

Jonathan Jones KC

Call: 1994 | Silk: 2013

"Jonathan is my go-to barrister. His attention to detail is second to none and he never misses a point. He's brilliant with clients and inclusive of the wider counsel team."

Chambers UK 2025 (Clinical Negligence - Midlands) Band 1



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Expertise

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Jonathan has extensive experience of cases in the following areas:

- Obstetric and neonatal claims involving profound neurological damage and cerebral palsy
- Unlawful birth/conception cases
- Claims arising from negligently performed operations, including vasectomies and sterilisation procedures, endoscopies, neurological surgery, hip and knee replacements etc.
- Optical negligence, including failing to diagnose glaucoma
- Oncology, including errors in diagnosis and treatment
- Errors occurring during attendance at Accident and Emergency departments, including failing to diagnose fractures, failing to diagnose and/or treat myocardial infarction etc.
- Errors by general practitioners, including failing to treat diabetes, failing to refer following symptoms of arterial blockage, Cauda Equina/Spinal abscesses, meningococcal disease and meningitis.
- Consent and cases involving infringements of human rights

Further details of Jonathan’s experience are set out in his specialist profiles.

Jonathan regularly lectures on recent legal topics. His recent lectures have been on negotiation skills, cerebral palsy cases and diabetes.

Notable Cases

Thompson v CIHSA 2017 (1) CILR 441

Decision as to whether the immunity clause was incompatible with the Plaintiff’s human rights.

Thompson v CIHSA 2016 (1) CILR 93

Interpretation of an immunity clause preventing a child with severe CP from claiming damages against the state hospital.

AX v ABC 2016 (2) CILR 150

Severe brain injury trial, where quantum contested.

Chin v Yates 2014(2) CILR 196

Court of Appeal in the Cayman Islands – determined whether the Ogden discount for mortality other than death should be titrated to the circumstances of the case.

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Mugweni v NHS London (formerly South West London SHA) (CA) [2012] EWCA Civ 20 , [2012] All ER (D) 145 (Jan)

Trial concerning paediatric heart surgery. Appeal followed.

Lawrence v Chief Constable of Staffordshire [2000] PIQR Q349; Times

July 25 2000 This set the interest rate to be applied on general damages.

Personal Injury

Described as a “very impressive silk” Jonathan Jones specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence. Jonathan’s caseload consists of complex cases or cases of very high value. Most of his cases involve consideration of periodical payments, provisional damages, statutory funding and capacity.

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- Catastrophic injuries Brain damage Chronic pain Amputations
- Fatal Accidents
- Psychiatric Injury including Functional Disorders
- Road traffic accidents
- Accidents at work
- Industrial disease
- Death or serious injury in custody
- Human Rights

Jonathan regularly appears in the Grand Court and the Court of Appeal in the Cayman Islands. He recently acted for the Plaintiff in the case of AX v ABC 2016 (2) CILR 150 resulting in the largest award of damages for personal injury in the Cayman Islands.

Jonathan regularly delivers lectures on current legal topics.

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Business & Property

Jonathan practices the following areas:

Professional Negligence

Professional negligence in relation to clinical negligence and solicitors' negligence in the conduct of personal injury claims and clinical negligence claims.

Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law

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Inquests & Inquiries (Clinical Negligence)

Jonathan has extensive experience of Coronial Law and Inquests, having acted for families and state organisations.

Awards

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Accreditations

- Uthwatt Award (Gray's Inn)

Appointments

- King's Counsel – 2013
- Joint Head of Chambers – 2021 onwards

Qualifications

- Economics MA (Hons) – 2.1 (St Andrews)
- Diploma in Law (Commendation) – City University

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