



William Edis QC

Call: 1985 QC: 2008

Recognised as a leading Silk in his field, William Edis QC has a wide practice covering healthcare law, clinical negligence, disciplinary and regulatory inquiries, inquests, employment, public law and personal injury. He regularly acts in cases of the highest value and importance and complexity. He has appeared before the Supreme Court, the House of Lords, the Court of Appeal and all courts relevant to his practice areas.

He has acted as a mediator.

"Possesses great presence and a persuasive voice." "An aggressive cross-examiner" who has "vast experience in disciplinary cases."

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'An excellent advocate with a silky tongue.'

Legal 500 2018

"Very clever and popular with clients."

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Clinical Negligence

William has specialized in clinical negligence for over 25 years. He represents both claimants and defendants and has great experience in all types of clinical negligence actions including cases against hospitals, general practitioners and associated healthcare professionals. He is acknowledged to have an excellent grasp of medical

issues. He has appeared in clinical negligence cases in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords (Gregg v Scott).

In PQR William negotiated a settlement for a brain-damaged claimant where the causation case was complicated by the unrelated presence of Septo-optic dysplasia and a chromosomal defect.

In the last year William has been involved in cases involving allegations of negligence within many fields, including:

- Genetic counselling and evaluation
- Obstetric and neonatal medicine
- A missed ectopic pregnancy causing a rare neurological syndrome
- Missed meningitis
- Serious spinal injuries
- Missed septic arthritis
- Delayed treatment of a cardiac arrest
- Negligent amputations

William also has an interest in medical product liability claims, having acted in several group actions (including the Oral Contraceptive Pill, MMR and Depuy Hylamer prosthetic implants cases) and has advised in relation to various medical and surgical products, including the use of transvaginal mesh.

Selected Cases

- **Gregg v Scott: [2005] AC 176 (HL):** acted for the defendant at first instance, in the Court of Appeal and House of Lords. Leading case on loss of a chance damages.
- **Moore v Plymouth (2016):** William successfully defended a Trust against an allegation of femoral nerve damage during minimally-invasive knee replacement surgery.
- **Hall v Thomas and Everton Football Club [2014]:** allegedly negligent treatment of a professional footballer ending a career in football.
- **Dhillon v MUMS (2014):** He successfully represented the defendant in a case concerning an allegedly negligent fetal anomaly scan

Professional Discipline & Regulation

William Edis QC has extensive experience in acting before professional disciplinary tribunals, most commonly those of the General Medical Council, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the General Dental Council. He has acted in cases of clinical incompetence, fraud (including research fraud), behavioural misconduct and general issues of dishonesty. He has particular experience in performance and competence issues. Recently, he has successfully helped a doctor be restored following administrative erasure even though complaints had been made, assisted veterinary surgeons in various disciplinary inquiries and represented Dr Ewa Michalak in her successful trip to the Supreme Court in relation to the jurisdiction of the Employment Tribunal where a registrant wishes to allege discriminatory treatment by a regulator that is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010.

He is the Chair of the Disciplinary Appeals Tribunal of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Selected Cases

- **Michalak v General Medical Council & others [2017] UKSC 71**

Appointments

- Recorder (2004 – present)
- Chair of the Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal of the Institute of Actuaries
- Former Deputy Chair of the National Health Service Tribunal

Education

- MA (Oxon)
- Dip Law, City University

Memberships

- ARDL
- LCCBA
- PIBA
- PNBA

Publications

- Chapter on settlement of personal injury claims involving protected parties in *The Law and Practice of Compromise* by Sir David Foskett (Sweet & Maxwell).
- Frequently invited as a speaker on various topics relating to his specialist areas.