

Justin Meiland

Call: 2010



Overview

Justin specialises in medical law and professional discipline. He offers clear and practical advice combined with a sensitive approach to his clients' needs.

Justin has a busy and varied clinical negligence practice, acting for both claimants and defendants in cases ranging across the full clinical spectrum and frequently involving complex expert evidence. He appears in the County Court, High Court, and Coroners' Court. He is recommended in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 as a leading junior in clinical negligence.

Justin is also instructed to attend regulatory hearings. He has represented practitioners at the NMC, GMC and HCPC and has been instructed in appeals including the Court of Appeal case of *Doherty v NMC* [2017] EWCA Civ 1344.

Justin graduated with a Double First from Oxford University (Magdalen College). He received a Distinction in the Graduate Diploma in Law and an Outstanding in the Bar Vocational Course.

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Medical law

The bulk of Justin's practice is focused on medical law. He has been instructed by both claimants and defendants in a wide variety of clinical negligence claims relating to all manner of medical and healthcare professionals. Recent cases include claims relating to surgical negligence (including general surgery, cosmetic surgery and orthopaedic surgery), lack of consent, delay in diagnosis of cancer, ophthalmic errors, immunoglobulin therapy, cauda equina, GP errors, nursing practice, and secondary victim claims.

Justin prides himself on frank as well as sensitive advice, combined with persuasive advocacy in both Court and settlement meetings. He fights hard to achieve the best outcome for his clients.

Justin also has experience in inquests and acts for both families and interested persons.

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Regulatory and disciplinary

Justin is regularly instructed to act on behalf of nurses at the NMC and has also represented practitioners at the GMC, GDC and HCPC. Justin's experience covers a wide variety of cases, including allegations involving dishonesty, abuse, and health. His appellate work includes two successful appeals (compromised between the parties): the first against a striking off order imposed following an erroneous finding on the facts and the second against an order for erasure following an erroneous finding of impairment. He also acted as junior counsel in *Doherty v NMC* [2017] EWCA Civ 1344, the first Court of Appeal case to consider the approach to be taken by a registration panel at the NMC when assessing good character.

Professional liability

Justin has experience in acting for both claimants and defendants in claims against a range of professionals, including lawyers. He is particularly able to draw on his expertise in medical law to advise

in cases against lawyers arising out of alleged under-settlement and lost litigation in the clinical negligence context.

What others say

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Further information

Education

- 2009 – 2010: Bar Vocational Course (BPP): Outstanding.
- 2008 – 2009: Graduate Diploma in Law (City University): Distinction.
- 1999 – 2003: DPhil (Oxford).
- 1993 – 1997: BA (Hons) Oxford (Magdalen): double first.

Awards & Scholarships

- Megarry Pupillage Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn: 2010
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn: 2010
- Tort Essay Prize, 1 Chancery Lane: 2009
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn: 2009
- Maitland Advocacy Prize: 2008
- Lord Haldane Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn: 2008
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn: 2008
- Boden Scholarship, Oxford University: 2003
- Spalding Prize, Oxford University: 1996.

Personal: A keen linguist, Justin has tried his hand at Danish, Thai, Latin, Greek, Sanskrit and Pali among other languages. He also enjoys photography and trekking.

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