

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

MA (Oxon)

Specialist in head injury, spinal injury and fatal accidents claims, usually acting for Claimants. He also has extensive experience in asbestos, occupational asthma and other industrial disease litigation and since the late 1980s has been heavily involved in claims arising out of asbestos exposure at Southampton Docks, Portsmouth Dockyard and the Fawley Refinery. He has considerable expertise in clinical negligence claims and in the disposal of claims by way of periodical payments under the Damages Act 1996.

He is a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association and the Personal Injuries Bar Association.

Anthony Coleman is recommended in Band 5 of the London Personal Injury section of the Chambers and Partners 2011 Directory. He is described as a "level-headed" barrister by the Directory.

Some notable recent cases

AH v Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust (2006)

(liability of Defendants for failure to prevent suicide of patient - Fatal Accidents Act claim on behalf of daughter)

Brennan v Eco Composting Ltd [2006] EWHC 3153 (QB)

(severely head-injured Claimant - short life expectancy - entitlement to interest on Part 36 Payment upon settlement of claim)

CR v Midland Bank plc (2003) CA

(liability of employer for tripping accident - foot injury leading to Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome in leg and arm)

G v Southampton and South West Hampshire HA (2002) 67 BMLR 1 CA

(clinical negligence - brain surgery - liability of consultant anaesthetist)

Jameson v Central Electricity Generating Board [2000] 1 AC 455 HL

(mesothelioma - liability of concurrent tortfeasor in widow's claim under the Fatal Accidents Act - whether claim barred by terms of settlement of earlier action)

Kane v New Forest District Council [2002] 1 WLR 312 CA

(liability in negligence of local planning authority for requiring footpath to be constructed at a point on inside of dangerous bend - serious head injury)

Pitts v Hunt [1991] 1 QB 24 CA

(application of maxim ex turpi causa non oritur actio to road traffic claims - contributory negligence)

Vasey v Surrey Free Inns plc [1996] PIQR 373 CA

(vicarious liability of employer for assault by nightclub doorman)

W v North West Strategic Health Authority (2007) QBD

(clinical negligence - failure to diagnose Claimant's spina bifida - claim settled for £3.4 million on conventional basis - final disposal adjourned pending appeal in *Thompstone v Tameside and Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust*)

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Legal Assessor to the General Medical Council
- Legal Assessor to the General Optical Council
- Recorder