

RICHARD LIVINGSTON

Year of call: 2006

Clerked by: Stephen Loxton Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Clinical Negligence Occupational Disease Pain Syndromes
Personal Injury



Clinical Negligence

Richard has recently been involved in the litigation and conclusion of the following cases which are notable either due to their value or nature of the issues involved (the names of the parties have been anonymised):-

Significant Reported Cases

Representing a Claimant where it is alleged the Defendant failed to recognise congenital spinal abnormalities, prior to undertaking a spinal decompression. It is alleged that the Claimant suffered cauda equina syndrome due to the tethering of her spinal cord. The claim was pleaded at £800,000. Liability was contested and settled prior to a 5-day High Court Trial.

Acting for a Claimant who suffers 4 limb cerebral palsy on account of the negligent mismanagement of her birth (led by Nicholas Braslavsky QC).

Representing the Dependents of a young man who tragically committed suicide after Mental Health Services negligently discharged him.

Representing a Claimant with peri-natal injuries due to obstetric negligence.

Representing the parents of a child who was still-born due to obstetric mismanagement.

Acting for a Claimant who was rendered blind on account of the Defendant's failure to diagnose and treat giant cell arteritis.

Acting for a Claimant who was rendered blind due to a negligently performed optic nerve sheath fenestration. The claim was pleaded in excess of £5 million (led by Satinder Hunjan QC).

Acting without a leader for a Defendant in a case involving a negligently performed osteotomy. The claim was pleaded at £2.5 million.

Acting without a leader for Defendants in a large number of claims involving below knee amputations on account of alleged negligence. All of these claims are pleaded in excess of £1 million.

Acting for a Defendant in a case of admitted failure to diagnose slipped femoral epiphysis. The claim was pleaded at £1.6 million.

Acting without a leader for a Defendant in a case where the Claimant suffered shoulder dystocia on account of mismanagement of his birth. The claim was pleaded at £2.5 million.

Acting for a Defendant in a case where the Claimant's 4 year old daughter died following a procedure to repair a ventricular septal defect.

Acting for various GPs in several cases where it is alleged that the negligent failure to refer for further investigation has led to delay in the diagnosis of cancer.

Representing a Defendant where the Claimant is alleged to have suffered impaired kidney function and fibromyalgia as a consequence of the Defendant's alleged negligence.

Representing a Defendant in a case where the Claimant alleges that an episiotomy was negligently performed.

Advising the insurers of a Plastic Surgeon who was named as a Defendant in the PIP Group Litigation.

Acting for the Defendant in a case where the Claimant alleged negligence on the part of a Vascular Surgeon for failure to 'strip' a varicose vein. The Claimant discontinued shortly before trial.

Profile

Richard specialises in all aspects of Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence work. His practice encompasses injuries of the utmost severity and he

regularly acts alone in cases where the value is pleaded well in excess of £2,000,000. He has secured millions of pounds of compensation for seriously injured Claimants and their Dependants. He also defends cases of similar value at Trial and at Joint Settlement Meetings for numerous Insurers and the Motor Insurers Bureau. He has secured substantial awards before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority where the damages initially awarded were inadequate.

Richard has developed a substantial reputation in the field of Occupational Disease. He is regularly instructed by Claimants and Defendants alike in claims involving benign and malignant asbestos-related conditions (pleural thickening, asbestosis, asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma), asthma, chemical exposure (COSHH claims), occupational stress/harassment, upper limb disorders, tenosynovitis, silicosis and dermatitis. He is on a number of Insurers' panels.

He is regularly instructed in cases involving Chronic Pain Syndromes, Complex Regional Pain Syndromes, Chronic Fatigue Syndromes, Somatoform Pain Disorders, Somatic Symptom Disorders, Conversion Disorders and Fibromyalgia.

Richard also practises in the fields of Clinical and Dental Negligence and is instructed by Claimants, the MDU, the DDU and NHS Resolution.

Richard also has a substantial Professional Negligence practice in the context of negligently mishandled personal injury and clinical negligence actions.

He regularly appears without a leader in cases against QCs. He is regarded as having a practice well beyond his call.

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Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Occupational Disease

Pain Syndromes

Personal Injury

Memberships

PIBA

Northern Circuit

North Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

University: University of Manchester

Degree: BA (First Class Honours) English Language and Literature

Year of Call: 2006 (Middle Temple)

Awards: Middle Temple Benefactors' Scholar

Recommendations

Legal 500 2019:

'A barrister who is a safe pair of hands.'

Legal 500 2018:

'Undaunted by any task.'

Legal 500 2017:

'He commands respect by virtue of his knowledge, diligent preparation and always being prepared to listen.'

Legal 500 2015:

"He has a practice beyond his call"

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