



## Simon Browne KC

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*“Always brilliant, he’s polished and prepared and is someone who has a great manner with clients. His advice is spot on.”*

Simon is consistently recognised by The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners as a leading silk in the fields of commercial costs and litigation funding, catastrophic brain and spinal injury, and related areas of sports law, clinical negligence, insurance, and professional negligence and professional regulation.

In addition, Simon is at the forefront of the development of law and civil procedure in the Court of Appeal and High Court in cases such as:

- Part 36 regime in *F & C Alternative Investments* (2012) CA, *Walker Construction v Quayside Homes* (2014) CA, *Yentob v MGN* (2015) CA, *Seabrook v Adam* (2021) CA, and *FKJ v RVT* (2022) HC
- Relief from sanctions/abuse of process in *Mitchell v NGN* (2014) CA and *Cable v LV Insurance* (2020) CA
- Costs budgets, the drafting of e-bills of costs, and QOCS in *Henry v NGN* (2013) CA, *Bowman v Norfram and Ors.* (2018) HC, and *AKC v Barking and Havering Health Authority* (2022) CA

Simon is a qualified mediator and arbitrator. He is registered with the Bar Council to accept direct access instructions and at the higher level of conducting litigation.

## Areas of expertise

Costs and Litigation Funding

Clinical Negligence

Personal Injury

Sport

Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Clinical Negligence

In clinical negligence cases, Simon successfully represents claimants in claims against medical practitioners both in hospitals, private practice, and general practice. He advises extensively over disclosure

and expert evidence thereon.

### Cases of note:

- ***Costello v North-West Anglia NHS Foundation [2023]*** - Failure to diagnose the intracranial lesion within the left mid brain and pons on the CT scan of the brain leading to paralysis where breach of duty was admitted but causation unsuccessfully denied.
- ***DEF v Southend University NHS Hospital [2019]*** - The claimant (aged 10 years) was injured because of negligent procedures during his birth in the defendant's hospital. The claimant was severely disabled by quadriplegic dyskinetic cerebral palsy level 4/5, having suffered damage in the deep grey matter of his brain. He always required assistance from multiple carers for the rest of his life. Settlement on liability was previously reached whereby the defendant was liable to the extent of 70% and substantial damages claim was settled.
- ***Hannah Bhadri v Dr. Hariram and Dr. Freed [2018]*** - Clinical negligence case against two GPs. The claimant was born with subluxation (partial dislocation) of her hips bilaterally. The claimant's condition was not identified until she was aged 4 ½- 5 years old when she complained of pain and limping. Following referral to Great Ormond Street, she underwent major hip surgery, which will have to be repeated later in life.

### Recommendations

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- *"A standout individual who has considerable expertise in costs cases associated with heavy commercial and group litigation. He's always very practical; he thinks through the consequences and is five steps ahead of everyone else."* *"He knows all the rules and regulations and knows exactly which buttons to press."* Chambers and Partners
- *"Noted for expertise in catastrophic brain and spine injuries, which he regularly handles on behalf of major insurers and leading claimant solicitors. Over the course of his celebrated career, he has also developed a strong reputation for aviation accidents, clinical negligence cases and cross-border litigation. A pleasure to instruct."* Chambers and Partners
- *"He is polished: there is absolutely no padding in his advice; it is what you need to hear without any flannel. He is also very good at handling difficult clients. He is an excellent QC."* Chambers and Partners
- *"He's got a really good aura in court and can put even the most complicated points across clearly and in a succinct fashion. An excellent QC who has a very smooth manner with clients."* Chambers and Partners
- *"Simon Browne QC is an excellent leading counsel, and is always fully prepared be it for advising in consultation or presenting in court."* The Legal 500

### Memberships

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- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Association of Personal Injuries Lawyers (APIL)
- Law In Sport
- Registered for instruction in Sport Resolutions SCMP Legal Advice Service

### Qualifications

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Qualified Mediator and Arbitrator

## Appointments

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- Appointed by the Lord Chancellor to sit as a Barrister Assessor in the High Court on Appeals (2007 to date)
- Chairperson upon barrister disciplinary tribunals under Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service (2013 to 2018)
- Appointed by the Master of the Rolls to sit as chairperson of the Costs Committee of the Civil Justice Council (2013 to date)
- Joint Tribunal of the Bar Council and the Law Society (2013 to 2019)

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