



Selena Plowden

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Practice:

Clinical Negligence

Personal Injuries

Health Disciplinary Work

Mental Health

Selena practises exclusively in clinical negligence, health disciplinary hearings and personal injury cases as well as sitting part time as chair on Mental Health Review Tribunals and as a legal assessor for the General Medical Council.

Recent cases of interest:

- Acquired brain injury cases arising out of clinical negligence and road traffic accidents
- Misdiagnosis and treatment of cancers including sarcomas, breast and cervical cancer
- Obstetric mismanagement including still birth, loss of fertility, ureteric and psychiatric injuries
- Late diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome
- Surgical error including serious bile duct and bowel injuries
- Mismanagement of a kidney transplant
- Cases of both fatal and near fatal pneumonia caused by delayed diagnosis
- Cases involving the inappropriate use of antipsychotic medication and wrongful detentions in mental hospitals.
- A full range of moderate to catastrophic personal injury claims arising from accidents at work, occupiers' liability claims and road traffic accidents including:
 - Claims involving chronic pain and somatoform disorders;
 - Industrial disease claims;
 - She successfully represented the claimant in *Moon v Garrett* [2006] [EWCA Civ 1121] occupiers liability, the Construction Regulations, and multi-party costs;
 - Inquests acting on behalf of families and health authorities arising out of deaths in hospital and prison;
 - Regular appearances to represent Nurses before the NMC.

Education:

1986 - 1989 English BA (Hons) London 1st Class

1989 - 1990 City University Dip Law

1990 - 1991 Bar Finals

Appointments:

Mental Health Review Tribunals

General Medical Council (GMC)

Professional career:

1991 - 1998 Chambers of Edward Faulks QC No 1 Serjeants' Inn, London (now No 1 Chancery Lane)

1998 - 2002 Inns of Court School of Law, Senior Lecturer

2003 - present Guildhall Chambers



Professional memberships:

PNBA
AvMA

Publications:

1st Edition/Co-Author - Atkins Court Forms - *Personal Injury Pleadings* (1997)

Contributor - *Blackwells Opinion Writing Manual* (2000)

Editor & Principal Author - *Advanced Civil Litigation (Professional Negligence in Practice)* Oxford University Press (2001 – 2006)

Contributor, *APIL Personal Injury Law Practice* (2006 – current)

JPIL Fairchild & Barker in MRSA cases (2006)

Seminars:

Regularly gives seminars.

Directory recommendations:

Chambers UK 2011

Personal Injury

Selena Plowden represents both claimants and defendants in catastrophic injury matters, and is considered to be "*a star who offers very insightful advice.*"

Chambers UK 2010

Personal Injury

Selena Plowden is "*an impressive senior junior*". According to interviewees, "*she approaches the evidence in a forensic fashion and her manner with clients is invariably empathetic.*" She elicits further praise for her performance in settlement, as "*she presents arguments forcefully and convincingly.*"

Chambers UK 2009

Personal Injury

Selena Plowden has a "*great grasp of complex medical issues,*" which "*inspires absolute confidence in clients.*"

Legal 500 2009 & 2010

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Selena Plowden "*has a delicate touch which makes the difference in settlement negotiations.*"

Legal 500 2008

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Selena Plowden acted for the defendant in the high-value *Nunns v RJ Cannon Plant* 'brain injury under anaesthesia' litigation.

Clerks:

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CFA:

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