

Steven Snowden KC

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence, Public Inquiries, Sport, Court of Protection, Inquests, Insurance, Costs, Group Litigation

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 in his chosen areas of work. He is ranked in band 1 for personal injury and industrial disease in both the C&P and the L500 guides and also ranked for Public Inquiries and Inquests by the Legal 500.

Steven's main areas of practice are high-value, complex or sensitive personal injury and industrial disease cases. His practice extends to associated clinical negligence and professional negligence work, Court of Protection, insurance, sports, group litigation and public inquiries. He works for claimants and for defendants.

Steven is a very experienced trial advocate and regularly deals with substantial and complex cases in court and in settlement meetings. 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 disease work he deals with mesothelioma and other asbestos claims, and other occupational illness claims involving difficult issues of liability, causation or quantum. He represented the largest group of the infected and affected individuals and families (1,400+ core participants) in the Infected Blood Public Inquiry. He is instructed in the professional footballers' concussive injury claims. He is retained to represent patients and families in the Essex Mental Health Public Inquiry.

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 to 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 and industrial disease. He is ranked in Band 1 by C&P and in Tier 1 by L500. He is one of only 10 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 Public Inquiries by L500.

Quotes over the years include:

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 a very calm and polished advocate (Legal 500, 2024, inquests and inquiries)

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)

An immense role in representing very many of the infected and affected in the Infected Blood Inquiry. He is regarded as a very fair-minded opponent, and all the more dangerous for it – does not take bad points, so is trusted by tribunals and has the ear of the court (Legal 500, 2023, public inquiries)

He is very bright, good on the detail and excellent to work with (Chambers & Partners, 2022)

A real heavyweight silk who has an attractive advocacy style and an easy manner (Legal 500, 2022)

An outstanding litigator with a forensic attention to detail. He is very good on his feet and always delivers the right results (Chambers & Partners, 2021)

Meticulous in his preparation and very effective on his feet (Legal 500, 2019)

Approachable, knowledgeable and good at working in a team to get the best results for clients (Chambers & Partners, 2018)

Clued-up, committed and sharp as a tack (Chambers & Partners, 2018)

A masterful performer in court.

...conjures an easy, yet beguiling, familiarity with witnesses.