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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Costs & Litigation Funding, Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, Sport, Mediation, Arbitration, Abuse, Arbitration, Aviation, Fraud, Group Litigation, Group Claim Litigation, Industrial Disease, Inquests, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Professional Regulatory & Discipline

“Always brilliant, he’s polished and prepared and is someone who has a great manner with clients. His advice is spot on.”

Simon is consistently recognised by The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners as a leading silk in the fields of commercial costs and litigation funding, catastrophic brain and spinal injury, and related areas of sports law, clinical negligence, insurance, and professional negligence and professional regulation.

In addition, Simon is at the forefront of the development of law and civil procedure in the Court of Appeal and High Court in cases such as:

- Part 36 regime in *F & C Alternative Investments (2012) CA*, *Walker Construction v Quayside Homes (2014) CA*, *Yentob v MGN (2015) CA*, *Seabrook v Adam (2021) CA*, and *FKJ v RVT (2022) HC*.
- Relief from sanctions/abuse of process in *Mitchell v NGN (2014) CA*, *Cable v LV Insurance (2020) CA* and *CS LLP v HMRC (2024) Upper Tier Tax Tribunal*.
- Costs budgets, the drafting of e-bills of costs, and QOCS in *Henry v NGN (2013) CA*, *Bowman v Norfram and Ors. (2018) HC*, and *AKC v Barking and Havering Health Authority (2022) CA*.

Simon is a qualified mediator and arbitrator. He is registered with the Bar Council to accept direct access instructions and at the higher level of conducting litigation.

Clinical Negligence

In clinical negligence cases, Simon has successfully represented claimants and defendants in claims brought against medical practitioners both in hospitals, private practice, and general practice. He advises extensively over disclosure and expert evidence thereon.

Cases of note:

- ***Costello v North-West Anglia NHS Foundation [2023]*** – Failure to diagnose the intracranial lesion within the left mid brain and pons on the CT scan of the brain leading to paralysis where breach of duty was admitted but causation unsuccessfully denied.
- ***DEF v Southend University NHS Hospital [2019]*** – The claimant (aged 10 years) was injured because of negligent procedures during his birth in the defendant's hospital. The claimant was severely disabled by quadriplegic dyskinetic cerebral palsy level 4/5, having suffered damage in the deep grey matter of his brain. He always required assistance from multiple carers for the rest of his life. Settlement on liability was previously reached whereby the defendant was liable to the extent of 70% and substantial damages claim was settled.
- ***Hannah Bhadri v Dr. Hariram and Dr. Freed [2018]*** – Clinical negligence case against two GPs. The claimant was born with subluxation (partial dislocation) of her hips bilaterally. The claimant's condition was not identified until she was aged 4 ½- 5 years old when she complained of pain and limping. Following referral to Great Ormond Street, she underwent major hip surgery, which will have to be repeated later in life.