



## Shaman Kapoor

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*"A razor-sharp advocate, effortless in his delivery of the most complex points." Chambers and Partners*

Shaman specialises in costs and litigation funding together with a broader practice in commercial and common law litigation and group action work. He appears regularly in the High Court and the Senior Courts Costs Office, often involved in appellate work or complex points of principle and injunctive relief. His recent involvement in group action work includes the claims against the regulatory bodies in the sport of rugby in the concussion litigation and the civil claims arising out of the Grenfell tower tragedy. He has experience of representing professional sports players in anti-doping proceedings and has contributed to the editorial work towards the regulation of British Wrestling. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, having specialised in international arbitration, and receives instructions domestically and internationally. He is a frequent speaker at key seminars on the costs and funding calendar and a contributing editor to Thomson Reuters' "Costs & Funding following the Civil Justice Reforms: Questions & Answers", The White Book. He is a Lead Advocacy Tutor for Lincoln's Inn and has been ranked by the Directories as a leading junior for many years. He is the editor of our bi-annual Costs Newsletter (3+9 = Costs) and is joint-head of Chambers' Costs Group. He is appointed as a member of Chambers' Management Board and separately appointed as a school Governor. 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, particularly through his instruction in the claims brought by professional and amateur rugby players for brain injuries (sub-concussive and concussive head injury) and the claims brought by the victims of the

Grenfell Tower tragedy. 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 KC) were 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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- *"Absolutely at the cutting edge, solid, reliable and innovative."* (Chambers and Partners 2023)
- *"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 Collective Redress Lawyers Association (CORLA)
- The Commercial Bar Association (combar)
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLLCBA)
- 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

- 2023 – Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- 2019 – onwards: Deputy District Judge
- 2015 – onwards: Mediator
- 2012 – onwards: Lead Advocacy Tutor, Lincoln's Inn

### Languages

- Punjabi
- French

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