

Jake Coleman

Call: 2013



Overview

Jake has a busy practice spanning the full range of Chambers' core practice areas, with a particular focus on professional negligence, clinical negligence and costs. He represents both claimants and defendants, appearing regularly in both the High Court and County Courts.

Before completing pupillage at Hailsham in 2016, Jake spent a year working at a law firm in New York specialising in commercial litigation, two years working for the Medical Protection Society in London and had also undertaken an internship with a firm in Hong Kong specialising in clinical negligence and medical regulatory law.

Professional liability

Jake regularly advises both claimants and defendants on professional negligence matters involving solicitors, surveyors, financial advisers and estate agents. He has a particular interest in solicitors' negligence claims relating to property disputes, cyber fraud, personal injury litigation and wills. He is frequently instructed to advise on, and conduct strike out and summary judgment applications.

Jake's recent cases have involved allegations of:

- A solicitor's failure to inform his client of rights of way over land, preventing redevelopment;
- Settlement of an employer's liability claim at an undervalue;
- Failure of a surveyor to spot potential subsidence;
- Failure of an LPA Receiver to pass on proceeds of sale;
- A solicitor's failure to advise a client regarding costs;
- A barrister's conduct of a hearing before the Parole Board;
- Failure of a fund manager to divest a client of stock before a crash.

Jake has also been instructed as a junior on several high value claims in which senior members of Chambers have acted.

Clinical negligence

Jake has a busy clinical negligence practice, advising and appearing on behalf of both claimants and defendants across the spectrum of low-value and high-value cases. He regularly appears in both the High Court and the County Courts in both substantive and interlocutory hearings. Jake also frequently drafts pleadings in complex clinical negligence matters.

Recent cases have involved allegations of:

- Delayed diagnosis of multiple myeloma (a cancer of plasma cells);
 - Delayed removal of a kidney;
 - Failure to diagnose uterine cancer histologically;
 - Failure to diagnose developmental dysplasia of the hip in a baby;
 - Failure to obtain informed consent in respect of cosmetic surgery;
 - Failure to obtain informed consent in respect of urological surgery;
 - Failure of dental implants.
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Costs

Jake is quickly developing a substantial costs practice. He is a contributing editor to the upcoming 4th edition of *Friston on Costs* and to a number of articles published by LexisNexis in relation to Part 36.

Jake has considerable experience in solicitor-own client assessments, having recently been led by Alexander Hutton KC in long-running, multi-million-pound assessment proceedings. Jake also has considerable experience in inter partes costs matters, including non-party costs orders.

Inquests

Jake has extensive experience of inquests, including those held under Article 2 (*Middleton* inquests)

and those held with a jury. Jake recently undertook a 6-month secondment with an NHS panel firm where he specialised in coronial proceedings. Jake also regularly represents families at inquests.

Recent cases have included:

- An Article 2, jury inquest, where a man had hanged himself on an acute mental health ward;
- An Article 2, jury inquest, where a young man died when his airway became obstructed by a package of drugs while being restrained by police;
- A jury inquest where the deceased contracted an exceptionally rare lung condition, invasive aspergillosis;
- An inquest where the deceased had suffered an episode of acute behavioural disorder, consequent to cocaine overdose;
- The tragic death of a neonate from a treatable condition, supraventricular tachycardia;
- A death resulting from an incarcerated femoral hernia;
- A death following surgery to remove a gall stone.

Commercial law

Jake has extensive experience representing defendants in claims under the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Additionally, Jake frequently advises and represents clients in relation to commercial law matters including: The Companies Act 2006, contractual disputes and insolvency. Jake has appeared in both the County Court and the Chancery Division of the High Court in such cases.

What others say

“Jake did a fantastic job representing me and supporting me.” *Client, 2021*

“Jake has a great eye for detail and his knowledge of property law and ability to get to grips with the issues (in a professional negligence context) was excellent.” *Client, 2021*

“Jake was superb in getting to grips with the detail of the case. He developed a good rapport with our client. He was thorough in his preparations, and his overall command of the case was akin to that I would have expected from an advocate many years his senior. I had full confidence in him and would have no hesitation in instructing him again.” *Client, 2020*

Further information

Education

2007-2011: University of Bristol, Chemistry & Law BSc (First class)

2012-2013: BPP University, Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)

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