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Matthias Kelly QC is well known for his expertise in the fields of clinical negligence, health care, health & safety, personal injury and related professional negligence and regulation. He also undertakes employment work. Since the end of his term of office as chairman of the Bar Council, he has developed a practice in administrative law and professional regulation. Many of his cases focus on the intersection of politics and law. He has acted for Government Departments, Institutions and Trade Unions.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Regulation
- Environmental & Planning
- Civil Liability
- Administrative & Public
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence

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REGULATION

- **Advice to Minister of Enterprise**, Trade and Employment on the exercise of powers under the Companies Acts; 2005-2007

- **Independent review of the financial affairs and administration of ASLEF** (Train drivers Union) between 1994 and 2004 conducted for the Union's Executive Committee; 2004.
- **Independent review of discovery by the Department of Education and Science to the Commission**, to inquire into child abuse in Irish Institutions, 2004.
- **Chairman of the Hepatitis C Working Party** established by the Haemophilia Society in September 2001, to devise costed proposals for a financial assistance fund to recognise the loss and suffering of people with haemophilia resulting from their infection with hepatitis C (HCV). Reported March 2002.
- **Rama v South West Trains** (1997), unreported 5/11/97, Forbes J (CO/310/96). Time off for health and safety duties.
- **El-Kininy v Medical Council**, (Specialist Registration) Dublin, July 2012.
- **Elder v Law Society of Ireland** (2011), High Court, Dublin. Judicial Review.
- **Brady, Eastwood Pierce and Stewart v Solicitors Regulatory Authority**, 2010, Judicial Review, High Court, London.
- **McMahon v Law Society of Ireland** (2011) Judicial Review, High Court Dublin.
- **O'B v Residential Institutions Redress Board**, (2009), High Court, Dublin. [2009] IEHC 284.
- **F v Kings College NHS Trust**, 2006, Acting for a consultant doctor in a race and sex discrimination claim against the NHS.
- **AEG, Millennium O2Casino** – License and joint venture.

ENVIRONMENTAL & PLANNING

- **Re Alderbury House** (2015) Dublin, High Court claim following receiver's sale of Dublin's second most historic property.
- **Merlin v British Nuclear Fuels Plc** – (QBD) 2 April 1990 (1990) 3 WLR 383 – Liability for radioactive discharges.
- **Laurence Deverall v Ministry of Defence** (1994). War pension/military pension. Test veteran. Recovery of War Pension for injury due to exposure to radiation during nuclear tests in Australia.

CIVIL LIABILITY

- **Health Service Executive v KW & Others** (2015) IEHC 741. Adult capacity and ability to refuse treatment.
- **Symphiotomy and pubiotomy cases**, High Court Dublin, 2011-present.
- **Caroline McNamee v Michael Boyce**, 2014, High Court Dublin, High Court jury action. Successfully represented the Claimant in a two week civil claim for damages for sexual abuse.
- **Cleary v Shannon and others** (2014) High Court Dublin. Can trauma cause MS. Acted for the Claimant.
- **Mitchell v Barclays Bank PLC** (2014) High Court, Newcastle, redundancy, stress and bullying in the workplace.
- **McCarthy v Busways Travel Services** (2014) High Court, Newcastle, major brain injury.

- **Wright v JWC** (1947) Ltd. High Court, London, Mesothelioma, pension loss and tax implications.
- **W.Y. P. v P. C.** (2013) IESC 12. Supreme Court, Ireland, Judge's discretion in Costs in Matrimonial Proceedings.
- **S Johnstone v Groupama**, High Court, spinal injury, High Court 2011-present.
- **A Gardner v Alliance Long Acre**, High Court. London, Mesothelioma, 2011-2012.
- **Marshall v Laporte Industries Ltd** (2010-2011). High Court, London. Mesothelioma.
- **Ellie Challis v Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospitals Trust**, 2008-2011. High Court London, medical negligence, meningococcal septicaemia. Quadruple amputee.
- **Connolly v HSE**, 2012, Dublin, High Court, Mental Health, illegal detention.
- **Andrews v Health Service Executive & Dunkin**, (2011) High Court, Dublin. Medical Negligence.
- **McNamee v Michael Boyce**, Abuse case, limitation, High Court, Dublin, July 2012.
- **Adam Jones v BBC and others**, (2007). High Court. Employer's liability, occupier's liability.
- **Raymond Thomas Shanks v Swan Hunter Group Plc** (QBD) 24 May 2007 Lawtel 31 May 2007 – Lost years; benefits in kind; recoverability of re-location costs.
- **Howard v Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust** (2006) High Court, London, cerebral palsy.
- **Mulgrew v Health Service Executive**, High Court Dublin, Medical Negligence, July 2012.
- **William Searle v BRB (Residuary) Ltd**, mesothelioma, High Court London 2012.
- **S Johnstone v Groupama**, High Court, spinal injury, High Court 2011-present.
- **McNamee v Michael Boyce**, Abuse case, limitation, High Court, Dublin, July 2012.
- **Corry v D & B Construction Ltd**, 2008, High Court, Belfast.
- **St George's School**, Group action, Liverpool, 2004-2006. Child abuse.
- **Springhill School Group Litigation**, 2004. High Court Group action, alleging abuse of children resident in Barnardo's home.
- **P Smith v I Childs** 2004 Paraplegia.
- **R v CICB**, ex parte Thomas, March 2006; Judicial Review of award by CICB.
- **In Re Thomas**, CICB, London, 2005. Damages for the onset of Schizophrenia.
- **Ejvet v Aid Pallet** (2002), 11/3/2002, Cooke J, RCJ. Significant award in respect of broker's fees, PGO and receiver costs. Total £1.5 million.
- **Gemma James v David Geoffrey Starbuck** (2002) QBD Nottingham District Registry (Mr. Recorder Maxwell QC) 21/12/2001.
- **Christine Perry v Post Office High Court**, London, HH Judge Griffith Williams QC, sitting as a Deputy High Court Judge, 2001. Can trauma cause MS?
- **Kampichler v Moore and Blatch**, High Court Winchester, 18/4/02, Hallett J. Solicitor's negligence.
- **Firth v Geo. Ackroyd Ltd and another** (QBD) 28 March 2000 (2000) Lloyd's Rep Med 312 –

Recoverability of cost of care provided by local Authority under statutory duty.

- **Cummings v Powney**, Gage J 2000: Brain injury; appropriate deduction for non-use of seat belt.
- **Dalton v Wright Hassall** (a firm of solicitors). High Court, London, Stanley Burnton J. 2000. Whether solicitor's negligence can give rise to a claim for psychiatric damages as a consequence. Whether recoverable in Law.
- **Neville Edwards v Teams Roofing** 2000, Mr Ben Nolan QC, Deputy High Court Judge, Newcastle upon Tyne: First case in UK where multipliers calculated assuming a 2% rate of return.
- **Rob Dawber v Eastern Infrastructure**, York County Court, HHJ Swanson, 1/3/2000. First case establishing liability for mesothelioma arising out of low level, outdoor, intermittent occupational exposure to 'white' asbestos.
- **Page v Sheerness Steel**, Wells V Wells and Thomas v Brighton Health Authority (HL) 16 July 1998 (1998) 3 WLR 329.
- **Hooper v Young** (CA) 26 July 1996 (1998) Lloyd's Rep Med 61 – Negligence in hysterectomy.
- **Page v Sheerness Steel, Wells v Wells and Thomas v Brighton Health Authority** (CA) 23 October 1996 (1997) 1 WLR 652.
- **Rastin v British Steel Plc; Todd v Evans; Adams v Geest Plc; Byrne v Webber; Donaldson v Canavan; Ayres v British Steel Plc** (CA) – Automatic striking out of personal injury actions.
- **Gregory Goussard v Post Office** High Court London. Butterfield J. (6/10/99). Brain injury to school boy following Road Traffic Accident.
- **Nicola Turner v Kent & Canterbury Hospitals NHS Trust** QBD, London. (20/7/1999). Nurse's lifting. Liability and quantum.
- **Whitwell v Caddick Construction** QBD, Giles Wingate-Saul QC, Newcastle (22/9/98). Brain injury following construction site accident.
- **Swann & Others v Pragnell** QBD, London. 2/2/98. £1.3 million award. Young child brain damaged in RTA. Subsequently able to go to college.
- **Rozario v The Post Office** (1997) PIQR P15. Safe system of work.
- **H v Ministry of Defence** (CA) 21 March 1991 (1991) 2 WLR 1192 – Right to jury trial in personal injury cases.

ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC

- **The Minister for Justice and Equality v Piotr Pawel Skiba**, Supreme Court, Ireland, February 2018, European Arrest Warrant and the circumstances in which an Irish Court can renew the surrender date.
- **Health Service Executive v KW & Others** (2015) IEHC 741. Adult capacity and ability to refuse treatment.
- **Counsel to Ampleforth Abbey and School, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse**, 2016-2018
- **Ireland v Vilkas**, Court of Justice of the EU Luxembourg, 20/7/16, Article 23 of the Council Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA, European Arrest Warrant.
- **Minister for Justice and Equality v Thomas Vilkas**, Court of Appeal, Dublin, EWA. [2018] IECA 33

- DPP v Sylwester Strzelecki (2015) IESC 15. Irish Supreme Court. Human rights, applicability of respect for human rights at all stages of the extradition process, including consent to an additional prosecution after surrender.
- Numerous applications for compensation under the Irish Government Redress Scheme for victims of abuse received whilst in residential care
- Advice to Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the exercise of powers under the Companies Acts; 2005 (ongoing)
- Independent review of the financial affairs and administration of ASLEF (Train drivers Union) between 1994 and 2004 conducted for the Union's Executive Committee; 2004
- Independent review of discovery by the Department of Education and Science to the Commission to inquire into child abuse in Irish Institutions, 2004
- Chairman of the Hepatitis C Working Party established by the Haemophilia Society in September 2001, to devise costed proposals for a financial assistance fund to recognise the loss and suffering of people with haemophilia resulting from their infection with hepatitis C (HCV). Reported March 2002
- **A.P. v Minister for Justice and Equality** (2014) IEHC 17. High Court ordering production of documents over which privilege based on National security was claimed.
- **A. P. v Minister for Justice Equality and Law Reform** (2014) (No. 2) High Court, Dublin. Can a Minister claim Public Interest Immunity in relation to material relied upon in a decision whether or not to grant Citizenship. Duty to give reasons.
- **Nino Kelehsashvili v Minister for Justice Equality and Law Reform** (2013) High Court Dublin. Duty of the state to provide Legal Aid in subsidiary protection cases
- **DPP v S Strzelecki** (2013), Supreme Court Dublin. Duty of Court to consider ECHR issues in European Arrest warrant cases.
- **Campion v Wat** (IEHC)45. Non compliance with discovery order.
- **Teehan V Health Service Executive**, (2013) IEHC 383. Provision of Home Birth Services.
- **Boguslaw Jakubiec V Govenor Cloverhill Prison**, June 2013 High Court, Dublin. Article 3 ECHR and Prison Rules 2007.
- **Suman Barua v Minister for Justice and Equality** (2012) IEHC 456. Right to subsidiary protection, refugee.
- **Health Service Executive v XY** (2013) 12. Mental Health. Detention of young person, Articles 6, 8, 13 ECHR. Forcible treatment.
- **Health Service Executive V MD**, High Court, Dublin 2013. Forced administration of ECT.
- **Mulgrew v Health Service Executive**, High Court Dublin, Medical Negligence, July 2012.
- **El-Kininy V Medical Council**, (Specialist Registration) Dublin, July 2012.
- **Connolly v Watson & Others**, 2012, Dublin, High Court, wrongful detention Mental Health Patient.
- **Connolly v HSE**, 2012, Dublin, High Court, Mental Health, illegal detention.
- **Andrews v Health Service Executive & Dunkin**, (2011) High Court, Dublin. Medical Negligence.

- **O'B v Residential Institutions Redress Board** (2009), High Court, Dublin. [2009] IEHC 284.
- **Jordan Fitton v Bury Primary Care Trust** 8 June 2007 Admin Court. This case involved a challenge by the parents of a severely disabled child to the closure of hospital's A&E unit.
- **R (N) v Doctor M [2003] 1 WLR 562 & [2003] 1 FLR 667**, Human Rights, fair trial, oral evidence and right to cross examine.
- **Pilar Aida Rojas v Brian Berlaque and Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Gibraltar** (PC) 10 November 2003 [2003] UKPC 76. Whether all male juries in Gibraltar were constitutional.
- **Leta Almeda v Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Gibraltar** (PC) 24 November 2003 [2003] UKPC 81. Challenge to highway immunity claimed by the Government of Gibraltar.
- **R v Lancashire County Council, ex parte M**(1992) 1 FLR 109. Judicial review of decision to remove child placed with foster parents.
- **Berkshire County Council v C** (Fam Div) 17 November 1992 (1993) 2 WLR 475. Power of court to direct assessment of family by specified date.
- **Re S (Contact: prohibition of Applications)** [1994] 2 FLR 1057. Suman Barua v Minister for Justice and Law Reform (2012) High Court Dublin, Asylum, subsidiary Protection Humanitarian leave to remain.

PERSONAL INJURY

- **Zeb v Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust** (2016) EWHC 134 (QB) Clinical negligence: TB Meningitis.
- **Kennedy v Ryan** (January 2015), High Court Dublin. Symphysiotomy, limitation, liability for post caesarean operation. High Court Trial.
- **McNamee v Michael Boyce**, Sexual Abuse. Jury Trial, High Court Dublin November 2014.
- **McCarthy v Busways Travel Services** (2014) High Court, Newcastle, major brain injury.
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- **William Searle v BRB (Residuary) Ltd**, mesothelioma, High Court London 2012.
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- **Howard v Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust** (2006) High Court, London, cerebral palsy.

- **Raymond Shanks v Swan Hunter Group PLC** (2007) EWHC B4 mesothelioma claim.
- Group action, **Re Ellindon School Group Litigation**, High Court, 2007-2009.
- Group action: **St George's School, Liverpool**, 2004-2006. Child abuse.
- In **re Thomas**, CICB, London, 2005. Damages for the onset of Schizophrenia.
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- **P Smith v I Childs** 2004 Paraplegia. £4.5 million settlement.
- **Springhill School Group Litigation**, 2004. High Court Group action, alleging abuse of children resident in Barnardo's home.
- **Leta Almeda v Her Majesty's Attorney General for Gibraltar, Privy Council**. 24/11/2004. Challenge to highway immunity claimed by the Government of Gibraltar.
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RTA. Subsequently able to go to college.

- **Page v Sheerness Steel, Wells v Wells and Thomas v Brighton Health Authority** (1998) 3 WLR 329. House of Lords. Appropriate method to calculate multipliers for future loss. Discount rate.
- **Page v Sheerness Steel, Wells v Wells and Thomas v Brighton Health Authority** [1997] 1 WLR 652, Court of Appeal.
- **Hooper v Young** (1998) Lloyds Medical Law Reports 61. Negligence in hysterectomy.
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- **H v Ministry of Defence** (1991) 2 WLR 1192. Right to Jury trial in personal injury cases.
- **Merlin v British Nuclear Fuels Plc** (1990) 3 WLR 383. Liability for radioactive discharges.

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

- **Zeb v Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust** (2016) EWHC 134 (QB) Clinical negligence: TB Meningitis.
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CASES

Clinical Negligence

Lead counsel Symphyiotomy and pubiotomy cases, High Court Dublin, 2011-present.

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Mesothelioma

S Johnstone v Groupama High Court 2011-present

Spinal injury.

A Gardner v Alliance Long Acre High Court. London, 2011-2012

Mesothelioma

Andrews v Health Service Executive & Dunkin (2011) High Court, Dublin.

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Marshall v Laporte Industries Ltd (2010-2011). High Court, London.

Mesothelioma.

Employment

Walsh v An Post, High Court

Stress at work, duty of Employers.

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Article 3 ECHR and Prison Rules 2007.

Teehan V Health Service Executive (2013) IEHC 383

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Suman Barua v Minister for Justice and Equality (2012) IEHC 456

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Environmental & Planning

Merlin v British Nuclear Fuels Plc (QBD) 2 April 1990 (1990) 3 WLR 383

Liability for radioactive discharges.

Merlin v British Nuclear Fuels Plc (QBD) 2 April 1990 (1990) 3 WLR 383

Liability for radioactive discharges.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chambers & Partners recommends Matthias for Personal Injury. He is also regarded as a leader in Personal Injury by Legal 500.

"He will always secure the best possible outcome for his clients." Legal 500 2015

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman: General Council of the Bar of England and Wales 2003 (vice chair 2002)

Bencher of The Hon. Society of Gray's Inn, London: 2002

Recorder of the Crown Court: 2002

Chairman, Bar Conference committee 2001 (vice chair 2000)

Chairman, Personal Injuries Bar Association 2001 – 2002 (vice chair 2000-2001)

Chairman of the Policy Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales: 2000

Member, Remuneration Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales: 2000

Member Inter-Professional Working party on the actuarial assessment of damages in personal injury and fatal accident litigation ('The Ogden tables' 3rd and 4th editions): 1997-2002

Member of the Committee of Inquiry ('Blackwell Committee') established by the Lord Chancellor to inquire into the activities of non-legally qualified loss adjusters: 1999-2000

Member Bar Council of England and Wales: 1998-2004

Member, General Management Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales: 1999-2004

Chairman, Public Affairs Group of the Bar Council of England and Wales: 2001

Vice-Chairman, Public Affairs Group of the Bar Council of England and Wales: 1999-2000

Chairman Member, Remuneration and Terms of Work Committee, Bar Council of England and Wales: 1998-1999

Consultant to European Commission on UK Health and Safety Law: 1994-96

Member Gray's Inn Management Committee 1998-2000

Member of the 'Funding of Access to Justice' working party of the Bar of England and Wales: 1993-1995

Secretary Personal Injuries Bar Association: 1994-2000

Instructor on Gray's Inn advocacy course: 1991

MEMBERSHIPS

- Honorary life member of the British Society of Criminology.
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.
- Formerly fellow of Royal Society of Medicine.

QUALIFICATIONS

Accredited Mediator: 2008

Appointed Senior Counsel, Republic of Ireland: 2005

Recorder of the Crown Court;2002

Bencher of the Hon.Society of Gray's Inn , London: 2002

Admitted as Attorney; U.S. Federal Bar: 1987

Admitted as Attorney; New York State Bar: 1986

Called to the Bar in Kings Inn, Dublin and the Inn of Court, Belfast: 1983

Council of Legal Education, London. Bar Finals: 1978-1979

Trinity College, Dublin BA (Hons) Legal Science, LLB: 1973-1977

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Trustee Free Representation Unit, 2004
- Founder "Bar in the Community", 2001
- Vice Chairman, Disciplinary Panel, Institute of Actuaries, 2000
- Advisor to CHAR and Crisis, 1990-1992
- Board member, then Chairman, Alcohol Recovery Project (ARP) 1993-1996
- Chairman, "Children Act Housing Action Group", 1990-1994
- Legal advisor in the Free Legal Aid Centre, Crumlin, Dublin 1974-1977

PUBLICATIONS

Author of a chapter on UK Damages in "Contemporary Studies in Economic and Financial Analysis", Volume 91, Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages Calculations, a Transatlantic Dialogue, Emerald Press, 2009.

"A comparison of Securities litigation in the US and the EU", International Atlantic Economic Conference, Warsaw, Poland, 12th April 2008, joint paper with Arthur A. Eubank, Jr, Ph.D.

Author Chapter on Multipliers in Manual of Personal Injuries; Sweet & Maxwell 1997 (1st edition) 2000 (2nd edition), 2007 (3rd edition).

Member editorial panel Sweet & Maxwell specialist research papers 1996-2000.

Joint Editor, Manual of Personal of Personal Injuries (Sweet and Maxwell), 1997 (1st Ed) 2000 (2nd Ed.)

Joint editor and contributor to "Munkman on Employers Liability", 13th edition, Butterworths, 2002.

"Multipliers", article for newsletter of Institute of Chartered Accountants, 1999.

"Legal Aid", The Lawyer, June 1999

"Child Abuse, uncovering the facts", New Law Journal, 1994.

"Achieving full compensation", New Law Journal, 1994.

Journal of Personal Injury Law, 2000 JPIL pages 137-141. (Sweet & Maxwell): Review of Law on dependency claims in Fatal Accidents Claims).

Review of the leading PI cases in 1999/2000 "The Lawyer", 16/10/2000.

"Independence day for the Bar". Human Rights. The Times, 25/9/01.

"Are brokers' fees recoverable?" Kemp 5-282/1. 27/3/02.

"Funding awards: all change?" Solicitors Journal 6th September 2002, p 774.

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