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Richard Anderton

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Overview

Richard joined Chambers in October 2012 and has developed his practice in all areas of Chambers' work, including professional negligence, medical law, personal injury and regulatory and disciplinary work. He is ranked as a leading junior by The Legal 500 in both professional negligence and clinical negligence.

Richard is regularly instructed on behalf of both claimants and defendants in a wide range of hearings before the County Courts and the High Court. He is frequently asked to advise and draft statements of case, particularly in professional and clinical negligence cases. Richard also regularly represents practitioners before regulatory tribunals.

Richard obtained a first at Oxford in Modern History and a distinction on the Graduate Diploma in Law at City University. During his BVC year, he won the Lincoln's Inn Open Mooting Competition and the Crowther Shield Advocacy Competition.

Professional liability

Richard is frequently instructed in professional negligence matters, including claims against solicitors, barristers, surveyors, accountants, financial advisers and lender claims.

In solicitors' negligence cases Richard regularly drafts pleadings on behalf of both claimants and defendants. He routinely deals with solicitors' negligence arising out of conveyancing, poor conduct of litigation, wills, employment law, matrimonial disputes, criminal law and tax avoidance schemes. He has a particular interest in under-settled personal injury and clinical negligence claims, as well as limitation disputes.

Richard was led by Michael Pooles KC in King (and others) v DWF LLP (and others)

[2023] EWHC 3132 (Comm), a 23-day trial before Henshaw J, where the claimants alleged dishonest breach of fiduciary duty and negligence against their former legal advisors in the course of a 20-day multi-million-pound fraudulent misrepresentation trial in the Chancery Division in 2017.

Richard was also led by Michael Pooles KC and Spike Charlwood in the defence of an alleged £100 million conveyancing claim.

Richard is ranked as a leading junior in Professional Negligence by The Legal 500. The 2022 edition describes Richard as ‘down to earth and practical, with superb drafting skills’. The 2021 edition noted that Richard ‘has fantastic attention to detail and is extremely thorough’, is ‘incredibly user-friendly’ and a ‘pragmatic advisor’.

Medical law

Richard is routinely instructed in medical law matters and acts for both claimants and defendants. He frequently advises on merits, quantum and settlement strategy, drafts pleadings and appears at a wide array of hearings and high-value settlement meetings. He is regularly instructed in claims against GPs, orthopaedic claims, surgical claims, cases concerning lack of consent and dental claims. Richard also has experience of Equality Act 2010 and data protection claims in healthcare settings.

Regulatory and disciplinary

Richard has an established practice in disciplinary work, particularly before the NMC. Notable cases include:

- Representing a nurse at a 10-day hearing in January 2014 where the charges included allegations of dishonesty, abuse and poor clinical competence.
- Representing a deputy manager at a 14-day hearing in October 2014 and January 2015 where, of 34 charges, just three were found proved and there was no finding of misconduct.
- Representing a nurse at a 10-day hearing in July 2015 where the charges included allegations of dishonesty and lack of competence.
- Representing a nurse at a 15-day hearing in July 2016 a complex management failure case.
- Representing a highly experienced head of healthcare of a maximum security prison, in a 4-week hearing in July/August 2018, which concluded with no case to answer.

He also has considerable experience of registration appeals and appeals by the Professional Standards Authority.

What others say

"He is excellent with both clients and experts, and consistently pitches his advice and advocacy at precisely the right level. He has an impressive ability to identify the key issues swiftly and to explore them with clarity and confidence, ensuring that everyone involved understands both the strategy and the risks. His drafting is clear, precise, and persuasive, with meticulous attention to detail that materially strengthens the case. He is well prepared and unflappable, and his calm, authoritative approach inspires confidence in clients and experts alike. In court, he is a strong and effective advocate, presenting submissions succinctly and responding thoughtfully to judicial intervention. He is also a pleasure to work with as part of a wider legal team and adds significant value to every case." *Legal 500, 2027*

"Richard is a pleasure to work with. His attention to detail and drafting skills are excellent. He is also personable, responsive, and provides a very user-friendly service." *Legal 500, 2027*

"Richard is the very model of an accomplished barrister." *Legal 500, 2026*

"Richard is absolutely thorough and has fine attention to detail. He is also extremely hardworking and a team player in all aspects." *Legal 500, 2025*

"Richard is a knowledgeable, thorough and supportive barrister." *Legal 500, 2025*

"Responsive, thorough, intelligent and pleasant to deal with." *Legal 500, 2023*

“He is down to earth and practical, with superb drafting skills.” *Legal 500*, 2022

“He has fantastic attention to detail and is extremely thorough. Incredibly user-friendly. Pragmatic advisor.” *Legal 500*, 2021

Further information

Awards & scholarships

- Winner of the Lincoln’s Inn Open Mooting Competition (2010)
- Winner of the Crowther Shield Advocacy Competition (2009)
- Semi-Finalist in the City University Blackstone BVC Mooting Competition (2010)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln’s Inn (2009)
- Eastham Scholarship, Lincoln’s Inn (2011)

Education

- 2009-2010: Bar Vocational Course (City University): Very Competent
- 2008-2009: Graduate Diploma in Law (City University): Distinction
- 2005-2008: BA (Hons) Modern History (Christ Church, Oxford): First Class

Personal: Richard is a keen singer and pianist, and held a choral scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford. He continues to sing on a semi- professional basis. He enjoys

most sports, and has the unenviable task of supporting Aston Villa. Richard also enjoys cooking, travelling and history (with a particular interest in 19th century American history).

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