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Practice Overview

Lloyd is an exceptionally experienced Silk in matters primarily regarding high end brain and spinal injuries in both personal injury and clinical negligence, together with police work and inquests.

An important part of Lloyd's professional work is to inspire confidence in the client (often very seriously injured clients), confidence in themselves and the team who represents them.

He advises, guides and reassures the client to ensure that they achieve the best possible result.

Whatever can be done to assist the client and the solicitor will be done, inclusively, reviewing files, having consultations in the evening or at the weekend as well as travelling to meet them at their home or whenever may be convenient. This ensures the client is always at the heart of the process.

Lloyd works closely with a number of senior juniors in 30 Park Place which enables us to offer a combined service, taking different roles in a case, whilst maintaining continuity. This usually results in a considerable saving in both time and costs.

Lloyd is also Head of the Civil@30 team.

Notable and Reported cases

- Adams v Rhymney Valley Council (2001) PNLR 68 CA

Issues of breach of duty arising from two alternative non-negligent courses of action (window locks/deaths from fire).

- Kingston & Others v British Steel (2004)

Lead action in boilermakers' vibration claims.

- Targett v Torfaen Council

Port Talbot Steelworks Explosion Inquest (2005): Lead Counsel for bereaved families and injured men.



- R v CJ

Manslaughter arising from an industrial accident.

- R v RWE

Manslaughter arising from an industrial accident.

- Re K

A very long running police case (from 1996) heard for 3 months in 2013.

- Re X

A young woman suffered serious injuries following premature birth. Case settled in 2013 for £1.7 million.

- Re G.D

A young man fell through a fragile roof suffering very severe head injuries. Case settled in 2013 for £6.2 million.

- Re A.G

A middle aged man suffered severe head injuries in a motor cycle accident. Case settled in 2013 for £3.3 million.

- Re F – A

Man injured in a road traffic accident when riding his motorcycle. He was rendered a paraplegic. Case settled in 2014 for £2.6 million gross.

- Re G

A young man in a road traffic accident who suffered disabling head injuries. He lacked capacity. Case settled in 2012 for £2 million gross

- Re W.L

A young woman in a road traffic accident left with a high level C5/6 spinal injury. Case settled in 2014 for £8.2 million on a provisional basis.

Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence

This work forms the bulk of Lloyd's practice. Most cases are high value brain and spinal injuries. In many cases he acts for protected persons. They involve dealing with badly injured litigants, their families, numerous medical and other experts, deputies and the Court of Protection.



Regulatory & Inquests

His regulatory work involves HSE cases in the criminal courts encompassing manslaughter and breach of regulations. He has appeared in many inquests, including death in custody and the Corus steel works explosion.

Police Actions & Prison Law

Lloyd has appeared in many police actions, including some forty or more Jury Trials. He has represented 6 local police authorities as well as representing many Claimants. All areas of Police work covered, but particularly actions of assault and malicious prosecution.

Recommendations

- Lloyd Williams KC is a well-regarded barrister and is routinely instructed in complex and high-value clinical negligence claims, particularly those involving children. He has considerable experience acting for claimants who lack capacity. "Lloyd took a very pragmatic, calm and sensible approach." "He's a phenomenal advocate." (Chambers & Partners, Clinical Negligence)
- Lloyd Williams KC is a skilled silk with particular expertise relating to serious brain and spinal injury cases. He is regularly called upon to act for claimants who lack capacity "Lloyd is at the top of the tree for insightful advice and advocacy in serious injury cases." "Lloyd provides an outstanding service to clients and has a very good manner. Clients feel at ease with him and he is an expert in his field." "Lloyd is very bright and able to find innovative solutions to the most complex of cases." "Lloyd Williams is a formidable operator - he's highly experienced and gets excellent results for his clients." (Chambers & Partners 2024, Personal Injury)
- Lloyd Williams KC tends to represent the bereaved at inquests involving the police, or in matters investigating health and safety failures. He has also attracted an important instruction in the Infected Blood Inquiry. (Chambers & Partners, Inquests & Public Inquiries)
- 'He has a deceptively calm exterior but can cut to the heart of a problem seamlessly. He is enjoyable to work with as he has a great team-minded approach. He works very well with juniors.' (Legal 500, 2024 - Personal Injury)
- Leading Silk (Legal 500, 2024 - Inquests & Inquiries)
- "He is extremely well prepared and keen to fight your corner even on the most difficult cases. He is very much liked by claimants for his easy manner and straight advice. He is easy to work with both in and outside of court and is always keen to look at novel areas of the law." (Legal 500, 2024 - Clinical Negligence)
- "Lloyd is a top-notch advocate. He is able to spot the key issues in the most complex of cases and devise creative solutions." (Chambers UK, 2023 - Personal Injury)
- "Lloyd Williams KC is a very serious player and he has all of the skills needed to avoid making a mess in these matters: good legal skills, compassion and an understanding of the unique jurisdiction." (Chambers UK, 2023 - Inquests & Public Inquiries)
- "Lloyd is a brilliant barrister. He is always on top of the case and is very good with clients in conference."



(Chambers UK, 2023 - Clinical Negligence)

- "Lloyd is absolutely first-rate. He is very approachable and his technical skills are superb. He is very good on tricky liability cases and is a polished court room performer." (Legal 500, 2023 - Personal Injury)
- Tier 1 (Legal 500, 2023 - Inquests & Inquiries)
- "He is brilliant in court and is able to explain the most complex matters in a way that makes them easy for lay clients to understand." (Legal 500, 2022 - Clinical Negligence)
- "He is very switched on, calm and good with clients." (Chambers UK, 2022 - Clinical Negligence)
- "He is very helpful, his advice is always very clear and his advocacy is very good." (Chambers UK, 2022 - Inquests & Public Inquiries)
- "Very good at assimilating huge documents." (Chambers UK, 2022 - Personal Injury)
- 'Lloyd is good with clients, pragmatic and calm under pressure.' (Legal 500, Clinical Negligence)
- 'He is very personable and is brilliant at putting clients from all walks of life at ease. He is really strong on complex liability cases – especially those which contain allegations of criminality.' (Legal 500, 2022 - Personal Injury)
- 'Mr Williams is very thorough and calm. Good cross exam and good with clients.' (Legal 500, 2022 - Inquests & Inquiries)
- "A user-friendly, tenacious barrister with great attention to detail. He is a fantastic strategic thinker and is excellent in cross-examinations." (Chambers UK, 2021 - Personal Injury)
- "He is very efficient in court." (Chambers UK, 2021 - Inquests & Public Inquiries)
- 'Good with clients and with a down-to-earth approach.' (Legal 500, 2021 - Personal Injury)
- 'Very clear and courteous with clients, even in emotional circumstances - a practical lawyer with good tactical skills.' (Legal 500, 2021)
- 'He's excellent. He combines his rare insight into cases with a practical approach which ensures his clients achieve the best possible settlements.' (Chambers UK 2020)
- 'Good with clients, he knows how to handle coroners.' (Legal 500, 2020 - Inquests and Inquiries)
- 'Excellent with both professional and lay clients.' (Legal 500, 2020 - Personal Injury)
- 'Very astute and able to find creative solutions to the most intricate cases.' 'A very accomplished advocate who takes a no-nonsense approach to dealing with opposing counsel. While forceful in his presentation of claims, he is also realistic in terms of possible outcomes and always strives to achieve the best for the client.' (Chambers UK, 2019)
- 'Very astute and able to find creative solutions to the most intricate cases.' (Legal 500, 2018)
- 'Lloyd is an excellent barrister with a good eye for tactics and an excellent way with clients and experts. He is a smooth operator in the court arena.' (Chambers UK, 2018)
- 'A practical and tactical silk' (Legal 500, 2017)



- 'Leading practitioner for catastrophic and fatal accident claims. He is applauded by the market for his high-value brain and spinal injury practice, representing claimants and defendants alike, and is noted for his quality client care.' Strengths: "Calm and methodical, he is a strategic thinker who is excellent with clients from all walks of life. A go-to barrister on fatal accident cases." (Chambers UK, 2017)
- 'Very clear and courteous, even in emotional circumstances.' (Legal 500, 2016)
- 'A highly experienced silk who predominantly appears on behalf of claimants. He acts in a wide range of personal injury cases, including those concerning catastrophic injuries and fatalities. Calm, methodical and a strategic thinker. He is excellent with clients from all walks of life.' (Chambers UK, 2016)
- 'An astute and authoritative advocate who is also excellent with clients' (Legal 500, 2015)
- 'Widely recognised in the personal injury space for his expertise in cases concerning catastrophic head injuries and fatalities. He is very bright and creative, and thinks outside the box.' (Chambers UK 2015)
- 'Sharp and extremely able' (Legal 500, 2014)
- 'We use him a lot on general high-value serious injury work - he's a safe pair of hands.' (Chambers and Partners, 2014)
- Lloyd Williams QC is listed on the Chambers UK 2013 'Spotlight Table'
- 'Lloyd Williams QC is an experienced silk admired for his "ability to provide creative solutions to complex cases." He handles numerous matters including claims relating to industrial disease and catastrophic injuries, and is noted for his "willingness to fight and succeed with difficult cases."' (Chambers UK, 2013)
- Lloyd Williams QC is listed on the Chambers UK 2012 'Spotlight Table'
- 'Clients of the "sharp and creative" Lloyd Williams QC seek him out because "he finds innovative ways to tackle complex issues." Severe injury, fatalities and industrial disease claims make up the bulk of his diverse practice, which also includes clinical negligence and police law.' (Chambers UK 2012)
- 'Lloyd Williams QC is recommended for top-end work including catastrophic and brain injury cases'. (Legal 500, 2012)
- 'Lloyd Williams is an "extremely clever" silk who wins praise for his "meticulous preparation" and "ability to advance new and novel arguments". His regular caseload includes head injuries, spinal injuries and asbestos related cases' (Chambers UK, 2011)
- 'Lloyd Williams QC is a very fine team player and extremely robust counsel for claimants and defendants alike' (Chambers UK, 2010)
- 'Lloyd Williams is a "top class choice" for high value claims, with vast experience in occupational injury and disease cases'. (Legal 500, 2009)
- 'Lloyd Williams QC "certainly knows what he is doing"'. (Chambers UK, 2009)
- 'Lloyd Williams is a silk who wins admiration from numerous sources as a "first class all-rounder". Both "extremely knowledgeable and approachable", he is also "superb with clients". He heads the civil team and specialises in fatal accident claims, industrial disease and brain and spinal injury matters' (Chambers UK, 2008)
- The "outstanding" Lloyd Williams QC is both "clever" and "persuasive". Solicitors applauded his "sound judgement" and "balanced point of view". (Chambers UK, 2007)

Appointments

- Assistant Recorder 1999



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 - Silk 2006

Education & Qualification

- Barry Boys Comprehensive School
- Liverpool Polytechnic