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## Richard Smith

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Richard Smith's practice focuses on professional discipline, clinical negligence, professional negligence, personal injury and costs. He is recommended as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

*'Richard is insightful and calm and this translates very well into his client management, putting doctors and dentists at ease in what are very stressful times in their career. His cross-examinations are forensic and relentless and usually garner the required response.'*

**Legal 500 2021**

*"He is just brilliant and instils confidence in his clients. He is thorough, covers every angle of a case and his drafting is always spot on."*

**Chambers & Partners 2020**

*"He has an extremely keen mind; clients love him."*

**Legal 500 2019**

## Clinical Negligence

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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

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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.

Richard is a contributor to *Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings*, 10<sup>th</sup> Ed. LexisNexis.

# Professional Negligence

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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

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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

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

## Appointments

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- Advocate Pro Bono Champion

## Education

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- MA (Cantab) Law

## Memberships

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- PIBA
- PNBA

## Publications

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- Contributor to *Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings*, 10<sup>th</sup> Ed. LexisNexis.