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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 as one of the leading barristers in the country in his main practice areas, being recommended as a leading KC for personal injuries work (Star Individual in the Chambers & Partners directory and Tier 1 in Legal 500) and he is also ranked in the directories for Industrial Disease and for Inquests/Inquiries.

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.

Industrial Disease

Recognised as one of only 11 silks nationwide in the “spotlight table” for industrial disease in the Chambers & Partners Guide (Band 2).

In this area, Steven predominantly now acts for claimants in respect of asbestos-related illnesses. But he also works in technical disease cases of all sorts for claimants and defendants including carbon monoxide (anoxic brain injury) cases, stress claims and higher-value or group industrial disease litigation.

This work regularly involves complex issues of limitation, breach, causation and apportionment, and dealing with expert medical and engineering evidence. In mesothelioma claims he is very familiar with the process of taking evidence on commission and with the “show cause” procedure. He regularly deals with the quantum side of high-value fatal claims.