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Julian Benson's **Personal Injury** work is exclusively complex and/or high value, typically involving chronic pain, brain injuries, and catastrophic limb injuries. He is frequently instructed against leading counsel.

Julian is co-chair of the renowned annual Peterhouse, Cambridge Medico-Legal Conference and was for over a decade the organiser/speaker at the highly regarded Guildhall Chambers Personal Injury seminars. He has addressed several professional societies including (in recent years), the Royal Society of Medicine (pain division) and the British Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (BOFAS), as well as PIBA.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Julian has been a fixture on the independent directories for 20 years. Chambers & Partners 2023 describes him as "a sublime negotiator and fearsome advocate", and past editions include:

"a superbly tactical brain...he is not afraid to go where others fear to tread"

"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"

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

"highly rated for complex PI matters...very able and willing to pull out all the stops when required...and very user friendly."

Featured Personal Injury cases

Settlement of £1m+ cases arising from complex regional pain syndrome.

Settlement of £1m+ case in a complex TBI case for a foster father in his mid 50's.

A substantial seven figure settlement for a former fighter pilot whose injury curtailed a stellar career.

A successful appeal turning on the trial judge's error applying the maxim Res Ipsa Loquitur.

Settlement for insurers of two potentially high value multiparty claims with only modest client contributions

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.

Settling three claims for insurers for a fraction of the pleaded value as a result of fundamental dishonesty allegations in relation to liability.

Successful settlement on the eve of trial of a claim by a Prison Officer against the Home Office for injuries and reduced earnings.

Settlement for senior Ministry Of Defence intelligence officer following road rage attack.

Settling complex pain case following death of the Claimant and preserving a substantial offer made before client's death.

£1m+ settlement in a brachial plexus and chronic pain claim.

A mediated settlement close to £1m for a Protected Party with complex Dissociative Disorder.

A mediated settlement of £840,000 in a claim for a Protected Party, psychiatrically injured at 2 years, and suffering continued symptoms into early adulthood.

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

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association

Publications

In 2012 Julian wrote *A Barrister's Guide to Your Personal Injury Claim*, a not-for-profit book aiming to explain personal injury litigation in an entirely neutral manner, thereby improving outcomes of litigation on both sides.

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

In 2014 Julian co-authored a series of peer-reviewed articles (also free from his website) with three distinguished clinicians involved in the field of chronic pain. They are also published in the *Journal of Observational Pain Medicine*.