



## Martin Forde QC

Call: 1984 QC: 2006

Martin Forde QC has a practice which covers all aspects of Health Law. He appears regularly in all the Regulatory and Disciplinary tribunals predominantly for practitioners including doctors, dentists, osteopaths, chiropractors and optometrists. He is currently acting as the Independent Advisor to the Windrush Compensation Scheme.

He has acted for the General Medical Council and the General Dental Council. He has appeared in a number of major cases in the Privy Council and has been involved in medical related judicial review hearings in the Administrative Court as well as judicial review hearings involving mental health and immigration issues.

His clinical negligence and personal injury practice is exclusively undertaken in the High Court involving injuries of maximum severity.

His experience of Inquests is extensive particularly in cases involving a mental health element.

He has appeared on many occasions in the Employment Tribunal acting for NHS Trusts and medical practitioners. He has appeared in HC (90) 9 proceedings, internal Trust and PCT hearings and has an extensive FHSAA practice.

He has been recognised as a band 1 practitioner by Chambers & Partners since 2010.

### Notable cases include:

- **Dr Michael Jonathan Fish v GMC [2012] EWHC 1269 (Admin)**
- **R (on the application of X) v GMC [2011] EWHC 3271 (Admin)**
- **Dr Casey v GMC NIQB 95**
- **Negin Shamsian v GMC [2011] EWHC 2885 (Admin)**
- **Azzam v The General Medical Council [2008] EWHC 2711 (Admin)**
- **R (on the application of Anderson & Ors) v HM Coroner for Inner North Greater London LTL 3/12/2004**

"The Roger Sylvester Inquest."

- **Preiss v General Dental Council – Privy Council 2001 HRLR56 2001 Lloyd's Rep Med 491**
- **Bainton v General Dental Council Privy Council Times October 17 2000**
- **Bhanot v South West London St Georges NHS Trust 2000 Lloyds Rep Medical 324**
- **Dr Emmanuel Dibua Nwabueze v General Medical Council (2000)**

*"A fantastic advocate." "Smart and a good negotiator." "Personable and always a pleasure to deal with."*

Chambers & Partners 2019

*"One of the standout names. Very tenacious and determined, with a very attractive and easy manner." "He is phenomenal and clients absolutely love him."*

Chambers & Partners 2018

*"He thinks outside the box and is not afraid to take on the tribunal." "Always a pleasure to deal with."*

Chambers & Partners 2019

## Clinical Negligence

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Martin Forde QC's Clinical Negligence practice is exclusively undertaken in the High Court involving injuries of maximum severity.

He has been recognised by Chambers & Partners since 2010.

*"He leaves no stone unturned in pursuit of the best outcome for his clients." (Chambers & Partners 2017)*

*"He's very personable and he has an excellent way with the lay client." (Chambers & Partners 2016)*

*"He was exceptional...very knowledgeable and understanding of my situation." (Chambers & Partner 2015)*

*"He is absolutely lovely. Very reassuring and realistic." (Chambers & Partners 2014)*

He comes highly recommended as does Martin Forde QC, "who has a broad practice and impressive experience in maximum severity claims." (Chambers & Partners 2013)

*"Great reputation in this field," "a very smooth operator." (Chambers & Partners 2012)*

*"Committed, astute and personable operator who is always on top of his brief." (Chambers & Partners 2011)*

*"Steadfast defence of their clients' interests." (Chambers & Partner 2010)*

# Personal Injury

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Martin Forde QC's Personal Injury practice is exclusively undertaken in the High Court involving injuries of maximum severity.

## Inquests

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Martin Forde QC work in Inquests is predominantly in cases with a mental health element.

## Professional Discipline & Regulation

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He has appeared on many occasions in the Employment Tribunal acting for NHS Trusts and medical practitioners. He has appeared in HC (90) 9 proceedings, internal Trust and PCT hearings and has an extensive FHSAA practice.

He has been recognised as a band 1 practitioner by Chambers & Partners since 2010.

*"He has a very smooth and persuasive oral advocacy style and is a very tough opponent." "A clear and straightforward advocate with very good judgement as to how to pitch a case and what arguments to run with." (Chambers & Partners 2017)*

*"He's an extremely experienced and classy barrister. He can make unpalatable arguments seem attractive." (Chambers & Partners 2016)*

*"Extremely impressive." (Legal 500 2015)*

*"He is very impressive, especially when you need a QC in a high-profile case." (Chambers & Partners 2014)*

*"Forceful, forthright and clear," "an exceptionally safe pair of hands." (Chambers & Partners 2013)*

*A 'robust' advocate who "will fight every reasonable angle for his client." (Chambers & Partners 2012)*

*"A charming and extremely capable advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2011)*

*"He fights to the end for his clients' best interests." (Chambers & Partners 2010)*

## Appointments

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- Member of Bar Council Pupillage Award Waiver Committee (2003-present)
- Independent Adviser to the Windrush Compensation Scheme.
- Judicial Appointments Commissioner (2012)

- Chair Bar Council Progression & Access Committee (2011)
- Recorder of the Crown Court (2009)
- South Eastern Circuit Diversity Mentor (2009)
- Chair South Eastern Circuit Minorities Committee (2009)
- Co-opted Member of the Bar Council (1994)

## Education

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- BA, Oxford