

**CLAIRE STEWARD | MANCHESTER,
LEEDS & BIRMINGHAM**

Year of call: 2002

Qualifications: BA (First Class Honours)
Modern History with Economics

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:
Clinical Negligence & Healthcare
Serious Injury



Profile

Claire practices exclusively in the fields of clinical negligence and personal injury. She is regularly instructed in complex and high value cases by both Claimants and Defendants. She has considerable experience of managing teams of experts, conducting Joint Settlement Meetings and providing representation at Court.

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Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Claire is a clinical negligence specialist. She has extensive experience in all areas of clinical negligence including: delay in diagnosis of cancer, orthopaedics, surgical negligence, ophthalmics, obstetrics and gynaecology, Accident and Emergency, primary health care and dentistry. She is well used to dealing with complex issues of breach of duty, causation and quantum.

Serious Injury

Claire has an established reputation as a personal injury practitioner. She provides representation in all aspects of personal injury litigation including road traffic accidents, employers' and public liability.

Memberships

Lincoln's Inn

Northern and Eastern Circuit

Personal Injury Bar Association

Northern Circuit Medical Law Association

Qualifications

University: Manchester

Degree: BA (First Class Honours) Modern History with Economics

Year of Call: 2002 (Lincoln's Inn - Lord Denning Scholarship)

Recommendations

Legal 500 2023

'Claire pairs a very sharp mind with attention to detail, but importantly with the wisdom and confidence to tease out what really matters and discard the rest, such that a case is never mired in pointless arguments. She is always well-prepared, disarmingly grounded, and unflappable even in the face of unreasonable levels of provocation.'

Chambers UK 2022

"Has real attention to detail, and no stone is left unturned. She is excellent in cases where the medicine is complex or the legal issues are complicated as she is great at finding a way through and explaining it to the client in a straightforward and comprehensive way." "An excellent adviser who is thoroughly prepared for conferences and grasps the issues immediately. Her advice is well thought through and realistic, and her pleadings are excellent. She is approachable and communicates well with clients, medical experts and practitioners."

Legal 500 2022

"Very prepared and approachable."

Chambers UK 2021

"She is thoroughly prepared and very accessible." "Her attention to detail is fantastic and she understand how to deal with each client based upon their individual circumstances." "Very thorough and has a brilliant eye for detail. She's also excellent in conference with experts and is very good with paperwork."

Legal 500 2021

"First class brain - she gets to the nub of a case very quickly, and plans her approach to a case meticulously."

Chambers UK 2020

"She's very switched on with experts and is able to respond to their comments at the drop of hat. Her advocacy skills are brilliant and her tactics are excellent." "Claire is a pleasure to work with. She is accommodating and thorough and has an eye for detail."

Chambers UK 2018

"She's incredibly thorough and has a real eye for the nitty-gritty detail in a case - nothing gets past her." "Very quick thinker and able to respond to evolving evidence quickly in conference. Has a very caring attitude towards clients." "Completely brilliant in terms of valuation of cases and the interpretation and application of statistics."

Legal 500 2018

'She has a very good bedside manner with clients.'

Chambers UK 2017

"She can explain complicated medical matters to clients and is warm and friendly." "She manages expectations well and in meetings sets out what she's going to do, gets on with it and summarises at the end. She has an analytical and thorough approach and is good on the medical detail."

