

JULIAN BENSON

CALL: 1991

"He's fantastic with clients, very easy to deal with, and his turnaround time is exceedingly fast. He's at the top of his game."

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Julian works exclusively on complex and/or high value claimant and defendant work, typically involving brain injuries, catastrophic limb injuries (and amputations), chronic pain syndromes and disorders, and psychiatric injuries frequently against leading counsel.

Julian is a co-organisr, speaker and co-chair of the annual Peterhouse Medico-Legal Conference in Cambridge; and

Organiser of the highly regarded Guildhall Chambers Personal Injury seminars for over a decade.

In recent years he had addressed the Royal Society of Medicine (pain division) and the biannual conference of the British Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society ("BOFAS")

PUBLICATIONS

In 2012 Julian wrote "A Barrister's Guide to Your Personal Injury Claim", a not-for-profit book aiming to explain the content and procedure of personal injury litigation in an entirely neutral manner, to increase understanding among claimants and thereby reduce costs and promote settlements.

The book, which is available free from Julian's website (www.abarristersguide.org.uk), or Amazon, is also recommended by Headway UK, where 1,000 copies were downloaded in its first three months.

In 2014 Julian has co-authored of a series of articles, downloadable free of charge below, with three distinguished clinicians involved in the field of chronic pain. Similar to Julian's book, the articles provide neutral information to individuals involved in litigation involving chronic pain. They are peer-reviewed and published in the Journal of Observational Pain Medicine

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury

PERSONAL INJURY

Julian is prominent in the commendations in the independent directories, and by solicitors and clients alike. [Chambers UK](#) describes him in its most recent editions as:

"Well known for the breadth and depth of his expertise in complex and high-value matters, including extremely severe high-value catastrophic injuries, complex pain and fatal claims. He draws particular praise for his sensitivity and understanding when dealing with clients..."

"a barrister who gives you confidence as you know he is prepared to take on complex issues...an excellent advocate"

"a "superbly tactical brain...he is not afraid to go where others fear to tread and clients love his have-a-go approach"

...and he "impresses with his "ability to come up with a novel angle or an extra argument.""

The Legal 500 also considers him "highly rated for complex PI matters...very able and willing to pull out all the stops when required...and very user friendly."

Solicitors and clients also recommend Julian highly:<http://www.abarristersguide.org.uk/about-julian-benson/recommendations-from-solicitors/>

RECENT CASE

- A successful appeal against a finding of liability based upon "res Ipsa Loquitur
- Settlement of a claim for a series of heads of loss which were the 'fruits' of another claim (former husband) following his serious brain injury and the need to 'fund' two households.
- Achieving acceptance by a former police officer of a greatly reduced Part 36 offer, including consequential costs orders.
- Successful settlement on the eve of trial of a claim by a Prison Officer against the HO for injuries and reduced earnings.
- Settlement for senior MOD intelligence officer following road rage attack.
- Achieving compromise of liability with 40% Contributory negligence following raising of FD in respect of liability assertions in Particulars of Claim.
- £1m+ settlement in brachial plexus and chronic pain claim.
- Mediated settlement close to £1m for a Protected Party with complex Dissociative Disorder.
- Mediated settlement of £840,000 in a claim for a Protected Party, psychiatrically injured at 2 years, and suffering continued symptoms into early adulthood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Chambers UK 2015](#)
- [Chambers UK 2014](#)
- [Legal 500 2014](#)
- [Chambers UK 2013](#)
- [Legal 500 2012](#)
- [Chambers UK 2012](#)
- [Legal 500 2011](#)
- [Chambers UK 2011](#)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

EDUCATION:

- Inns of Court School of Law
- 2:1 Masters Degree in Law, Cambridge University
- 2:1 Degree in Law, Cambridge University
- 2:1 Degree in History & Politics, Durham University

RECENT NEWS

- Personal Injury Case Updates - December 2015

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