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Martin Lanchester is a specialist in **Personal Injury Clinical Negligence** and coronial law. He appears for both Claimants and Defendants in high-value and complex cases, often involving those with life changing injuries. Martin is recognised in the Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 legal directories for his work in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence.

“Martin is excellent at strategy in complex cases and he is also a very calm advocate.” Chambers & Partners

“Martin is extremely perceptive; he considers papers very thoroughly before providing comprehensive advice of a high quality. He has an in-depth knowledge of the law and is always well prepared for conferences and court appearances. Perhaps his greatest strength is his ability to bond with clients.” The Legal 500 Personal Injury

Expertise

Personal Injury

Martin specialises in catastrophic and high value injuries with often complex expert evidence. Martin practised as a criminal barrister earlier in his career and has a formidable reputation in dealing with cases involving fraud and fundamental dishonesty. He is regularly instructed in all areas of **personal injury** including road traffic, fatal accidents, work-place and public liability.

Martin has extensive experience in cases involving:

- Catastrophic injury
- Polytrauma
- Head / brain injury including TBI
- Chronic Pain Disorders
- Amputation
- Psychiatric injury
- Cases involving children and those without capacity

- Somatisation

Featured Personal Injury cases

AB v Devon & Cornwall Police (2022)

Multi-million pound settlement on behalf of a brain injured child.

K v AB (2024)

Fatal case involving the defence of automatism.

AE v Y (2024)

High-value claim (over £2 million) arising out of an accident at work with subtle brain injury and lifelong fatigue.

Clinical Negligence

Martin is a busy and experienced [clinical negligence](#) specialist who is regularly instructed to represent Claimants and Defendants. He benefits from a scientific background and is well suited to dealing with complex and developing areas of medicine.

Martin has recent experience of cases involving stroke, vascular disease, spinal surgery, delayed cancer diagnosis, cardiac surgery and cardiology, consent, general practice, neurology, nursing and pressure sores, obstetrics and gynaecology, fertility with surrogacy, radiology and neuroradiology, chronic pain and urological injury.

Featured Clinical Negligence cases

AS v Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (2024)

Claimant's fertility affected by substandard fibroid surgery.

KT Somerset Partnership Trust (2023)

Complex case involving double above knee amputation.

AG v Swansea Bay University Health Board (2023)

Failure to treat stroke symptoms leading to stroke and death.

ABC v University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (2024)

Fatal case involving over prescription of opiates.

AK v Dr GS and Others (2022)

Action against GP. Missed deterioration of CKD leading to dialysis and need for kidney transplant.

Inquests

Martin is regularly instructed for interested persons at pre-inquest hearings and [inquests](#) throughout the country. He has extensive experience of dealing with difficult and complex cases that often involve actions of the State that are heard by a jury. Martin regularly acts for clinicians and families of the deceased in cases where a death has occurred in hospital or following medical intervention.

His recent experience includes cases involving suicide, post-natal death of a mother, road traffic accidents, prison deaths and defective heart surgery.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Martin has sound experience in respect of [Costs & Litigation](#) funding and is regularly instructed to deal with Costs and Case Management hearings, as well as general disputes in relation to costs.

Martin has also been involved in hearings within the [Court of Protection](#) to include drafting position statements, pre-hearing discussions, round table meetings and S21A hearings.

Appointments

- Legal Assessor – UKCP