

Richard M Paige

Call: 1997

Clinical Negligence

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Richard Paige’s background is in all areas of civil law, but he now specialises in clinical negligence, personal injury and civil insurance fraud.

Richard is a contributor to Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service (RTA, Highways, Animals, Fatal Injuries)

During his MA course, Richard became familiar with many of the issues arising in medical law and has been instructed in cases against NHS trust hospitals, health authorities, prison hospitals and doctors, dentists and nurses in private practice. He has particular interest in issues relating to consent to treatment.

Richard regularly advises from the very inception of a claim through to trial and has experience drafting all statements of case and comprehensive schedules and counter-schedules of loss. As well as drafting, advisory and court work he frequently attends joint settlement meetings and mediations. He conducts conferences with experts to test the strength of their evidence.

He has dealt with a variety of claims including delayed diagnosis and misdiagnosis, failure to obtain informed consent, negligently performed surgery and negligently conducted joint replacements.

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Public Law

Richard acts on behalf of Claimants in claims against local authorities arising from Court of Protection work often involving children and their families, such as unlawful deprivation of liberty and claims under the Human Rights Act.

Inquests

Using his experience and expertise in medical law, Richard has represented the interests of many families at inquests where their loved ones have died whilst in the care of health professionals and at hospital.

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Education:

1995 University of Oxford, BA (Hons) Physiological Sciences (2:1)

1996 City University, London, Diploma in Law

1997 Inns of Court School of Law, BVC (‘very competent’)

1998 Kings College, London, MA Medical Law & Ethics (Merit)

Career:

1998 Pupil at 3 Raymond Buildings, London

1999 Tenant at New Bailey Chambers, Preston

2001 Tenant at Sovereign Chambers

2015 Tenant at Park Square Barristers

Tying in with his practice in personal injury, Richard has been instructed on behalf of both families and insurance companies at inquests arising from fatal road traffic accidents.

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As well as clinical negligence and civil fraud, Richard also accepts instructions in 'standard' personal injury claims on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants.

He undertakes Fast Track and multi-track personal-injury cases involving accidents at work, highway accidents, road traffic accidents, civil-abuse claims and industrial-disease cases (including asbestos related diseases, HAVS and NIHL). He is experienced in advising at all stages of proceedings on liability, causation, evidence and quantum, as well as drafting statements of case. He has significant experience on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in cases involving chronic pain, CRPS (complex regional pain syndrome), fibromyalgia, other pain disorders and somatoform disorder where exaggeration and/or fraud are alleged.

An online calculator developed by Richard to ease calculations of inflation for personal injury awards was adopted by Lawtel and now features on their website.

Professional Negligence

Richard accepts instructions in all areas of professional negligence but primarily in relation to the negligent handling of personal injury and clinical negligence claims by solicitors and expert witnesses.

Richard is a contributor to *Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service*.

Richard is a Committee member of the Leeds and District Medico-Legal Society

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Civil Fraud

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“Very experienced in clinical negligence matters involving allegations of fraud.” – The Legal 500 (2019)

Richard practises in civil insurance fraud. He was a founding member of the civil fraud team at Sovereign Chambers before the merger which formed Park Square Barristers. Richard is instructed by most of the country's leading firms specialising in civil insurance fraud and many of the UK's insurance companies.

Richard has extensive experience in all areas of civil fraud including employer's liability and public liability, but mainly in relation to road traffic accidents. He has been instructed on numerous occasions in cases involving fabricated, staged and induced ('slam-on') accidents, bogus passengers and phantom witnesses, low-velocity impacts (LVIs), and exaggerated personal injury and damage claims.

He has expertise in dealing with individual frauds, group and family frauds, and wider criminally organised fraud rings.

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Richard is head of the holiday sickness claims team and has been at the forefront of defending such claims. He has provided training to firms and holiday companies to assist in identifying fraudulent claims and strategies to improve success rates. He regularly advises and represents many of the larger holiday companies.

Richard is able to advise at the pre-proceedings stage and to conduct conferences with clients and witnesses to test the strength of their evidence in cases where credibility is crucial. He uses his extensive forensic skills when preparing and drafting the detailed defences essential in civil fraud cases, as well as appropriate part 18 requests and applications for specific disclosure. He deals with all interlocutory applications which might arise in civil fraud cases, and has defended many cases at trial both on the Fast Track and multi-track.

Following the introduction of qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), Richard has advised and represented clients in many cases where a finding of Fundamental Dishonesty has been sought.

Richard is a contributor to *Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service*.

Notable Cases

- *Bain v Zurich (Lawtel)* – one of the earlier cases which resulted in a finding of Fundamental Dishonesty. Having found that the Claimant was not injured in the accident as alleged the trial judge declined to make a finding of Fundamental Dishonesty. Richard advised the Defendant insurer to appeal, which was successful.
- *Evans v Aviva (Lawtel)* – Richard secured a finding of Fundamental Dishonesty following the Claimant's failure to prove his claim in a low velocity impact case.
- *Cross v Black Bull* – Following the issuing of a claim on the cusp of limitation with an artificially reduced statement of value and court fee, Richard advised the Defendant to apply to strike out the claim as an abuse of process. The application was successful.
- *Ennis v Tuson* – Issues relating to the nature of “admissions” made within a counter-schedule of loss and the extent to which a Defendant was bound by them.
- *Paul v Connell* – Case in which the Claimant had no recollection of the accident and relied upon expert reconstruction evidence, which contradicted the lay evidence of a number of witnesses. Richard advised the Defendant to apply for summary judgment, resulting in the Claimant discontinuing her claim.

Lecturing in civil fraud

Richard also lectures and presents seminars on all areas of law relating to civil insurance fraud.

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Richard is experienced in attending Article 2 inquests on behalf of families and state institutions

Disciplinary work

Richard Paige graduated from Oxford University in Physiological Sciences before completing a master's in Medical Law and Ethics. He represents all healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, dentists, physiotherapists) at disciplinary tribunals where their conduct is scrutinised and their right to continue practice is at issue.

Public Law

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Sports law

Richard obtained his Blue in athletics whilst at Oxford University and had a successful career competing for one of the leading athletics club in the country before hanging up his spikes. He continues to have a keen interest in athletics and many other sports including rugby, cricket, rowing, squash and croquet.

Originally a member of Sovereign Chambers, following the merger to form Park Square Barristers Richard has joined the sports law team which was already established at No6. He now undertakes cases in all areas of sports

law.

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