

BRIAN GRIFFITHS

Year of call: 1999

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Occupational Disease Serious Injury



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Brian acts on behalf of Claimants and Defendant in areas of: asbestos and other respiratory conditions, industrial deafness and HAVS. Brian was previously a Senior Policy Advisor, advising the DTI in the British Coal COPD litigation. Since 2002 he acted as standing counsel for one of the major coal mining unions. This involved the two British Coal Schemes of Miners' Respiratory Disease and Vibration White Finger (respectively the largest and second largest group litigation schemes in the world).

Significant Reported Cases

AB and Others v Department of Trade and Industry [2005] EWCA Civ 1737

Appeal before the Master of the Rolls concerning the quantification of part of the costs in the British Coal Respiratory Disease Litigation. The DTI sought to appeal what they perceived as an over assessment of costs in the region of £370 million.

AB and others v British Coal Corporation

Within the main litigation of the Respiratory Disease litigation, instructed by a coal mining trade union and two individual firms of solicitors, to bring two applications for Declaratory Judgments against the DTI, as regards the level of costs payable to the trade union and its panel of solicitors.

Profile

Brian's practice specialises almost exclusively in the fields of personal injury, specialising in occupational disease. This is split between Claimant and Defendant instructions. He has a very busy Court practice. He is known to have a reassuring manner that assists in easing clients in the stressful implications of litigation. He is highly effective in cross-examination and his understanding of detail allows a focused approach.

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Memberships

PIBA

North Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

BA (Hons) Law & Business