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Year of call 1991

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Gordon qualified and practised as a solicitor and was a senior lecturer in law before being called to the Bar in 1991. He practises in the area of personal injury, fatal accidents, [clinical negligence](#), sanctions, procedural issues, limitation and costs. He has been involved in several of the leading cases relating to procedure and the assessment of damages.

Gordon is often the first port of call for lawyers faced with procedural, sanctions or limitation difficulties.

As author of one of the major practitioners texts on fatal accidents Gordon has represented the parties in numerous fatal accident claims, including representation at inquests.

Gordon is the author of several of the major texts on personal injury damages. Munkman and Exall on Damages for Personal Injury and Death is in its 14th edition, Gordon's "Guide to Fatal Accidents" is now in its 4th edition as is his book "Personal Injury Practice Notes". He has contributed to several of the major works on damages and procedure including the latest edition of Munkman on Employer's Liability.

In addition, Gordon's blog on civil procedure, "[Civil Litigation Brief](#)" has been described as "essential reading for any litigator" receiving well over 1 million views each year.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence and Healthcare

Costs and Litigation Funding

Serious Injury

Significant Cases

I (Children) -v- Bradford MDC [2023] EWHC 1036 (KB)

Procedural issue relating to late application to appoint litigation friend. Claimants given permission to continue with action despite very late application.

Hulme -v- Handley Law [2023] EWHC 266 (SCCO).

Whether claimant's solicitors were entitled to terminate their retainer following allegations of fundamental dishonesty being made against the claimant

Danielwicz -v- Cannon [2023] EWHC 948 (KB)

Application under CPR 38.7 for permission to re-issue after two previous sets of proceedings were discontinued.

Best -v- Alpha Insurance [2022] EWHC 591 (QB)

Question of relief from sanctions following late service of witness evidence.

Wright -v- Birmingham City Council [2022] 6WLUK 586.

Issues under Part 36. Defendants not entitled to costs following acceptance of Claimants' Part 36 offers.

Seabrook -v- Adam [2021] EWCA Civ 382.

Construction of Part 36 offers when claimant makes an offer on liability in a case where causation was in issue."

Faulkner v Secretary of State for Business, Energy And Industrial Strategy [2020] EWHC 296 (QB)

Successfully defended application to set aside notice of discontinuance and disapply one way cost shifting. Court's discretion not to set off costs of application against costs covered by QOCS

Powell-v-Watford Borough Council [2017] EWHC 2283 (QB)

Defendant had not complied with unless order, case stood struck out. Claimant should have succeeded at trial on the merits in the absence of evidence about risk assessments.

Cross-v-Black Bull (Lawtel 2017)

Successful appeal against striking out of action when the claimant had given an inaccurate statement of value on the claim form

Murray-v-BAE [2016]

Successful appeal on relief from sanctions hearing where costs budget served late

Worthington-v-03918424 Ltd [2015]

Costs after late acceptance of a Part 36 offer

Pykett-v-Clement [2011] EWCA Civ 2925

Issue of liability owed by overtaking driver causing substantial injuries

Re M [2011] (Lawtel) £4 million CICA award

Re S [2011] (Lawtel) £3.6 million CICA award

Motor Insurers Bureau-v-Shikhell [2011] EWHC 527 (QB)

Successful defence of witness in personal injury case alleged to have been in contempt of court

Hodinott-v-Persimmon Homes [2008] 1 WLR 806

Appropriate procedure for challenging service of the claim form

O'Hara-v-McDougall [2005] ALL ER D 275

Service on tenant's address not good service on landlord

Smith-v-Hughes [2003] 1 WLR 2441

Appropriate address for service of claim form

Lunnun-v-Singh [1999] ALL ER D 718

Effect on judgment on ability to defend claim for damages

Qualifications

- BA Hons (Warwick) 1984
- Admitted as a solicitor 1987
- Called to the Bar 1991

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2023

"Gordon is very experienced. He is the go-to barrister on procedural issues and is very experienced."

Legal 500 2023

'He has phenomenal knowledge of procedural law and is calm in a crisis.'

Chambers & Partners (2022)

"A leader in his field."

Chambers & Partners (2021)

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Legal 500 (2021)

"Gordon has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the law. He is extremely approachable on any matter whether small or complex and high value."

Chambers & Partners (2018)

"Renowned for his written work and opinions in complex cases, particularly fatal accident claims. He has authored a number of widely read texts relevant to the personal injury field."

Chambers & Partners (2017)

"His knowledge and experience is phenomenal and he is extremely personable with clients, especially when difficult decisions have to be made."

Chambers & Partners (2016)

"He's very thorough, with a good eye for the law and detail".

Chambers & Partners (2014)

"He can cut to the core of the issue and is very practical in his approach. Gordon is also extremely approachable and good with clients; very down to earth and explains everything on a level they can understand and grasp."

Legal 500 (2019)

"Noted for his experience in fatal accident cases."

Legal 500 (2016)

'A colossus in the legal world.'

Legal 500

"He is a behemoth in the procedural world. He is quick, up to date and an excellent worker"

Accreditations

