



Julian Benson

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Practice

Personal Injuries

Professional Negligence

Personal Injuries

Julian joined Guildhall Chambers, having moved from London to Bristol in 2002. His extremely busy practice is focused chiefly on a balance of very high value Claimant and Defendant cases, often involving brain injuries, amputation or catastrophic limb injuries and psychiatric injuries. In recent years he has also developed a significant following in cases concerning chronic pain disorders. Julian has many longstanding Claimant and Defendant clients who value his judgment, energetic approach, and ability to develop an excellent working rapport with lay and professional clients alike. His advocacy in interlocutory and trial work attracts particular praise.

In the past two years, particular cases of note have included:

- A £3.5m brain injury claim, with complicated PPO, successfully compromised after three days of trial;
- defending a Canadian resort in a multi-jurisdictional and multi-party brain injury claim;
- Achieving a £1m settlement in a brain injury claim with complicated causal issues relating to pre-existing brain injuries.
- Successfully defending a long-standing local authority client on liability in a multi-party cricket injury claim.
- Successfully compromising difficult liability claims arising from holiday accidents in Cuba and the Maldives.
- Defending (to discontinuance) a long-running back injury claim on liability and causal grounds.
- Achieving a very high congenial employment award (£9,500) and indemnity trial costs in a case involving the lost ability to instruct scuba-diving.
- Successfully compromising a claim for a profoundly client with CRPS.

Recent interlocutory hearings include:

- Achieving £250,000 interim payments in a claim with liability in dispute;
- Having a 'liability admitted' claim dismissed on a discretionary basis for procedural failures.

Professional Negligence

Claims arising from the negligent handling of personal injury claims, usually involving complex causal issues.

Education:

1990-1991 ICSL

1989-1990 LLM (Cantab) 2:1 Masters in Law

1987-1989 MA (Cantab) 2:1 Law Tripos

1984-1987 BA Hons (Dunelm) 2:1 Modern History and Politics

1978-1983 Marlborough College

**Professional career:**

2002-2005 Guildhall Chambers
2000-2002 5 Paper Buildings
1992-2000 1 Essex Court
1991-1992 9 Bedford Row (Pupilage)

Professional memberships:

Personal Injuries Bar Association
Professional Negligence Bar Association

Seminars:

Regular CPD accredited lectures with Guildhall Chambers.

Directory recommendations:**Chambers UK 2011**

Personal Injury

Julian Benson, "*takes an extremely pragmatic approach*" and impresses with his "*ability to come up with a novel angle or an extra argument.*" He was recently instructed by Aviva alongside Adrian Palmer QC in a Consumer Protection Act claim. In addition, he regularly acts on the claimant side, recently handling a High Court case that settled for £3.5 million.

Legal 500 2010

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Julian Benson 'gives full commitment and immerses himself in cases'.

Legal 500 2009

Personal Injury and clinical negligence

Julian Benson "*gives full commitment – he immerses himself in cases.*"

Further information:

Registered pupil supervisor

Chambers membership and facilities in London: 5 Paper Buildings

Interests:

Travel
Scuba diving
Rackets
Golf
Skiing
Squash
Film

Clerks:

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CFA:

Yes

DPA:

Yes