

Chris Bright KC

Call: 1985 | Silk: 2009

"Chris is highly experienced and intelligent. He is also very good with clients." 'a very intelligent advocate who is able to grasp the complex points of a case'.

Chambers UK 2024 (Clinical Negligence)



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Expertise

Clinical Negligence

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Brain Injury & Cerebral Palsy

Chris is consistently recommended by the legal directories as a leading Silk who is highly experienced and expert in conducting the highest level of cerebral palsy/neonatal and adult brain injury claims. He is known by solicitors for his approachability in informally screening cases at an early stage and providing constructive advice upon tactics and the instruction of recommended experts. At any one time, Chris is involved in multiple ongoing cerebral palsy/neonatal claims, particularly those involving historical CP, complex causation and quantum issues and issues relating to CCG/Local Authority statutory funding and PPOs. He regularly lectures (and can offer training) upon litigating CP claims, including early/CTG screening and on all aspects of quantum and statutory funding.

As well as the usual issues in relation to the mismanagement of labour and delays in recognising acute and chronic partial hypoxia and fetal distress, Chris has successfully conducted claims involving the mismanagement of twin births, pneumococcal meningitis, neonatal hypoglycaemia and autism/severe behavioural difficulties (see below).

Personal Injury

Chris is recognised nationally as a leading PI/Clin Neg Silk. Working for leading solicitors all over the country, at any one time he has conducted multiple catastrophic brain and spinal injury, amputation and CP/neonatal claims to a value of £20m involving complex clinical, causation and CCG/LA statutory funding issues. Recent awards include a lump sum of £11m and settlements of £4.2m/PPO £285,000, £5.4m/PPO £228,000, £3.6m/PPO £250,000 and £6m/PPO £217,500, equivalent to £12m+, £19m+, £12m+ and c£20m respectively.

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Amputation

Chris has a particular interest in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence amputation claims and in ongoing prosthetic technology and development. He regularly lectures with prosthetists and other amputation experts and has spoken on amputation claims at the Pace Rehabilitation Annual Conference at the Wellcome Trust in London.

Catastrophic Injury

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Fatal Accidents

Chris conducts multi-million-pound Fatal Accidents Act claims both in PI and Clinical Negligence, often involving complex issues of law or quantification.

Spinal Injury

Chris is recognised for his particular expertise in conducting major spinal injury claims, whether those involving failed spinal surgery or delays in diagnoses or traumatic spinal injury but particularly those involving a multiplicity of complex expert evidence (see below). He has substantial experience in the specialist issues pertinent to SCI claims, such as complete v incomplete SCI and autonomic dysreflexia and syrinx. He is keenly aware of the need for lawyers to see a claimant as an individual, not just as another 'case' and the concept of facilitation i.e. by care and support, mobility aids and equipment, to support aspiration and maximise quality-of-life.

Chris is regularly involved in training for the SIA and others upon litigating spinal injury claims. In 2018 he lectured upon key issues in spinal injury litigation at a high-profile/multi-disciplinary clinical and therapeutic training day at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital in Oswestry.

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