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Simon Readhead KC has a wide ranging practice for both claimants and defendants in medico-legal law.

Including all aspects of clinical liability, professional liability and indemnity claims particularly involving clinical liability and personal injury, personal injury claims including industrial accidents and occupational diseases, health and safety claims and product liability.

Simon has a special interest and expertise in catastrophic injury claims including birth trauma, other neurological injuries particularly involving the head and spine and high value and complex quantum claims.

Simon is recognised as a Tier / Band 1 King's Counsel in the current editions of both the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners legal directories. He has previously been shortlisted for Queen's Counsel of the Year in the Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury category at the Legal 500 Awards and is also listed in the current edition of The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom.

Simon was the founding author of piBlawg (an online clinical negligence and personal injury blog). He has also collaborated on piCalculator (a cloud based encrypted damages calculation tool).

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Simon's practice spans clinical liability and related claims, professional liability claims relating to clinical negligence / personal injury, personal injury and related claims and product liability. He is regularly instructed by nationally ranked solicitors' firms acting for both claimants and defendants and by leading individuals within those firms.

Simon is frequently involved in cases against other top ranked KCs validating his own ranking in the top Tier / Band of the various legal directories.

Education

- Lincoln College, University of Oxford (B.A. Jurisprudence 1977; B.C.L. Civil Law 1978; M.A. Jurisprudence 1982)

Appointments

- Lecturer in law at the Hammersmith and West London College: 1977-1979
- Legal Adviser to News Corporation Limited: 1978-1986
- Junior of the Midland & Oxford Circuit: 1989-1990
- Member of the General Council of the Bar's Costs Panel: 1992-1998
- Recorder of the Crown and County Courts: 2000
- Trustee of the Permanent Exhibition of Judicial and Legal Costume, Royal Courts of Justice: 2011
- Trustee of the Rolls Building Art and Educational Trust: 2012
- Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple: 2012
- Head of 1 Chancery Lane Chambers: 2017-2022
- Joint Head of Deka Chambers: 2022
- President of the Medico-Legal Society: 2022

Awards

- Colombos Public International Law Essay Prize

Notable Cases

- *CXS v Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust* [2023] EWHC 14 (KB); 2023 WL 00162846; L.F. 2023, 143(Feb), 20. **Subject:** Civil procedure; Legal Profession; Personal injury. Cerebral palsy; Clinical negligence; Costs budgets; Costs management orders; Hourly fees; Solicitors' remuneration.
- *Hopkins (A Child) v Akramy* [2020] EWHC 3445 (QB); [2021] Q.B. 564; [2021] 2 WLR 893; [2020] 12 WLUK 259 (QBD); [2021] Med. L.R. 244 Negligence – Duty of care – Primary care trust – Group of companies providing primary medical services pursuant to contract with primary care trust – Whether primary care trust liable in respect of negligent provision of such services – Whether primary care trust owing non-delegable duty of care to protect patients from harm – National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), s. 83.
- *Sanderson v Guy's and St. Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust* [2020] EWHC 20 (QB) Rotational instrument delivery – Interpretation of NICE Guidelines on fetal monitoring – Role of clinical assessment – Logical basis for decisions – Expert evidence – Material contribution to injury.
- *Jabang v (1) NHS Commissioning Board (2) Wadman (3) Pool (4) East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (5) Underhill* [2017] EWHC 1894 (QB); [2017] 7 WLUK 544. Breach of duty of care; Clinical negligence; Paralysis following delayed diagnosis of spinal tuberculosis; Screening for infectious diseases; Causation; Costs orders
- *Spire Healthcare v Brooke* [2016] EWHC 2828 (QB); [2017] 1 W.L.R. 1177; [2016] 11 WLUK 352; [2017] P.I.Q.R. P6. Abuse of process – Cause of action estoppel – Clinical negligence – Contribution – Interim payments – Statutory interpretation – Limitation periods
- *Nyang v G4S Care and Justice Services Limited* [2013] EWHC 3946 (QB); [2013] 12 WLUK 302. Breach of duty of care; Causation; Clinical negligence; Detention pending deportation; Doctors; Immigration removal centres; Mental disorder; Mental health assessments; Nurses; Paralysis; Professional negligence; Self-harm.

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