

Steven Snowden KC

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Sport, Clinical Negligence, Inquests, Insurance, Group Litigation, Public Inquiries

Steven Snowden KC is Head of Chambers at 12KBW. He is recognised in the independent legal directories as one of the leading barristers in the country for personal injury work, being ranked in Band 1 in both the Chambers & Partners and the L500 guides.

Steven is an extremely experienced advocate who regularly deals with substantial and complex cases in Court and in settlement meetings. His main area of practice is high-value, complex or sensitive personal injury work, in which he acts for Claimants and for Defendants. His current caseload includes the liability and quantum aspects of head injuries, paraplegic and other serious spinal injury cases, amputations, psychiatric injuries and fatal claims.

In industrial disease work he deals with mesothelioma and other asbestos claims, and other occupational illness claims involving difficult issues of liability, causation or quantum.

His practice also encompasses associated clinical negligence and professional negligence work, insurance, sports, group litigation and public inquiries.

He was the elected Chair (2020 – 2022) of the Personal Injuries Bar Association, a member of the Bar Council (2020 – 2022), a Director of BMIF (2022 – 2024) and has for many years been one of the authors of the Judicial College Guidelines for the Assessment of General Damages in Personal Injury Cases.

Directories

Since taking silk in 2017 and for many years before that Steven has been listed as a leading barrister in personal injury work. He is ranked in Band 1 by C&P and in Tier 1 by L500. He is one of only 11 silks nationwide in the “spotlight table” for industrial disease in the C&P Guide. He is also ranked as a leading silk for Inquests and Inquiries by L500.

His most recent recommendations include:

He is very effective, extremely thorough and detailed. (Chambers & Partners 2025)

He is a very polished advocate who has a good manner in court. (Chambers & Partners 2025)

He is respected by both claimants and defendants for his knowledge and tactical ability. (Chambers & Partners 2025)

He is outstanding on his feet and extremely calm and measured in his advice. (Chambers & Partners 2025)

Steven displays consummate ability as a Silk, particularly as an advocate. (Legal 500, 2025)

He is very pragmatic. Steven's real strength is he is very user-friendly. He is very easy to deal with while maintaining his clients' interests. (Chambers & Partners 2024)

He is very accomplished and knowledgeable, yet patient and kind. He can explain complex legal terms very simply ... There's not much he doesn't know about quantum (Chambers & Partners 2024)

Steven is a leading light in the area; always on top of his game and a compelling advocate (Legal 500, 2024, personal injury and industrial disease)

Steven is an exceptional silk and a great negotiator ... Steven's ability to cut to the key points and cross-examine is superb ... He is brilliant on his feet ... Steven is a very calm presence, he puts clients at ease (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Steven is one of the most balanced barristers at the personal injury Bar. He works for both claimants and defendants which gives him a unique insight that benefits everyone (Legal 500, 2023, personal injury)