

Gemma Scott

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Industrial Disease, Personal Injury, International & Travel, Product Liability, Clinical Negligence, Group Claim Litigation, Group Litigation, Aviation

Gemma specialises in serious personal injury cases, industrial disease claims, and in large group actions. Gemma has been shortlisted for 'Personal Injury Junior of the Year' at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2025.

She regularly appears against silks and senior juniors in High Court cases. She is also frequently instructed as junior counsel in multi-million pound claims, often working alongside silks from other chambers.

She is ranked in the fields of Personal Injury and Industrial Disease in the Legal 500 and in Chambers & Partners.

Gemma is a contributor to Sweet and Maxwell's *Asbestos: Law and Litigation*.

Group Litigation

Concept 70 Ltd v Cape Intermediate Holdings plc

Instructed alongside Charles Béar K.C. and Michael Rawlinson K.C. in a major product liability test case for insurers seeking a contribution to settled claims from manufacturers.

The Bomu-Bonny Oil Pipeline Litigation

Instructed on behalf of 15,600 Claimants in a class action against Shell arising from 2 substantial oil spills in the Niger Delta.

Gemma assisted with the quantification of the lead claims. This involved consideration of the likely effect of potential clean-up operations and the assessment of losses for people who did not keep records and were generally illiterate.

The terms of settlement are confidential, but it is believed to be the UK's largest ever environmental action.

Qualifications & Awards

The Queen's College, Oxford University, MA (Hons) Modern History

Post Graduate Diploma in Law (Nottingham Law School)

Bar Vocational Course (Nottingham Law School)

The Blake Prize in History, The Queen's College, Oxford

Memberships

PIBA

Directories

She is very strategic and has a light touch with clients and a pragmatic approach. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma's advocacy is excellent. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma is good with clients in conference, provides clear written advices, has good tactical awareness and is effective on her feet at CMC and preliminary hearings. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma is a great source of knowledge, and her advices are always extremely detailed and well reasoned. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

She is good with clients and very responsive to issues in a case. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma is a very strong disease junior. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

She has great attention to detail and provides concise yet comprehensive advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma is extremely skilled in handling very complex asbestos cases. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Her ability to help with cases requiring a lot of care and forensic evidence is exceptional. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

She is very practical, and her view on quantum is a particular strong point. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Gemma is a brilliant all rounder. She is a genuine expert in this specialist area, great with the clients and a great advocate. – Legal 500, 2025

She is an encyclopaedia in terms of history of asbestos use. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

She is a very safe pair of hands. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

She has got a very measured approach to risk. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Gemma manages to take a broad overview of cases but is also very thorough and attentive to the details of the evidence. The standard of the documents she drafts is excellent. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Her particular strengths are attention to detail, grappling with very difficult issues quickly and providing good, pragmatic advice to clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

She is an absolute star. She is very, very thorough and very good with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Gemma has provided some first-class advices in some very difficult cases, dealing with complex issues and expert witnesses. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Gemma is pragmatic in her approach and able to advise with ease on complex matters. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Gemma considers everything in fine detail in order to give the best advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Gemma has huge experience in the field of asbestos-related illness claims and her technical knowledge in this field is superb. – Legal 500, 2024

She has the ability to explain complex issues in terms clients can understand. – Chambers & Partners, 2023

She offers fantastic, practical advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2023

Gemma is an outstanding junior at the heart of the engine room at 12KBW, able to master the most complex legal and factual issues in catastrophic injury claims with consummate ease. – Legal 500, 2023

Has been at the forefront of a lot of high-profile asbestos cases, and the quality of her work is exceptional. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

She is an expert in asbestos litigation and has been involved in some of the recent test cases. – Legal 500, 2022

A brilliant, experienced junior who is very efficient, gives detailed advice and is able to deal with complicated cases. She has a clear-minded approach to issues and is very responsive. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

Has been involved in some of the most high profile cases in the area of asbestos litigation. Always super prepared and brings complex issues down to an understandable level due to her in-depth knowledge. – Legal 500, 2021

A very thorough junior. – Chambers & Partners, 2020

Her knowledge of the development of the understanding of asbestos risks is peerless. – Legal 500, 2019

Her knowledge on the history of asbestos is encyclopaedic. – Chambers & Partners, 2019

She is potentially a rising star in industrial disease matters. – Legal 500, 2018

Incredibly calm and intelligent lawyer who relates well to clients and produces work of the highest quality. – Legal 500, 2018

She has an excellent grasp of the law. – Legal 500, 2017

She's very bright and her in-depth knowledge of asbestos work is particularly remarkable given her call. – Chambers & Partners, 2017

She has a depth of knowledge of someone twice her call. – Legal 500, 2016

She has a fantastic depth of knowledge of asbestos cases – far beyond her year of call. – Legal 500, 2015