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Edward Bishop KC has practised in the fields of clinical negligence and personal injury for most of his career.

He has also more recently developed expertise and experience in claims involving violations of human rights in the healthcare setting.

Edward is a contributing editor and author of 7 chapters of Kemp and Kemp on the Quantum of Damages and is a qualified arbitrator.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence and Healthcare

Edward has practised in clinical negligence and healthcare for over 25 years, and has experience in advising on, contesting and mediating complex and high value claims in all fields of medical care. In the early stages of his career he was involved in the sodium valproate group litigation, and later in a group action brought by heroin-addicted prisoners.

His main area of practice now is in high value cerebral palsy and spinal injury claims. He is regularly instructed by both claimants and defendants.

He has also acted (and continues to act) in a number of cases involving both clinical negligence and violations of human rights in the field of psychiatric care, often involving attacks by psychiatric patients on third party victims.

Notable Clinical Negligence and Healthcare cases

Traylor v Kent and Medway Social care Partnership Trust [2022] EWHC 260 (QB)

Defended psychiatrist accused of negligently treating a man who kidnapped his daughter, stabbed her and suffered serious injuries when shot by police.

YAH v Medway NHS Foundation Trust [2018] EWHC 2964 (QB)

Defended claim by mother suffering psychiatric injury as a result of a traumatic birth

Barnett v Medway NHS Foundation Trust [2017] EWCA Civ 235

Defended claim involving diagnosis and treatment of a spinal abscess

Daniel v St George's Healthcare NHS Trust [2016] EWHC 23 (QB)

Defended nurse and ambulance service accused of violating the right to life of a prisoner who suffered a heart attack

Griffiths v Secretary of State for Health [2015] EWHC 1264 (QB)

Acted for claimant alleging improper treatment of spinal injury by paramedics

Tait v Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [2015] EWHC 848 (QB)

Acted for claimant in quantum assessment of cauda equina injury

Savage v South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust [2010] EWHC 865 (QB)

Defended mental health service accused of violating the right to life of a woman who committed suicide.

Personal Injury

Edward has practised in personal injury litigation throughout his career, and now specialises in high value claims arising in many different circumstances, including injuries sustained in the course of employment and road traffic accidents. He is currently instructed in a number of claims for personal injury damages arising as a result of allegations of human rights violations.

Notable Personal Injury cases

Saunders v Chief Constable of Sussex [2012] EWCA Civ 1197

Defended employer accused of causing psychiatric injury

Chittock v Woodbridge School [2002] EWCA Civ 915

Defended school alleged to have negligently caused a pupil's skiing accident

Public Sector & Human Rights

Edward acted, with Lord Faulks QC, in the leading Article 2 case of *Van Colle v Chief Constable of Hertfordshire* in 2008, and since then has been instructed in numerous cases involving alleged violations of human rights in the healthcare field and beyond.

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Bedford v Bedfordshire CC [2013] EWHC 1717 (QB)

Defended local authority against allegations of human rights violation of a child attacked by a young person in care

Van Colle v Chief Constable of Hertfordshire [2008] UKHL 50

Defended police accused of violating right to life of a murdered witness who had reported threats.

Education

- The King's School, Canterbury
- Pembroke College, Cambridge
- Central London Polytechnic

Appointments

- Qualified arbitrator, PiCarbs 2016
- Contributing Editor, Kemp and Kemp on the Quantum of Damages
- Member of the arbitrators' panel of Sport Resolutions

Accreditation Logos

