

## William Featherby KC

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Insurance, Health & Safety, Abuse, Professional Negligence, Arbitration

### JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder (fully ticketed): 2001 | Arbitrator under the MIB Untraced Drivers' Agreement: 2014

The bulk of William's work is heavy personal injuries and clinical negligence litigation, particularly trial work. He is a leading silk in his field and is well known in the personal injuries world.

He has been noted as an outstanding cross-examiner in the legal press. He is featured in the Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence sections of all the leading professional directories.

William also specialises in legal, medical and professional ethics.

William's practice is London-based but he travels frequently to Manchester, Leeds and other centres. He conducts conferences all over the country.

William frequently gives talks and seminars to solicitors, insurers and other organisations. He is an expert in civil procedure (Member of the Rules Committee).

### Qualifications & Awards

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M.A. (Hons), Oxford (Scholar, Trinity College), 1977

Astbury (Middle Temple) Scholarship, 1977

### Appointments & Memberships

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Founding member of the Church of England's National Safeguarding Steering Group; Church Commissioner for England (and member of the pastoral and mission committee); Several synodical memberships; Member of the Civil Procedure Rules Committee; Member of the Bar Council's Professional Conduct Committee.

Member of the Personal Injuries Bar Association.

### Directories

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*He is a top choice for fraudulent claims.* – Chambers & Partners, 2021

*Experienced in catastrophic injury claims.* – Legal 500, 2021

*A brilliant advocate; he is incisive and formidable in cross-examination. He's also a reassuring presence in the courtroom and in conference, and has an excellent in-depth knowledge of fraud and contempt.* – Chambers & Partners, 2020

*He's an excellent trial lawyer.* – Chambers & Partners, 2020

*A great team player whose attention to detail is quite superb.* – Chambers & Partners, 2020

*A terrific practitioner.* – Chambers & Partners, 2019

*A tough advocate and a formidable opponent.* – Chambers & Partners, 2019

*Outstanding advocate who is extremely experienced in catastrophic injury claims.* – Legal 500, 2019

*An effective counsel and a formidable opponent.* – Chambers & Partners, 2018

*A force to be reckoned with.* – Chambers & Partners, 2018

*Undoubted leader in the (insurance fraud) field.* – Legal 500, 2018

*Particularly excellent.* – Legal 500, 2018

*He's a fearsome advocate and a very powerful representative.* – Chambers & Partners, 2017

*He's great on strategy, really brilliant.* – Chambers & Partners, 2017

*Meticulous in document preparation and a ruthless and thorough advocate.* – Chambers & Partners, 2017

*Incisive, with the ability to grasp complex medical issues.* – Legal 500, 2017

*He is a fearsome advocate. He is very good in cross-examination and is extremely good strategically.* – Chambers & Partners, 2016

*An excellent team player, with superb attention to detail.* – Legal 500, 2016

*A ferocious defendant's man and relentless crucifier of fraudulent PI claimants.* – Legal 500, 2015

## Cases

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*HS v. Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust [2015] EWHC 1376 (QB)* (clinical negligence)

*Hamed v. Mills and Tottenham Hotspur Football and Athletic Ltd [2015] EWHC 298 (HC)* (clinical negligence)

*Tate v. Ryder Holdings Ltd [2014] EWHC 4256 (QB)* (quantum)

*Mitsui Underwriting at Lloyds Ltd v Khan [2014] EWHC 1054 (QB)* (contempt of court)

*AXA Insurance UK plc v. Rossiter [2013] EWHC 3805 (QB)* (contempt of court)

*Airbus Operations Ltd and QBE Insurance Co (UK) Ltd v. Roberts [2012] EWHC 3631 (Admin)* (contempt of court)

*AC v. Farooq [2012] EWHC 1484 (QB)* (quantum)

*Havering London Borough Council v. Bowyer [2012] EWHC 2237 (QB) (contempt of court)*

*Delaney v. Pickett and Tradewise Insurance Services Ltd [2011] EWCA 1532 (MIB)*

*MIB v. Shikell [2011] EWHC 527 (QB) (contempt of court)*

*Brighton and Hove Bus and Coach Company Ltd v. Brooks [2011] EWHC 2504 (Admin) (contempt of court)*

*May v. Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust [2009] EWHC 3175 (QB) (clinical negligence)*

*Darg v. Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis [2009] EWHC 684 (QB) (quantum)*

*Kirk v. Walton [2008] EWHC 1780, [2009] EWHC 703 (QB) (contempt of court)*

*Eyres v. Atkinsons Kitchens Ltd [2007] EWCA Civ 365 Court of Appeal – Liability for employee falling asleep at the wheel*

*Deadman v. Bristol City Council [2007] EWCA Civ 822 Court of Appeal – Stress at work*

*Irvine v. Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis [2005] EWCA Civ 129 Court of Appeal – costs between claimant and successful co-defendants*

*Read v. Edmed The Times, 13 December 2004 – Costs implications of Part 36 Offers*

*Evans v. Pontypridd Roofing [2001] PIQR Q61 Court of Appeal – damages for care*

*Leete v. Snow [2001] EWCA Civ 902 Court of Appeal – multipliers*

*Cooke v. Thorne [2001] EWCA Civ 81 Court of Appeal – apportionment of liability*

*Scholz v. Whitely (2000) Road rage*