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Christopher Wilson-Smith KC's practice covers **personal injury**, often compounded by breaches of duty in healthcare following the initial trauma; **clinical negligence**; and serious crime, primarily involving corporate manslaughter and health and safety cases.

In clinical negligence Christopher acts for claimants and defendants (NHSLA), often involving babies with birth injuries and often compounded by breaches of duty in healthcare following the initial trauma. Across the legal directories, he is listed as a leader in personal injury and clinical negligence.

His clients say this of him: *"He is always well prepared and his conduct of conferences with experts and joint settlement meetings is exceptional. He shows great skill in identifying the important and relevant issues."*

"One of the best cross-examiners in the business, he is an outstanding advocate with finely tuned judgment."

"His larger than life character and bluff amiability disguise his sharp forensic skills honed over many years in both criminal and civil cases of the highest order giving him an ability to see through to the real issues and address them quickly and effectively. His ability to turn around a set of papers in short order is testament to his considerable work ethic and yet his eye for detail often catches out the unwary or ill-prepared."

Christopher became a Recorder of the Crown Court (civil and crime) in 1977 and Master of Bench Gray's Inn in 1996. He was also admitted as KC to the Bar of New South Wales in 1996.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

For over 25 years Christopher Wilson-Smith has been recommended in both key legal directories. His practice involves working with the top-rated solicitors, and he acts for both claimants and defendants, often involving babies with birth injuries and resulting in £Multi-million damages.

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Christopher Wilson-Smith is a member of all the important professional associations including AvMA. Two recent cases exemplify the quality and value of the work that Christopher leads on.

Notable Clinical Negligence cases

Chloe Dolby (by litigation friend – Amber Dolby) v University Hospital of Leicester NHS Trust

Cerebral Palsy case, £Multimillion compensation claim successfully argued. Instructed by Barratt Goff Tomlinson.

Simon Barnett v Medway NHS Trust Kent

A misdiagnosis and failure to discover a spinal abscess leading to paralysis.
Instructed by Stewarts Law.

Martha Richardson-Rudd (by litigation friend – Helen Richardson) v Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Cerebral Palsy case, child has terrible injuries and a massive dependency. Instructed by Irwin Mitchell.

Maria Michael v Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust

A Cerebral Palsy case, over 10 years, £Multimillion claim. Liability and quantum eventually compromised, although challenged. Instructed by Foot Anstey.

Paula Maxfield v Medway NHS Trust and Kings College NHS Foundation Trust

Spinal injury, £Multiple millions compensation, complex liabilities and quantum compromised. Instructed by Stewarts Law.

Personal Injury

For over 25 years Christopher Wilson-Smith has been recommended as a leader in Personal Injury in both key legal directories and he has worked with the top-rated solicitors. His Personal Injury practice involve £multi-million claims, (including the highest value P.I. case, ever, in England and Wales), and are often compounded by breaches of duty in healthcare following the initial trauma.

Notable Personal Injury cases

Jay Young v SGA Productions Limited

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A gymnast, unsupervised, fracture of spine, paralysis case £Multimillion claim, liability and quantum compromised. Instructed by Moore Blatch.

Sarah Thomas v James Baker & Insurance Commission of Western Australia

Road Traffic Accident in Australia, paralysis £Multimillion claim complications in the assessment of damages, differences as to whether Australian or UK jurisdictions apply. Instructed by Stewarts Law.

Liam Blake v Mitchell Knight

A £Multimillion quadriplegic paralysis case, road traffic accident. Stewarts Law

Robert Croden v Frank Redman

Road Traffic Accident, paralysis, the suggestion was the defendant was trying to murder the claimant, now dropped. Liability should now be resisted on the basis of criminal activity. Instructed by Stewarts Law.

June Vann (Martin Vann (deceased)) v Occidental – Companhia de Seguros s.a.

Road Traffic Accident with dreadful injuries caused to the father causing death, injuries to other members of the family including the mother who sustained brain injuries. Overseas case complicates level of damages claimed. Instructed by Irwin Mitchell.

Memberships

- **Western Circuit**
- **CBA**
- **CLBA**
- **COMBAR**
- **APIL**
- **PNBA**
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Awards

- Chambers & Partners Lifetime Achievement Award (2015)
- Recommended in Chambers & Partners
- Recommended in Legal 500 for Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Recommendations



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