

## MARTIN LANCHESTER

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Martin is a member of the Guildhall Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence team. Martin is able to take instructions covering a whole range of personal injury and clinical negligence matters representing both Claimants and Defendants.

Martin is instructed to assist with fast track trials, multi-track trials, infant approvals, costs advocacy, and provides thorough and timely advices on liability and quantum.

Martin is regularly instructed in Inquest hearings acting for families of the deceased and other interested parties.

Martin has an increasing costs practice. He is regularly instructed for both paying and receiving parties and undertakes all areas of work including detailed and provisional assessments.

He is an experienced advocate having spent a number of years as a criminal practitioner and was included on the specialist panel for prosecutors undertaking serious sexual crime. Following on from this Martin has a particular interest in abuse claims.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence
- Costs and Litigation Funding

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### PERSONAL INJURY

Martin is an experienced and skilled advocate who specialises in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence work for Claimant and Defendant clients.

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### CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Martin is a well regarded and experienced advocate with an approachable manner. He has a broad range of experience of appearing in the Coroner's Court with a particular interest in matters arising out of medical negligence. Recent inquests include:

- A complex delayed cancer diagnosis case where opportunities were missed to correctly diagnose an Upper GI tumour.
  - An adult suicide case where repeated pleas for help were made to mental health services.
  - A fatal reaction to the insertion of a standard chest drain in a patient with significant co-morbidities.
  - The death of an elderly man on the day he was discharged from hospital.
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## COSTS AND LITIGATION FUNDING

Martin has a keen interest in all areas of costs litigation and is regularly instructed for both paying and receiving parties. He undertakes all areas of work including detailed and provisional assessments and CCMC's. He has a particular interest in portal and fixed cost cases. He was recently instructed in the case of *Davies v ASDA Stores Ltd (2015) unreported* in which he successfully argued on appeal that costs for applications for pre-action disclosure in ex-portal cases should be limited to the fixed costs under Part 45.

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## RECENT NEWS

- Martin Lanchester considers the latest case relating to fixed costs, *Sharp v Leeds City Council* [2017] EWCA Civ 33
  - Personal Injury Case Updates - December 2015
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