



Robert Kellar QC

Call: 1999 QC: 2019

Robert Kellar has a broad civil, regulatory and public law practice which encompasses: clinical negligence, personal injury, professional discipline, judicial review/human rights, healthcare inquests and employment law.

He was highly recommended as a leading junior, now as a new silk, by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He is a member of the Attorney General's A-Panel of counsel.

In clinical negligence he is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants and has considerable experience in complex, multi-party and high value claims. He deals with all types of case including in claims involving brain injury, spinal injury, vascular injury and missed cancer diagnoses. He was recently instructed as junior counsel for the Claimants in the Ian Paterson group litigation.

Robert is recognised as a leading silk in personal injury law. He is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants, including by major Government Departments. He has experience in all types of personal injury, road traffic cases and accidents at work. Robert is also instructed in cases involving allegations of historic assault and sexual abuse.

Robert acts for doctors and other health practitioners in cases before the MPTS, GDC, NMC, RPhC and other healthcare tribunals. He is regularly instructed in cases involving regulatory appeals to the High Court or judicial reviews of regulatory decisions. Robert also acts for healthcare practitioners in an employment law context, including in disciplinary proceedings.

Robert has extensive experience in public, administrative law and human rights. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants. As a member of the Attorney General's A-Panel of counsel he is regularly instructed to appear on behalf of government departments in the High Court and Court of Appeal. He also has a particular interests in cases involving immigration, unlawful detention and healthcare issues.

Robert acts for both claimants and respondents, including a range of government departments, in the Employment Tribunal and in the EAT. He has particular experience in unfair dismissal and all types of discrimination and

victimisation claims.

"He's brilliant at every stage of a case."

Chambers & Partners 2019

'Able to take on the most complex cases and can turn his hand to any aspect of public law.' *'Very strong court advocate and a good strategic thinker.'*

Legal 500 2018

"Detailed and gives good practical advice. He was clear in advising clients while also being sensitive given the nature of the cases." *"Calm and can make what might seem complicated simple."*

Chambers & Partners 2018

Clinical Negligence

In clinical negligence he is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants and has considerable experience in complex, multi-party and high value claims. He deals with all types of case including claims involving brain injury, spinal injury, vascular injury and missed cancer diagnoses. He was recently instructed as junior counsel for the Claimants in the Paterson Group litigation.

"He is very approachable and gives excellent practical advice." (Legal 500 2017)

"He is an extremely bright and forceful advocate, who commands authority in court." (Legal 500 2016)

"He is very personable with clients and turns around complicated written work quickly." (Legal 500 2015)

"A total team player." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Various Claimant v. (1) Ian Paterson (2) SPIRE Healthcare (3) Heart of England NHS Trust**
- **Lucy Diamond v. Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust [2017] EWHC 1495 (QB).**
- **Desmond Muller v. King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [2017] EWHC 128 (QB) [2017] 2 WLR 1595**
- **Louise Bradbury & Ors v. 1. Ian Paterson 2. Spire Healthcare 3. Heart of England NHS Trust [2014] EWHC 3992**
- **Goldsmith IBS Ltd v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2016).**
- **Rosa v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 14.**
- **Q v General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 6621 (Admin).**
- **AN (Afghanistan) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWCA Civ 684.**
- **Bain v Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust (HHJ Seymour QC, Lawtel 12/02/15).**

- **Bradbury & Ors v (1) Ian Paterson (2) Spire Healthcare (3) Heart of England NHS Trust [2014] EWHC 3992 (QB).**
- **Carter v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 2603 (Admin).**
- **Wamala v (1) Home Office (2) Reliance Task Management [2014] EWHC 2039 (QB).**
- **Francis v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWCA Civ 718.**
- **Wamala v Home Office [2014] EWHC 1503 (QB).**
- **Aziz Lamari v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 1503 (QB).**
- **AN (Afghanistan) & Ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2013] EWCA Civ 1189.**
- **D v General Medical Council [2013] EWHC 2114 (Admin).**

Personal Injury

Robert is rated as leading barrister in personal injury by Chambers & Partners. He is regularly instructed by Claimant and Defendants, including by Government Departments, in all types of personal injury claim.

"Detailed and gives good practical advice. He was clear in advising clients while also being sensitive given the nature of the cases." "Calm and can make what might seem complicated simple." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

"I find him very easy to deal with, very pragmatic and a good communicator. He always turns things around on time." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

"He is analytical and his advice is short and succinct in manner". "He is very knowledgeable and will put cases together very quickly for you" (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"Excellent courtroom skills" (Chambers & Partners 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Various Claimants v. Barclays Bank [2017] EWHC 1929**

Public Law

Robert is recognised by the Legal 500 as a leading practitioner in Public and Administrative Law. He has considerable experience of acting for private individuals, public bodies and government departments in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

"An exceptional talent." (Legal 500 2017)

"Extremely persuasive, charming and affable." (Legal 500 2016)

"An astute and skilful advocate." (Legal 500 2015)

"Affable, polished and has good judgment." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **SB (Afghanistan)v. The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 215]**
- **Wamala v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] EWCA Civ 363**
- **Secretary of State for the Home Department v. (1) EC (2) EG [2017] EWHC 795 (Admin)**
- **Aitjilal v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] UKUT 563 (IAC)**
- **Goldsmith IBS Ltd v. Secretary of State for the Home Department (2016)**
- **Rosa v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 14**
- **Chaudhuri v. General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 6621**
- **AN (Afghanistan) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWCA Civ 684**
- **Carter v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 2039 (QB)**
- **Wamala v. (1) Home Office (2) Reliance Task Management [2014] EWHC 2039 (QB)**
- **Francis v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWCA Civ 718**

Professional Discipline & Regulation

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"Always very thorough and detailed, and very approachable too." (Legal 500 2017)

"A very tough opponent, who thinks well on his feet." (Legal 500 2016)

"Recommended for his experience acting for health professionals." (Legal 500 2015)

"A very good all-round advocate, with a clear drafting style and robust but convincing style in Court." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Oyessanya v. General Medical Council**
- **Chaudhuri v. General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 6621 (Admin)**
- **D v. General Medical Council [2013] EWHC 2839 (Admin)**
- **Rycroft v. Royal Pharmaceutical Council [2010] EWHC 2832 (Admin)**
- **Yeong v. General Medical Council [2009] EWHC 1923 (Admin)**

Employment & Equality

Robert acts for both claimants and respondents, including a range of government departments, in the Employment Tribunal and in the EAT. He has particular experience in unfair dismissal and all types of discrimination and victimisation claims.

Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown 'A' Panel (present)
- Panel of External Advisers to the Legal Services Board

Awards

- Winner of Lee Essay Prize, Gray's Inn
- Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge University
- Scholar of Magdalen College, Oxford University

Education

- LLM (Cantab) (First Class), Queens College, Cambridge University
- BA (Oxon), Magdalen College, Oxford University

Memberships

- PNBA
- ALBA
- PIBA
- ELBA