

Ivan Bowley

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Industrial Disease, Group Claim Litigation, Group Litigation

Ivan Bowley specialises in industrial disease and serious personal injury, acting on behalf of claimants. For many years he has been one of the leading juniors at the Bar for industrial disease litigation.

Ivan also practices at Lincoln House Chambers in Manchester and has regularly been listed in Chambers and Partners Band 1 for personal injury on the Northern Circuit and as a leading practitioner in the Legal 500. He is listed in Band 1 of the Chambers and Partners' list "Personal Injury: Industrial Disease – All Circuits".

Directories

Ivan is recognised in the legal directories as one of the leading barristers in the country for industrial disease and workplace injury claims, almost exclusively representing claimants in group actions and unitary claims.

The legal directories have variously described him as:

Ivan has worked at the forefront of disease group litigation for more than three decades with a wealth of experience and a mine of resource and knowledge. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

He can cut through difficult issues and focus on the bigger strategy with ease. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Ivan is a calm, considered and meticulous advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Ivan is a very good, experienced advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

He is very commercially minded and always has a clear vision of the wider strategy. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Ivan is an outstanding advocate who gets to the heart of the issue with ease. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

His written advice is thorough yet concise and he is equally strong in conference as he is on his feet in court. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Ivan has a breadth of experience that is unsurpassed. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Meticulous preparation and one of the most knowledgeable barristers in the field of asbestos litigation. – Legal 500, 2025

He is the whole package: intelligent, well-prepared, and a good advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Ivan's knowledge of asbestos disease litigation is second to none. He is extremely thorough and considerate with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

He is very good at communicating with judges especially in complex matters. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

His ability to tactically advance a claim and deliver the best results for the claimant is superb. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Ivan Bowley is very persuasive in both oral argument and written submissions. Robust, approachable and able to find practicable solutions to complex issues. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

He is the whole package: intelligent, well-prepared, and a good advocate. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

His advocacy and methodical approach are second to none. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

One of the most astute and knowledgeable barristers in this field with impeccable judgement. – Legal 500, 2024

Ivan has a wealth of experience in industrial disease group litigation. He has excellent attention to detail and puts claimants and expert witnesses at ease. – Chambers & Partners, 2023

Ivan exudes calmness and is very firm but always fair. – Legal 500, 2023

"Widely regarded as a top industrial disease specialist" "An exceptional junior for disease and illness claims, with encyclopaedic knowledge of hearing loss and asbestos cases." "Determined, bright and vastly experienced in industrial disease." "He has an enviable reputation for his expertise in industrial disease and workplace injury cases" "Sources praise his deep knowledge of the area and his advocacy skills."

He is thoughtful and considered – very few industrial disease barristers have his level of knowledge and experience. His strategic ability is unrivalled, and he is very methodical, incredibly approachable and very well prepared for all hearings and conferences. He is such a great advocate who has a great manner with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

He is a hugely experienced barrister, who is thorough and good with clients. Ivan is a pleasure to work with and he has an unparalleled attention to detail. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

Ivan is a formidable barrister, whose meticulous preparation and detailed knowledge of asbestos disease litigation means he easily gains the confidence and trust of often vulnerable and very poorly clients. – Legal 500, 2022

A charming advocate with a measured approach. He engages with judges and witnesses very well and can drive a case home to a successful conclusion. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

A leading junior in the occupational disease field who is very thorough and good with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

He is first rate and invaluable as a junior, with an unparalleled level of experience in group action work. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

His knowledge in this area is unparalleled and he's hugely experienced. His expertise in asbestos-related claims is very reassuring and his advice is always extremely considered and reliable. Measured, understated and very effective. – Chambers & Partners, 2020

Ivan has been listed for many years as a leading junior for personal injury in Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500.

He has been listed in every edition of the Chambers and Partners' Spotlight Table for Industrial Disease.