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One Crown Office Row is widely regarded as a top set (and, by many, as *the* top set) in the field of clinical negligence and in a wide range of associated health law fields including personal injury and professional disciplinary work in relation to all medically-trained professionals.

We currently have 27 silks and a large number of senior juniors in the clinical negligence team alone, with many of our younger juniors showing great promise in this important area of law. Our breadth and depth of experience in this increasingly specialised field enables us to provide objective, careful advice, and expert advocacy in Court.

The views that have been expressed by the Legal Directories on our clinical negligence expertise reflect our strong reputation:

Recently saying – *1 Crown Office Row is “a head above the majority of other sets due to its sheer depth” and the fact that it houses more than one of the truly big names in the field.*

An “absolutely superb” set, its silks, juniors and clerks all received abundant praise from interviewees. Sources describe the barristers as “excellent, experienced and approachable.” Both claimant and defendant solicitors appreciate the consistent quality of the set’s members with one commentator stating: “There’s a whole line of silks and juniors we’d be happy to use interchangeably.” Others spoke well of the clerks, led by the “highly respected” Matthew Phipps, saying that, like the barristers, they are “always pleasant, courteous and do their job fantastically well.”

They always “go out of their way to help, are really efficient and are very supportive”.

We have established ourselves in this field by acting for a wide range of clients. We act for privately and publicly funded Claimants across the whole medical, dental, and alternative treatment spectrum. Our Defendant clients include hospitals and organisations within the NHS, private hospitals, medical defence organisations and other insurance bodies.

Our strength in other areas of medical law, such as professional disciplinary, medical crime, inquests, Court of Protection and public law, also gives us a real advantage. We can take a wider view, and provide our clients with advice and representation tailored to the circumstances of the particular case.

Our members have been involved in many of the most significant cases in this field over a long period of time. The list includes:

Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board [2015], Nyang v G4S and Dr Thomas [2014], Meiklejohn v St George's NHS Trust [2013], XYZ v Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust [2011], Whiston v London Strategic Health Authority [2010], Janet Birch v UCL Hospital NHS Trust [2008], Thompstone v Tameside & Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust [2008], A v B NHS Trust [2006], West Bromwich Albion FC v El-Safty [2006], Islington LBC v University College Hospitals NHS Trust [2005], Sowden v Lodge [2005], Lillywhite v University College London Hospitals NHS Trust [2005], Beck v Ministry of Defence [2005], Gregg v Scott [2005].

We have also been involved in many high profile multi-party claims, such as the Benzodiazopine litigation, Radio Action Group Exposure ("RAGE"), MMR litigation, the OCP (oral contraceptive) litigation, and medical inquiries such as the Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Inquiry, Bristol Heart Surgery Inquiry and the inquiry arising out of the retention of organs at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Alder Hey. In 2013 we were instructed in the PIP Litigation and the claims against Mr Ian Paterson.

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is one of the few chambers in London identified by The Legal 500 as a leading set in the field of clinical negligence. They commented:

"At **42 Bedford Row**, members are recommended for challenging cases, such as cauda equine syndrome claims and serious brain injury issues."

Chambers now boasts over 100 members providing not only the high quality that the set has become renowned for, but also significant depth at all levels of call to satisfy clients' needs in a rapidly changing legal landscape.

Several members of chambers are individually ranked by The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as leading juniors in the field of clinical negligence and the clerks are also singled out and commended for their client service.

Selected comments about counsel are:

'A Demigod in this area'

'Always fair-minded and an excellent advocate.'

'Good at identifying the key issues in complex cases.'

'He is an astute and experienced negotiator.' 'His ability to get straight to the heart of the matter endears him to solicitors and clients alike.'

'A very knowledgeable and charming advocate who has a lovely manner and is good in negotiation.'

Not only do members of chambers act for both Claimants and Defendants in all aspects of clinical negligence, but they also have a strong presence in disciplinary and regulatory work. Barristers at all levels of call attend inquests on behalf of both families, NHS Trusts and other interested parties.

The premises at 42 Bedford Row give them with a significant advantage in the marketplace. Not only are they set up for disabled access with 4 large air-conditioned conference rooms on the ground floor, but 3 of those rooms are separated by sound proof sliding doors that provide an adaptable space that can be used for conferences, ADR, mediation and seminars as required.

Members of the team offer training in all areas of chambers expertise both in chambers and at solicitors' offices. Members provide regular training, lectures and author articles on relevant medico-legal topics.

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We are primarily instructed to deal with high value catastrophic personal injury claims, clinical negligence matters, heavy commercial bills and group litigation. Our Bills are regularly assessed in the Senior Court Costs Office and we have built up strong relationships with Costs Counsel based at Ropewalk Chambers and 4 New Square Chambers.

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Serjeants' Inn is at the forefront of healthcare law. We are ranked as a top tier set for clinical negligence by the Legal 500 which describes us as “*a very professional set with a modern outlook, providing many skilled counsel with a wealth of knowledge on clinical negligence law.*” [Christopher Johnston QC](#) leads the clinical negligence and healthcare team.

We won The Legal 500 Clinical Negligence Set of the Year Award last year and the Chambers & Partners Professional Discipline Set of the Year Award in both 2014 and 2015. We have 166 recommendations in Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500 for expertise in relevant fields including clinical negligence, professional discipline and regulatory law, Court of Protection and inquests and inquiries.

Our barristers combine:

- technical legal expertise – our barristers edit and write the [Medical Law Reports](#), the [Inquest Law Reports](#) and the leading text, [Medical Treatment: Decisions and the Law](#);
- practical advocacy and witness handling skills – our technique has been honed over years of experience in complex clinical negligence proceedings, medical disciplinary proceedings, criminal trials of doctors and other healthcare workers and high profile inquests;
- medical knowledge – our approach is informed by every-day experience in healthcare cases encompassing inquiries, product liability, public law and Court of Protection cases as well as extensive experience of every type of clinical negligence claim and regulatory case.

Our cases often involve important legal, ethical and social issues. They are always of the utmost human significance: we work in partnership with our instructing solicitors to secure the best outcome and to support the lay client throughout.

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12 King's Bench Walk is a long-established civil set of chambers which has a well-deserved and consistent reputation for excellence in its core areas of practice.

Our clinical negligence team boasts more than 50 highly experienced silks and juniors, who are regularly instructed to tackle cases of maximum value and complexity. The depth and breadth of the expertise of our barristers, together with the ethos of working together in the interests of our clients, marks us out in the marketplace.

We are well-known for the expertise of our barristers in acting both for claimants and defendants, including NHS Trusts, medical defence organisations, and privately insured practitioners and private hospitals. We have considerable experience in all aspects of clinical negligence, including:

- Failure and delay in diagnosis
- Misdiagnosis
- injuries / death caused by substandard or inappropriate treatment, including negligently performed surgery
- Delay in provision of treatment
- Catastrophic birth injuries
- Failure to obtain informed consent
- Failure to provide suitable care and/or treatment to the mentally ill
- Dental malpractice
- Cosmetic surgery

We are regularly instructed to appear at inquests, to represent families and other interested parties, including NHS Trusts and private healthcare organisations when clinical negligence / neglect / gross negligence manslaughter is suspected.

In addition to providing outstanding advice and representation in matters concerning clinical negligence, we are committed to providing training to the wider legal and medical communities, and we regularly provide speakers across a variety of topics for bespoke in-house training, events and talks.

Please visit our website www.12kbw.co.uk or contact our clerking team on chambers@12kbw.co.uk or 020 7583 0811.

Please also see and subscribe to our new 12KBW Clinical Negligence blog. We will be posting updates and providing commentary here: <https://clinicalnegligence.blog/>

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We are able to provide you and your clients with a full range of delegated authority products and services, specifically designed to reduce the financial burden thrust upon law firms in the post Jackson landscape.

We have recently developed a new scheme, Crossbow, which is aimed at high value/catastrophic injuries for both clinical negligence and personal injury. Crossbow combines our unique approach to risk management with your desire to limit the financial burden of running these cases, making it the perfect addition to your armoury in this hard fought area of litigation.

Clinical Negligence

- Hybrid Cover for Court Issue Fees
- Free risk assessment by medical expert
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- 2 years credit for medical reports*
- Dedicated account handler
- Minimal reporting requirements

Our other ATE schemes include:

Personal Injury Management Scheme

- Delegated authority
- Hybrid Cover for Court Issue Fees
- Minimal reporting requirements
- £100,000 LOI
- Cover for disbursements, Pt36 risks and interlocutory orders

Crossbow

- Free Membership
- Hybrid Cover for Court Issue Fees

- £200,000 LOI
- 2 years deferred payment terms for medical reports*
- Free risk assessment by medical expert
- Delegated authority
- Enhanced disbursement Pt36 and interlocutory cover
- Minimal reporting requirements

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Clinical Injury lawyers face a number of challenges as they seek to provide a quality service to their clients and manage the financial stability of their firm. With the prospect of fixed fees for example, a number of practice managers are reviewing how they fund client disbursements and they are looking for ways to release funds tied up in disbursements, to finance investment in the future of their business.

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- All Case Managers are employees of ACM, and have a base in the ACM office, which provides professional support, networking and sharing of skills to the benefit of the clients.
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“Ascent Medico-Legal Consultancy (Ascent MLC) offers outsourced specialist support services in clinical negligence and personal injury claims, to assist with all aspects of the investigatory process. We also offer training and remote/in-house consultancy services to clinical negligence departments.

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Ascent MLC offers highly competitive hourly rates, fixed fees and deferred fees to ensure that costs levels are managed.”

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“The experts in legal costs recovery, costs and case management, law firm pricing, funding”

In these times of increasing uncertainty and what feels like constant change, law firms face the daily challenge of providing an attractive offering to clients, meeting their demands and expectations, at a price and perceived value sufficient to secure instructions, while still achieving success and producing a profit at the very end.

Minimising the costs burden to clients by maximising any costs recovery, remains a process that is increasingly frustrated by recent and proposed changes to the CPR and stricter common law decisions. This is especially true in clinical negligence cases, with the findings of the consultation into Fixed Recoverable Costs in Lower Value Clinical Negligence Claims, combined with the wider threat of the review on Fixed Recoverable Costs across the multi-track being undertaken by LJ Jackson. In addition, we have the imminent new format Bill of Costs, J-Codes and schedule 1 to PD51L, before we get to the renewed enthusiasm for costs budgeting and proportionality.

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- COSTS RECOVERY, COSTS & CASE MANAGEMENT
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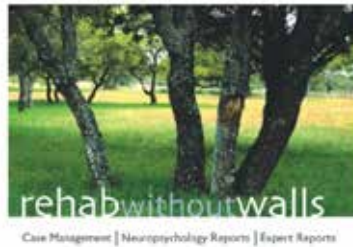
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Richard Cropper, Ian Gunn, Ian Rowe and James Rooney are Financial Advisers at Personal Financial Planning Limited, a company dedicated to providing independent advice to recipients of personal injury damages. The team at PFP has been involved in providing expert independent financial advice since 1993.

PFP has advised on periodical payments, bespoke investment planning, Local Authority and Social Services provision and Personal Injury Trusts. Individual awards in cases we have advised on range from as little as £10,000 to more than £18 million, with the highest court assessed periodical payments for care currently standing at £277,878 in 2014 [*Farrugia*].

We regularly provide expert advice with regard to the suitability, or otherwise, of periodical payments in personal injury, wrongful birth and fatal accident cases. Our work includes

consideration of 'top down' and 'bottom up' settlements, indexation issues, the need for flexibility as well as certainty and security issues. Medical negligence cases are at the heart of this work, particularly as the NHS Litigation Authority has been seeking to extend periodical payments beyond the traditional care & case management elements of an award, whether it suits claimants or not.

Expert evidence provided by Richard Cropper and Ian Gunn has been instrumental in shaping the developing body of case law on the contentious issues surrounding periodical payments, including:

- Indexation;
- Security of continuity of payment;
- Taxation in jurisdictions outside the UK (most EU countries, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Switzerland, the USA, Australia and Brazil); and
- Whether periodical payments are a viable solution in a wrongful birth case.

In 2015, Richard Cropper and Ian Gunn were engaged by the Ministry of Justice as members of a panel advising the Lord Chancellor on the discount rate for use in personal injury claims. Their evidence was highly influential in the decision to reduce the rate to minus 0.75% from 20th March 2017, with the resulting dramatic increase in the value of lump sum awards. The largely unexpected change has, however, finally pushed *Roberts v Johnstone* to breaking point, and we have been closely involved in developing alternative financial solutions, and the provision of expert evidence.

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