

Richard Smith

Call: 1999



Richard Smith's practice focuses on professional discipline, clinical negligence, professional negligence, personal injury and costs.

'He appreciates the points that make a difference and concentrates on them.'

Legal 500 2018

"He appears in fitness to practice cases." 'Has a focus on claims involving solicitors and barristers.'

Legal 500 2018

"Razor-sharp, to the point and always on top of the detail."

Legal 500 2017

Clinical Negligence

Richard is instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in cases of clinical negligence of all types. He has a broad experience and active caseload including multi-million pound claims and is involved in claims at all stages from pre-action to trial. He frequently advises on substantive matters of liability and quantum, as well as on procedural and interlocutory matters. He also appears at inquests for families and medical professionals in cases where there is a suggestion that death could have resulted from clinical error.

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Richard has broad experience of representing medical and dental practitioners before their regulatory bodies. He regularly appears before the Medical Practitioners Tribunal in Fitness to Practise cases brought by the GMC, and before the Professional Conduct Committee of the GDC. He is also instructed in cases where the regulator is seeking an interim order.

Professional Negligence

Richard's experience in the field of professional negligence primarily focuses on negligence claims against solicitors and barristers, although he has also appeared in cases brought against surveyors, architects and accountants.

Costs

Richard is often called upon to advise on costs issues arising out of cases in the areas of law listed above. He has appeared in the SCCO to argue matters of law prior to or during detailed assessment proceedings.

Personal Injury

Richard has extensive experience in the field of personal injury including claims for injuries of the utmost severity.

Education

- MA (Cantab) Law

Memberships

- PIBA
- PNBA