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Cyrus Katrak has acted for both Claimants (and occasionally Defendants) in many high profile cases including the British Coal Disease Litigation and the Paddington Rail Disaster.

He also represents medical professionals in regulatory health care proceedings, has prosecuted in the General Medical Council and currently sits as a legal assessor at the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Cyrus also acts on behalf of injured clients before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.

First and foremost Cyrus aims to put litigants at ease in what are often the most stressful of circumstances and is careful to ensure that conferences are tailored to fit the client's particular needs. He considers that client care is fundamental but nonetheless will always give clear, direct and robust advice.

He currently advises on numerous cases in Jersey and is familiar with the differences in procedure between the Channel Islands and England.

Cyrus lives in Twickenham and can accept instructions at short notice either by DX or email. He is married to a Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon who practices at The Royal Surrey County Hospital. One day he intends to retire to New Orleans to play the blues piano in a bar.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Cyrus acts in all areas of personal injury litigation, but primarily focuses brain injuries, fatal accident claims and accidents causing injuries of maximum severity. He has also acted in numerous amputation cases, those involving chronic pain and giving rise to unusual liability and causative issues.

Notable Personal Injury cases

A v B [2020]

Secured £6,000,000+ settlement for a young brain injured woman;

A & B v CICA [2020]

Acted for 2 severely brain injured children, aiming to secure CICA maximum awards;

X V Co-Op [2020]

Acted for a Plaintiff in Jersey who had all fingers of right hand amputated in meat grinder;

S v British Cycling [2019]

Acting for Claimant who suffered catastrophic brain injuries during BMX Race;

Y v F [2019]

Inquest of young family man crushed by work material;

G v T [2018]

Young brain injured man who suffered reversed sleep cycles;

R v T [2018]

Acting for severely brain injured man on cusp of entering employment;

E v E [2018]

Foreign national injured in UK and suffering severe pain syndrome;

Mc v A [2017]

Appeared in 3 day High Court trial involving death of a woman who clambered onto bonnet of car;
D v X [2017]: Acting for family of man murdered in sheltered accommodation;

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Cyrus has over 25 years' experience in acting in clinical negligence cases including:

- Spinal Injuries – including failure to diagnose cauda equine lesions;
- Misdiagnosis by doctors, often of cancers;
- Dental negligence – particularly unnecessary treatment;
- Neglect of the elderly and / vulnerable persons within the hospital environment.

He is used to handling expert witnesses, identifying weaknesses in their evidence, advising upon their reports and drafting Part 35 questions.

Inquests

Cyrus also has extensive experience of the Coroner's Court on behalf of families, usually in deaths arising from clinical negligence and road traffic accidents. Recent examples include:

- Inquests following deaths of patients who die in hospital following neglect;
- Inquests following misdiagnosis by doctor;
- Multiple day inquest involving the death of new born on a heart unit
- He is happy to consider instruction in the Coroner's Court on a CFA basis.

Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

A v F [2021]

Acting for a woman suffering from negligently caused pressure sores, leading to amputation;

Y v C [2020]

Failure by GP to diagnose aortic damage leading to death;

A v R [2021]

Acting for claimant who was misdiagnosed with bowel cancer, leading to a severely curtailed life expectancy;

S v Q [2021]

Acting for young Claimant misdiagnosed for cancer, who thereafter underwent unnecessary radiotherapy;

S v D [2019]: Z v NHSLA

Misdiagnosis of cancer in young woman leading to drastically reduced life expectancy;

Sexual Abuse Claims

Cyrus has acted in numerous historic sexual abuse claims including those involving issues of grooming and alleged consent.

Recent cases include those involving rapes by multiple assailants and historic abuse claims caused by family, friends, teachers, local authorities and religious organizations.

He has also acted in the BBC abuse claims.

He has lectured at the Personal Injury Bar Association Winter conference on the subject of sexual abuse claims including limitation issues and tactics in historic actions and has authored an article for Apil's PI Focus magazine on the subject of sexual abuse claims.

Notable Sexual Abuse Claims cases

X v Roman Catholic Church [2021 – Date]

Acting in respect of a number of allegations involving Priests

A v B [2022]

Jersey claim involving rape allegation

R v X [2022]

Historic sexual assault allegations

G v Northampton CC [2022]

Historic abuse allegations involving failure to remove perpetrator / victims. Complicated by victim unwilling to provide any information

R v Northampton CC [2022]

Historic abuse allegations involving failure to remove perpetrator / victims

DF v Rodor Housing [2022]

Allegations of abuse

R v X [2021]

Sexual assault allegations while at work

U v C [2020]

Allegations of Long term abuse claim leading to pregnancy

R v J [2019]

Allegations against Jehovah's witnesses for sexual abuse of congregation member

AX v B [2017]

Resisting High Court application by a Defendant for disclosure of abuse victim's records for use in criminal proceedings

V v V [2016]

Jersey case involving allegations of severe sexual assault

Regulatory Law

Cyrus sits as a legal assessor at the NMC and has defended in the general Dental council and prosecuted at the general Medical Council. He has also drafted the Regulatory Disciplinary framework used by the College of Clinical Perfusion Scientists.

Education

- LLB Law

Memberships

- APIL
- PIBA

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- AX v B [2017]: Resisting High Court application by a Defendant for disclosure of abuse victim's records for use in criminal proceedings;
- X v M [2017]: Jersey case involving severe brain injured Plaintiff. Application of multipliers;
- V v V [2016]: Jersey case involving severe sexual assault;
- X v CICA [2016]: Appeared for Local Authority in respect of apportionment of a CICA maximum award granted to brain damaged infant;

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