

RICHARD BORRETT

Year of call: 2009

Clerked by: Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Abuse Claims Clinical Negligence & Healthcare Court of Protection & Mental Health Inquests Serious Injury



Abuse Claims

Richard has a fast-growing practice in 'abuse' claims, both in litigation and inquests. This includes recent and historic sexual abuse claims against a perpetrator or their employer, failure to remove claims involving local authority children's services, failure to safeguard, and wider Human Rights Act claims by vulnerable adults, children in care, etc.

Richard acts for Claimants and Defendants.

Significant/recent cases

- Historic sexual abuse by serving police officer (led by Satinder Hunjan QC)
- Claim for serious injuries arising from violent assault by door staff at a casino
- Death of care-home resident who suffered from Korsakoff's dementia and lacked capacity to make decisions as to care and treatment. He was permitted to decline all personal care, and over a period of many weeks developed a skin infection which developed into sepsis. Acting for family in a claim in tort / for breach of Art. 2 and Art.3.
- Alleged failure to adequately safeguard vulnerable adult murdered by mentally ill partner.
- Advising on aggravated and exemplary damages for Claimants unlawfully imprisoned and tortured during the Cyprus Emergency
- Historic sexual abuse by football coach.
- Grooming and sexual abuse by Catholic Priest
- HRA claim for breach of Article 2 Protocol 1 right to education.
- Alleged failure to adequately safeguard vulnerable adult in supported living who tended to bang her head and died when she suffered a TBI in her room.

Profile

Richard is instructed in Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Inquests and Court of Protection, both alone and as a junior on very large and complex cases with a senior junior or silk.

Richard has particular expertise Safeguarding/Abuse claims, Military Injuries, and Equestrian injuries.

Much of Richard's work involves vulnerable individuals and state agencies. Human Rights issues arise in all of his practice areas, particularly the positive and investigatory obligations under Art.2 (in inquests and in litigation), Art. 3 (in personal injury/abuse litigation) and Art.5 (in Court of Protection work).

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Areas of expertise

Abuse Claims

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Court of Protection & Mental Health

Inquests

Serious Injury

Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Publications

"Clinical Negligence: Causation" for Westlaw UK's Insight

Qualifications

2007, University of Liverpool (Chester): BSc Hons, First Class

2008, College of Law: Graduate Diploma in Law, Commendation

2009, College of Law: Bar Vocational Course, Very Competent

2009, College of Law: LLB Hons (2:1)

Recommendations

Richard is recognised as a leading junior in Clinical Negligence in both the Legal 500 (Band 2) and Chambers and Partners (Band 3) 2020.

Legal 500 2020

"Always impecable prepared, he will know every aspect of the case before starting a conference."

Chambers and Partners 2020

"A popular junior who practises across a diverse caseload including surgical negligence and delayed diagnosis. He possesses considerable experience in matters of consent and cases relating to the Mental Health Act."

"His advocacy is excellent and he is sympathetic in his dealings with clients."



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