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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.

Sport

Simon’s work has included several sports and sports-related cases over his career as set out below. He has sat on various sporting committees and disciplinary tribunals. Further, Simon is knowledgeable on head injuries and dementia arising from contact sport having links with research projects. Between 2022 and 2024, he chaired a series of conferences and produced a number of reference papers on head injuries in sport.

Cases of note:

- ***XH and ITIA*** – Representing a professional tennis player who provided positive “A” and “B” samples for banned substances.
- ***P v D*** – A multi-million claim by a Premier League professional footballer settled after he suffered a serious leg injury in a road traffic accident. Liability and quantum were in issue. Both parties relied upon expert evidence including statisticians, industry experts and detailed forensic accountancy evidence, as to career prospects with the issues of career progression and loss of chance being central to the claim.
- ***Jones v WRU and WRRS*** – Advice upon liability for head and neck injuries sustained due to alleged lack of application of laws of game by referee.
- ***DEF v SW Harness Club and Kent CC*** – Trial as to liability and assessment of damages for severe injury sustained at horse trials sporting event with consideration of safety procedures, voluntary undertaking of risk, duty of care, and the governing rules of the sport etc.
- ***MH v RFU*** – Advice upon liability for Leicester and England prop in scrummage training when scrum collapsed and neck broken rendering tetraplegic. Consideration of disclosure, duty of care and practices in scrummaging.
- ***H – Club*** – Advice regarding rules concerning members sporting events in relation to health and safety and internal procedures.
- ***W v F*** – Advising on serious injury arising from polo event where foul play was alleged by victim against a fellow player.
- ***S v British Athletics*** – Advising on appeal of Olympic athlete following denial of funding, with the funding being restored on review.