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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.

Costs

Steven is familiar with technical costs arguments.

Cases include:

- At costs hearings after trial advancing novel and detailed arguments about 'success' which achieved orders for issue-based costs, payment of a proportion of costs, and set-off against damages: *Everett v London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority* (Lawtel 7.11.14 and articles in JPIL 2015 C108 and PILJ 2015 (Feb) 10-11)
- Achieving an award of costs for a defendant despite its Part 36 offer being beaten by a margin: *Carver v BAA* [2008] EWCA Civ 412; [2009] 1 WLR 113; [2008] 3 All ER 911; [2008] PIQR P15