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Hugh's practice is focussed multi-track clinical negligence and personal injury, as well as costs.

He is an experienced practitioner who provides advice and representation at all stages of litigation. In cases involving a fatality he also acts for interested parties at the inquest.

His ability to connect with clients and deal with sensitive or difficult issues in cases leads to regular and repeat instructions, His attention to detail and procedural knowledge is also highly regarded by those who instruct him.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

In his clinical negligence practice Hugh is instructed in cases involving a wide range of medical specialities, including orthopaedics, cardiology and general surgery. Cases he advises on include misdiagnosis and delayed diagnosis, unnecessary/inappropriate treatment, surgical negligence, pharmaceutical negligence and failure to obtain informed consent.

Hugh has extensive experience in cases involving ophthalmic negligence, and is sought after in particular for cases involving informed consent for cosmetic ophthalmic surgery including laser eye surgery and refractive lens exchange.

Notable Clinical Negligence cases

Representing a Claimant who, following negligently performed surgery, had to have one leg amputated and before the conclusion of the case had to have her other leg amputated.

Secondary victim claims for the parents of a new-born baby who was not adequately assessed by the midwife after delivery, and who died from respiratory problems within a day of birth.

Settling the case of a young Claimant who was inappropriately advised to undergo 5 major knee operations over a period of 4 years, leaving them with unresolved knee pain and the likelihood of amputation in the future.

Represented at trial a Claimant who alleged that, following a serious head injury in an RTA, was not appropriately referred for neurological review and neurorehabilitation, which resulted in a missed diagnosis of post-traumatic psychosis.

Personal Injury

Hugh regularly advises and provides representation for both Claimants and Defendants in high-value personal injury claims, arising from a broad range of incidents including accidents at work, road traffic accidents and motorcycle/bicycle accidents, public liability claims

His cases include a wide range of serious and complex claims such as disabling orthopaedic injuries, head injuries and traumatic brain injuries, fibromyalgia and chronic pain syndromes, and fatal accidents

Notable Personal Injury cases

Advising on and settling the claim for an HGV driver who sustained a brain injury after being knocked down by a car driving into the layby across which he was walking.

Advising the family of a driver killed by a falling tree, which had been negligently missed from an inspection regime.

Representing and settling the case of a Claimant in which it was alleged that the accident in which she was involved triggered the development of multiple sclerosis

Costs

Hugh provides advise and representation in relation to costs, often those arising out of clinical negligence and personal injury claims. He advises on points of principle, as well as providing representation at detailed assessment hearing.

Notable Costs cases

In a case where the Claimant had settled a claim against the first defendant, but not the second defendant, secured an order for costs against the second Defendant (at first instance and following appeal to the High Court) for the additional costs incurred by including them in the claim.

Advising and representing a claimant in an opposed application for an interim payment on account of costs in relation to an ongoing catastrophic injury claim for a minor.

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Education

- Philosophy BA (Hons), Nottingham University 2001
- PGDL College of Law 2002

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers
- Professional Negligence Bar Association