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Practice

Personal Injuries

Clinical Negligence

Professional Negligence

Adam was called to the Bar 1975 and appointed a Recorder in 1994 with both civil and family tickets. He specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence litigation but also advises in professional negligence claims arising out of personal injury and family proceedings. Adam is a member of PIBA and a regular contributor to JPIL.

Personal Injury

Adam is regularly instructed by both large defendant insurers, and also by claimants. Due to his experience at the Bar he has dealt with all types of personal injury claims including:

- Serious RTAs – brain, spinal and catastrophic injuries often involving complex claims for care, and rehabilitation. He has been involved in motorway-multiple accidents and difficult liability issues in relation to contributory negligence and involving school transport
- Fatal Accidents – and subsequent complex pension loss and dependency calculations
- Employers Liability claims
- Public liability
- Fraud or Exaggerated claims

In suitable cases Adam is keen to promote the benefit of joint settlement meetings, particularly in claims of the utmost severity, which usually lead to early and amicable resolutions. A significant amount of his recent work has been in assisting in the settlement of cases, carried out through joint settlement meetings (approximately 32) and mediations (4). If settlement cannot be achieved, then he is a resolute advocate.

Cases of interest:

Sinclair v Taylor & Fairbrass – Where the issues were whether the Insurer was required to indemnify the insured, and then whether the insured was the driver of a partially identified car which drove off from the scene;

Simmons v Atlas Express et al – Concerned liability in a multiple crash on the M25.

Causation cases such as *Hayward v Gray* – Concerned alleged injury to the pancreas.

Watt v Tucker: Court of Appeal, on *Post House Hotels v Brown* – Issue of causation of loss of earnings and expert evidence.

Beacham v Irvine – Assessment of loss of earnings Builder/Developer who returned to work.

Graham Poll v Viscount Asquith – Relating to liability for a tree falling on the highway and injuring a motorcyclist.

Clinical Negligence

In his clinical negligence work (accounting for about 35% of his practice) he has dealt with claims for missed and inappropriate diagnoses; a case of poor protection of child patients; failed operations; poor A&E management; GP negligence; and poor prison health.

**Recent cases of interest:**

Eric Joy v Boyd – GP negligence resulting in a death, involving issues of negligence and causation.

Davies v RD& E NHS – Unsuccessful attempt to prove that Claimant's injuries resulted from admittedly negligent late diagnosis of oesophageal cancer.

Ayling v RD& E NHS – Failed hernia repair.

Professional Negligence

He also has a longstanding practice in professional negligence, particularly claims concerned with failed personal injury or clinical negligence claims, but also in relation to failed claims in Financial Relief post divorce.

He has contributed to JPIL and the Personal Injury team Newsletter and Seminar program on various current topics. He has recently been involved in lecturing and in cases on the impact of the new Ogdan Tables (6th Ed) particularly with regard to discounts for contingencies other than mortality.

Reported cases:

Watt v Tucker CA Unreported [2005] EWCA Civ 1420

Mutch v Allen [2001] PIQR P26

Davies v Inman [1999] PIQR Q26

Hale v Guildarch [1999] PNLR 44

Education:

1974-1975 College of Law

1971-1974 Southampton University

1968-1971 Clifton College, Bristol

Pupillage:

2 Harcourt Buildings, Middle Temple (Colin Smith)

Queen Elizabeth Buildings, Middle Temple (Roger Davies)

Guildhall Chambers, Bristol (Malcolm Cotterill)

Professional career:

1994 Recorder

Ticketed to sit in Crime, Civil and Family (Private Law) cases.

Professional memberships:

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Articles:

"*Smith v Manchester*" JPIL, March 2001

"*Expert Evidence and Legal Professional Privilege*" JPIL, March 2003

Seminars:

Regular contributor to the Guildhall Chambers [Seminars](#) and [Newsletters](#).



Directory recommendations:

Chambers UK 2011

Personal Injury

He wins market support as does the "*very experienced*" Adam Chippindall who appeared in the Court of Appeal in an RTA case dealing with contributory negligence and causation. Chippindall further handles fatal accidents and EL/PL cases.

Chambers UK 2010

Personal Injury

Adam Chippindall "*ensures that each case receives the attention and consideration that it deserves, and impresses in the way he communicates advice to both client and lawyers alike.*"

Chambers UK 2009

Personal Injury

Adam Chippindall "*gets to grips with the complex issues of claims very quickly and always offers extremely helpful advice.*"

Legal 500 2008

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Adam Chippindall is also recommended.

Legal 500 2007

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Adam Chippindall, a popular choice for both personal injury and clinical negligence instructions has seen an increase in joint settlement and mediation work

Interests:

Member of IAM

Tennis and Rackets

Choir Music

Bristol Rugby

Clerks:

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CFA:

Yes