

Jamie Gamble

Call: 1999

"He is very approachable, very strong in terms of his medical knowledge and he gets quickly to the relevant issues in the case. He has excellent client care skills."

Chambers UK 2024 (Clinical Negligence)



Jamie Gamble practices exclusively in the areas of clinical negligence and personal injury. His practice now focuses upon claims involving catastrophic injury of substantial value.

He is consistently ranked as a leading barrister for both clinical negligence and personal injury work with Chambers UK and the Legal 500, having been described as "a silk in waiting" who is "very good with clients and is approachable and dependable with a sharp mind".

He is particularly known for his expertise in serious brain and spinal injury cases, having been recognised as displaying an "impressive aptitude in tackling difficult causation and quantum issues in claims involving spinal and brain injuries" (Chambers UK). He also has substantial experience of cases involving amputation.

Jamie is a member of the LexisNexis expert panel on personal injury and clinical negligence claim, and regularly provides seminars to professional clients on a variety of subjects.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Jamie is band 1 (top ranked) as a leading barrister for clinical negligence work with both Chambers UK and the Legal 500. He has been praised by the legal directories for "having an excellent grasp of medical issues" (Legal 500 2024) as well as his "excellent client care skills" (Chambers UK 2024).

Jamie has experience in all areas of clinical negligence practice, including those that appear below.

Amputation

Jamie has been involved in a number of cases involving lower limb amputation and is experienced in the issues (such as

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surrounding prosthetic provision) that arise in such claims.

Recent work in this area includes a case involving bilateral below knee amputations caused by the delay in treatment of a diabetic foot with significant quantification arguments (including risk of future amputation absent negligence and life expectancy in light of alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver) which settled at a joint settlement meeting for £1.165 million.

Brain Injury & Cerebral Palsy

Jamie is an expert in brain injury litigation and is “frequently instructed in high-value matters of extreme severity, including those concerning brain damage” (Chambers UK, 2018).

He has considerable experience of cerebral palsy claims and is currently instructed in a number of such claims, both with and without Leading Counsel. He has recently been involved in the settlement of the issue of liability in three such claims and achieved a final settlement in a further claim (with Leading Counsel) of £4.6 million plus periodical payments varying with age and concluding at £288,000 per annum from adulthood (capitalised equivalent in excess of £12 million).

He also has substantial experience of other brain injury litigation arising out of clinical negligence including a case (with Leading Counsel) involving brain damage and uncontrolled epilepsy following a delay in diagnosis of mastoiditis leading to brain empyema which settled for £6.5 million at a joint settlement meeting. He also recently acted for a Defendant Trust in a claim arising out of a failure to diagnose a brain tumour leading to permanent hemiparesis which settled shortly before trial for £1.1 million.

Cancer

Jamie continues to be involved in a considerable number of claims arising out of the delayed diagnosis of cancer, including colorectal and breast cancers, and has extensive experience of the complex causation issues that can arise in such claims.

Recent work in this area includes acting for the Defendant trust in a case arising out of a failure to diagnose a brain tumour (settled for £1.1 million shortly before trial), a claim for delayed diagnosis and negligent treatment of breast cancer (settled for £135,000 at a mediation), and a case (where liability was in dispute) of delayed diagnosis of anal cancer leading to permanent colostomy (£250,000).

Gynaecology & Obstetrics

Jamie has extensive experience in such claims, including those that lead to cerebral palsy (see above). He has also been recognised as offering “expertise in wrongful birth claims” (Chambers UK 2024) and has recently settled two such cases, both arising out of the negligent failure to diagnose microcephaly during antenatal scanning, at roundtable settlement meetings: one (where he acted alone against Leading Counsel) for £800,000 and one (with Leading Counsel) for £6 million.

Spinal Injury

Jamie is widely recognised as a specialist in clinical negligence claims involving serious spinal injury, having been described as being “particularly knowledgeable in spinal injury” (Chambers UK 2017).

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Recent work in this area includes:

- A claim arising out of a negligent delay in diagnosis and treatment of spinal tumour leading to paraplegia which settled at joint settlement meeting for £3 million.
- A case involving an allegedly negligent delay in diagnosis of spinal infection where liability was firmly in dispute which settled at joint settlement meeting (against Leading Counsel) for £750,000.
- A case (with Leading Counsel) of spinal cord compression suffered by schizophrenic man whilst a psychiatric inpatient, rendering him a wheelchair-bound paraplegic which settled for a lump sum of £1.5 million plus periodical payments of £347,000 per annum (capitalised equivalent in excess of £3 million).
- A number of cases involving cauda equina syndrome.

Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law

Jamie practices the following areas:

Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law (Clinical Negligence)

Jamie has extensive experience of appearing in Coroner's Inquests relating to deaths arising of possible clinical negligence and is currently instructed as lead Counsel on behalf of a number of families in the Inquest arising out of the actions of the rogue breast surgeon Ian Patterson.

Personal Injury

Jamie is consistently ranked as a leading barrister for personal injury work in Chambers UK and the Legal 500, having been described as "an experienced junior who is well regarded for his expertise in personal injury" with "a particular focus on cases involving catastrophic injury and death" who is "a very thorough and tenacious barrister" (Chambers UK 2024).

Jamie has extensive experience of all areas of personal injury practice, including the following:

- Brain injury
- Serious spinal injury
- Amputation
- Serious orthopaedic injury and pain syndromes
- Fatal accidents and lost years
- Employer's liability
- Road traffic accidents, including cases involving the MIB
- Complex procedural issues and hearings

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Memberships

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Qualifications

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BVC (Inns of Court Schools of Law)

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