Roger Hiorns

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Roger Hiorns spent his first 10 years in Chambers with a broad common law practice which saw him appear in all types of courts on a daily basis.

For more than 25 years now he has practised exclusively in the fields of personal injury, fatal accident, clinical negligence and professional negligence claims. He now has a wealth of experience in these areas and can return paperwork very quickly.

Roger has particular expertise in industrial disease claims, especially asbestos cases.

Roger wrote and edits a chapter in the practitioners manual “Occupational Illness Litigation”.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Roger advises and represents both Claimants and Defendants in all types of personal cases including road traffic accidents, accidents at work and fatal accidents. Over the years he has been involved in cases involving brain injuries, spinal injuries, cauda equina syndrome, amputations, chronic pain, scarring, loss of sight and every kind of orthopaedic injury.

Notable Personal Injury cases

D v F (2023)

RTA causing traumatic brain injury loss of an eye, losses of senses of smell & taste and psychological trauma. Issue as to lack of capacity.

P v Fitness First (2021)

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Very serious knee injury involving seven surgical procedures, loss of employment, pension and promotion prospects.

F v MIB (2021)

Fatal RTA in an uninsured car involving issues of ex turpi causa and contributory negligence.

A v MR (2020)

Roger represented the Claimant who was using an unguarded mincing machine when his dominant right hand became caught in it. His hand had to be amputated at the wrist. Damages were assessed by the High Court at £1.99 million.

H v HHGL (2020)

Roger acted for the Claimant in a fatal accident claim involving a widower and two children under the age of 10. Extensive claims for past and future loss of earnings and care. Case settled for £1.05 million after provision of a detailed schedule and extensive negotiations.

A v MOD (2020)

Roger acted for a serviceman injured at work who was medically discharged from the services with chronic pain and psychological issues.

M v CICA (2019)

Roger acted for a lady who was the victim of an assault. A maximum award of £500,000 was achieved less a 20% reduction in respect of the Claimant's conduct.

Industrial disease

Roger advises and represents both Claimant and Defendants in all types of industrial disease cases including those involving asbestos, asthma, work related upper limb disorders, hand/arm vibration syndrome and industrial deafness.

Notable Industrial disease cases

L v Royal Mail (2023)

Fatal mesothelioma claim involving the replacement of care for a widow who lacked capacity.

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M v LB of Lambeth (2021)

Local government officer developed carpal tunnel syndrome from repetitive notetaking and typing.

W v NNHS (2020)

Roger acted for the Claimant in a work related upper limb disorder claim involving a sonographer scanning pregnant ladies who developed a shoulder injury.

Professional Negligence

Roger advises and represents Claimants who have been the victims of solicitor's negligence in the conduct of their personal injury or fatal accident claims.

Notable Professional Negligence cases

B v M (2024)

Negligent under-settlement of a personal injury claim by approximately £1,000,000.

T v MES (2018)

Roger acted for a self-employed man whose loss of earnings claim had been valued and presented negligently by the solicitors acting for him.

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Roger's clinical negligence practice is claimant based with an emphasis on delayed diagnosis, negligent investigations and treatment and negligent surgery.

Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

M v Frimley Health (2022)

Clinical negligence involving treatment of vulval cancer resulting in the removal of groin nodes and the development of lymphoedema.

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W v S&S (2018)

Roger acted for a female solicitor in her claim for clinical negligence in respect of a delay in diagnosing her anal carcinoma leading to a permanent colostomy.

Education

- LLB (Hons) University of Birmingham 1982
- Council of Legal Education 1983

Memberships

- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (Senior Counsel)
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Midland Circuit

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