

JEREMY ROUSSAK

Year of call: 1996

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Clerked by: Stephen Loxton Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:



Occupational Disease

Jeremy is frequently instructed, by both claimants and defendants, in cases in which illness is alleged to have arisen as a result of exposure to asbestos.

Significant Reported Cases

Matthews v Collins & ors [2013] EWHC 2952 (QB)

Successfully resisted an application to strike out an asbestos-related claim where the claimant widow had allowed the coroner to destroy lung tissue samples taken from her late husband.

Shaw v Stead McAlpin & Co Ltd, Carlisle County Court 2012

Recovered nearly £200,000 for widow of man who had been awarded provisional damages in 1998 for pleural plaques and had subsequently died from asbestosis.

Profile

Jeremy practices almost exclusively in the fields of personal injury and clinical negligence. He qualified as a doctor in 1983 and worked in hospital medicine for more than ten years before being called to the Bar. He underwent training in general surgery, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and then specialised in surgery of the heart and chest.

Jeremy is instructed on cases of all values, including very high value claims involving catastrophic injury at birth or in road traffic accidents. He is particularly interested in cases arising out of fatal accidents, in which damages are claimed for dependency, and those involving analysis of future loss where career progress was uncertain.

From February 2008 to April 2010 Jeremy was Counsel to the Redfern Inquiry into human tissue analysis in UK nuclear facilities. This was a government inquiry into "body snatching" by the nuclear industry. The report was presented to the House of Commons on 16th November 2010.

Jeremy was appointed to the Attorney-General's provincial panel of Counsel in 2002 and re-appointed in 2007 and 2012. He has appeared on behalf of government departments, including the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Justice, in personal injury and clinical negligence cases and at inquests.

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Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Inquests

Occupational Disease

Serious Injury

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)

Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)

Treasurer, Northern Circuit Medical Law Association (NCMLA)

Qualifications

St John's College, Cambridge: BA 1980 (medical sciences); BChir 1983; MA, MB 1984

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: Fellow 1988

City University: Diploma in Law 1995

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2019

"He was a cardiothoracic surgeon, so he brings a certain inside knowledge to the cases and is able to relate to medics, who feel he really understands them. He gets really good results and hasn't failed to impress." "Incredible intellect and no one knows more about procedure and the more esoteric areas of case law. His abilities with complex medical evidence are phenomenal."

Legal 500 2019

"Very accessible and thorough."

Chambers UK 2018

"He's a former surgeon so is really suited to the work. He has inherently good knowledge of the field." "He's very responsive and always happy to chat about an issue over the phone. Definitely someone you want on your side rather than being against him." "He puts his medical qualifications to good use when cross-examining experts and grasps the central issues quickly."

Legal 500 2018

'He has a sharp mind and loves detail.'

Legal 500 2017

'Organised and responsive, he is comfortable with the medical expert evidence.'

Chambers UK 2017

"He provides a very detailed analysis" and is "very robust and straight to the point."

Chambers UK 2016

"He is instructed on the most tricky and complex cases. He is fantastic and his medical knowledge is second to none."

