



## Shaman Kapoor

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*"Absolutely at the cutting edge; solid reliable and innovative."* Chambers and Partners

Shaman's practice covers several fields of commercial and common law with his costs practice bridging over both fields. Most recently he has been regularly involved in injunctive relief in the High Court and is heavily engaged in group action in the Grenfell civil proceedings on behalf of 85 claimants, and the group action of professional rugby players against World Rugby and other governing bodies. He is regularly in the High Court and Senior Courts Costs Office and receives instructions domestically and internationally. He is a frequent speaker at most key seminars on the costs calendar. He teaches advocacy for Lincoln's Inn and has been ranked as a leading junior for many years. He was a contributing editor to Sweet & Maxwell's Greenslade on Costs (2009-2017), he is the editor of our Costs Newsletter (3+9 = Costs) and is a contributing editor to Thomson Reuters' "Costs & Funding following the Civil Justice Reforms: Questions & Answers", The White Book. He is a qualified mediator and is an appointed deputy district judge.

## Areas of expertise

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury
- Commercial
- Construction
- Costs and Litigation Funding
- Arbitration

## Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Shaman has developed a broad expertise in clinical negligence matters and thrives on getting to grips with the detail of medical practice and procedure. His experience in personal injury work is extensive and he is currently instructed as a senior-junior in the Grenfell Tower civil proceedings on behalf of 85 bereaved, survivor and resident claimants being the only claimant group to file and serve a particulars of claim. He is also instructed as a senior-junior in the group claims brought by professional and semi-professional rugby players against World Rugby and other regulatory bodies for the alleged failure to protect against sub-concussive and concussive head injury. He has experience of multi-disciplinary expert involvement and acts for claimants and defendants. Shaman prides himself on meticulous preparation and client service to

compliment his formidable advocacy and expert handling skills.

## Cases of note

- *Alix Popham (and approximately 209 others) v (1) World Rugby (2) The Rugby Football Union (3) Welsh Rugby Union*
- *Sid-Ali Atmani and 84 others v (1) Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (2) The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation Limited [Ongoing]* - The Grenfell Tower fire tragedy resulted in the death of 72 people. It has proved to be a landmark moment in fire and building safety and construction method and may yet be a landmark case for principles of compensation in an injury claim arising out of a tort. Shaman's clients (led by Susan Rodway QC) are the only claimants to have articulated their claims in a particulars of claim being a vast document asserting duties arising out of common law and statute as well as misfeasance in public office, and claiming for aggravated and exemplary damages in addition to compensation.

## Recommendations

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- *"Down to earth and does not mince his words. He embraces technology and has a good drafting style." "Shaman goes above and beyond."* (Chambers and Partners 2022)
- *"Has a broad range of knowledge, and is adept at dealing with all manner of knotty problems thrown up during costs hearings." "Absolutely at the cutting edge." "Solid, reliable and innovative, he offers good-quality advice in a timely fashion."* (Chambers and Partners 2021)
- *"A fighter for the client who has got an encyclopaedic knowledge when it comes to costs. He is able to act for individual clients as well as commercial ones, and can explain things well to them. He knows this area of law inside out and presents his cases with sophistication."* (Chambers and Partners 2020)
- *"Has the right mindset to be able to compromise with the other side on commercial terms; if not able to settle, he is, however, a robust advocate who stands up for the cause." "He is concise and easily understandable."* (Chambers and Partners 2019)
- *"Shaman is truly an expert in the costs arena."* (The Legal 500 2022)
- *"One of the most commercially savvy barristers one can find and a very formidable advocate."* (The Legal 500 2021)
- *"Clear, to the point and his advice is always solution focused."* (The Legal 500 2020)

## Memberships

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- The Commercial Bar Association (combar)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

## Qualifications

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### Education

- University College London, LLM
- Inns of Court School of Law & City University, Bar Vocation Course, Pgdl
- Manchester Metropolitan University, LLB.Hons Law with French
- Sciences Po, Universite de Lille II, Lille, France, Certificat d'Etudes Politiques

## Scholarships and Prizes

- Fox Scholar, Middle Temple
- Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

## Additional information

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### Appointments

- 2019 – onwards: Deputy District Judge
- 2015 – onwards: Mediator
- 2012 – onwards: Lead Advocacy Tutor, Lincoln's Inn

### Languages

- Punjabi
- French

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