel, Insurance, Industrial Disease

Edward is ranked as a Leading Junior for Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury and Inquests and Inquiries in the Legal 500 and for Clinical Negligence and Inquests and Inquiries in Chambers and Partners.

He has been described as showing "huge attention to detail", with "a razor-sharp intellect", "a fantastic medical and legal brain", and an "unrivalled knowledge of coronial law". In court the directories describe him as being "skilled", "fearless", and "fantastic on his feet", with "a natural instinct of which lines of inquiry to pursue with witnesses", "able to move the most stubborn and reluctant of judges to be on his side".

Edward accepts instructions across all practice areas in Chambers. He specialises in healthcare and inquest law and is frequently instructed in lengthy and complex hospital inquests, including enhanced Article 2 inquests and jury inquests.

In 2021 Ed was appointed Assistant Coroner for the Swansea Neath Port Talbot area.

He is frequently instructed on personal injury and clinical negligence cases acting for claimants and defendants, particularly in the field of fatal accident claims, and often where he has previously appeared at the inquest relating to the death in question. He has led many high value cases through from inquest to successful settlement, including at JSM and mediation.

Ed has extensive experience managing experts in conference and in drafting statements of case and complex schedules of loss. As a result of his inquest practice, he has a wealth of experience in general witness handling, including examination of experts.

Ed continues to act for large insurers in fraud and related costs work arising out RTA and exaggerated credit hire claims.

Product Liability

Ed's practice includes representing claimants and defendants in personal injury and fatal accident cases involving defective products, including claims with an international/cross border dimension. Ed had particular expertise in fatal accident cases arising from defective products where there may be related coronial proceedings.

Recent instructions include a large fatal accident claim involving a defective vehicle ramp, a fatal claim relating to a defective hospital device for administering IV medication, and claims against BMW in connection with the B+ cable issue and 2018 recall.

Ed Ramsay represents family of Narayan Gurung in widely reported BMW safety recall inquest

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course, (Outstanding).



Graduate Diploma in Law, (Distinction).

MA (Oxon) (History & Politics; First Class; 1st place in year).

Major Scholar, Inner Temple (2012)

Scholar, St. Catherine's College, Oxford (2007-2009)

Cases

Holt v Allianz Insurance Plc [2023] EWHC 790 (KB) – landmark decision on the use of pre-action disclosure applications by putative defendants facing claims for credit hire.

Jones v HM Coroner for Mid Kent and Medway [2020] EWHC 3733 (Admin) – successful application under s.13 of the Coroners Act 1988 to quash inquisition on grounds of insufficiency of inquiry and new expert evidence as to the medical cause of death.

R (on the application of Parkinson) v HM Senior Coroner for Kent [2018] EWHC 1501 – leading case concerning the domestic application of ECtHR jurisprudence on Article 2 in hospital inquests

McBride v UK Insurance Ltd [2017] EWCA Civ 144 Whether the Court should revisit its earlier decision in *Stevens v Equity Syndicate Management* [2015] EWCA Civ 93 regarding the correct approach to the calculation of Basic Hire Rates in credit hire litigation.

Greenway & Ors v Johnson Matthey Plc [2016] EWCA Civ 408. Whether platinum sensitisation is an actionable injury and/or capable of giving rise to more than nominal damages in contract and/or an exception to the rule against recovery for pure economic loss in tort.