



PARK
SQUARE

BARRISTERS

Mark Henley

Call: 1994

Personal Injury

Mark is an experienced personal injury practitioner.

“Highly experienced in industrial disease cases.” – The Legal 500 (2021)

The Legal 500 ranks him as a Leading Junior in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence and says (in 2019) “he has a thorough and meticulous eye” (in 2017) “he has very good tactical nous”

He acts for solicitors throughout England, for both Claimants and Defendants.

He has a wide experience of very high value personal injury claims (values of over 1 million), and in particular fatal accident and traumatic brain injury cases.

He has acted in dozens of fatal accident cases.

In 2007, 2010, 2015 and 2021 Mark was appointed by the Attorney General as Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel). He undertakes civil work for government departments, including the Ministry of Justice such as Inquests and in fatal asbestos cases.

Mark also acts for the MIB.

Areas of Practice

He acts in a broad range of personal injury cases, including:

- Fatal accidents
- Road traffic
- Employer's liability
- Public liability



Education:

M.A. Christ's College,
Cambridge (Double First)

Appointments:

2007, 2010, 2015, 2021 -

Treasury Counsel

2019 - Deputy District Judge

Awards:

Five major competitive Bar
scholarships

2019 - Legal 500 Leading
Individual

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- Industrial disease (including asbestos-related illness, industrial deafness, and HAVS)

- Clinical negligence

- Inquests (including Article 2, jury, inquests)

Notable Cases

By way of example, Mark's recent cases include:

- Numerous inquests: for example including a four-day jury inquest, representing the Highways Agency.
- Numerous claims the dependency arising from fatal accidents, including claims for child dependency involving unmarried parents
- Numerous claims for catastrophic brain injuries, including claims by children
- Fatal accident claims involving pedestrians, and emergency vehicles, and motorcyclists

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Family Finance

Ranked in the Legal 500 (2021)

“Very capable, incredibly bright and commercially astute. Great tactician and always available for help and assistance with a willingness to go that extra mile.” – The Legal 500 (2021)

Mark is an experienced family finance and Trusts of Land practitioner.

The Legal 500 ranks him as a Leading Junior in Divorce and Financial Remedy.

He acts in cases with a wide range of values (including cases which would formerly have qualified for public funding).

Before choosing to specialise in this area, he practised a number of years as a business and

commercial barrister. This experience makes him the ideal choice for disputes involving businesses, partnerships and companies, complex accounts, and insolvency issues.

In 2007, 2010, 2015 and 2020 Mark was appointed by the Attorney General as Junior Counsel to the Crown (regional panel).

This allows him to be instructed by the Government Legal Service to undertake civil work for government departments and other publicly funded organisations: and, for example, he acts for the Child Maintenance Service.

He frequently sits as a Judge deciding family finance cases (as Deputy District Judge with a family finance “ticket”).

He is also a Family Mediator.

Areas of Practice

Mark specialises in financial disputes, and in particular:

- Matrimonial property (all aspects, including enforcement).
- Property disputes between cohabitants (ToLATA).
- Claims under Schedule I of the Children Act.

He is instructed in family finance cases involving very substantial assets, including disputed company and partnership valuations, disputed company and partnership accounts, disputed pension valuations (including SIPPs), and farm assets.

He is also a qualified Family Mediator, with hundreds of hours of mediation experience, and acts as a mediator in both child and money disputes.

Notable Cases

By way of example, his recent cases have included:

- Very high value matrimonial disputes (including assets of up to £9 million).
- Private companies, particularly for family businesses.
- Discretionary family trusts.
- The validity of alleged foreign marriage ceremonies.
- Disputes between former cohabitants of the business assets (as well as residential property).
- Claims brought (simultaneously) under the Married Women’s Property Act and the Trusts of Land Act (including factual disputes as to engagement).

- Claims brought (simultaneously) under both Schedule I of the Children Act and under the Trusts of Land Act.

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Regulatory & Public

Mark has 25 years experience of Inquest work: including deaths in custody, those arising from accidents in the workplace, deaths in care homes and road traffic collisions. He has experience of jury Inquests and those where Article 2 is engaged,

Has acted for Government Departments in Inquest since 2007, when he was first appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel) by the Attorney General (reappointed in 2010 2015 and in 2021, now Regional Panel A).

According to the The Legal 500, "he has a thorough and meticulous eye" [2019] and, "he has very good tactical nous" [2017].

Examples of his Inquest practice include:

Representing the Ministry of Justice in Inquests into the deaths of prisoners, both with and without juries: such as a complex four day Inquest involving issues of alleged medical negligence both by the Prison Medical Service and by a hospital.

Representing both families and insurers in Inquests into fatal road traffic accidents.

Representing insurers in Inquests into deaths in the workplace involving Health and Safety issues: such as an inquest into a death on a construction site.

Representing both families and the insurers of care homes in Inquests into deaths in care homes.

Representing Highways England (through the Government Legal Department) in a four day jury Inquest into the death of a pedestrian on a motorway.

Instructing Solicitors' comments on his work include, "Thanks again for taking on this matter at such short notice and doing such a great job in very difficult circumstances It was an excellent outcome The witnesses are very grateful for your input and support" (Government Legal Department solicitor).

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