



James Aldridge

Year of call
1987

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James Aldridge specialises in personal injury, clinical negligence, and professional negligence in relation to the handling of litigation in those areas.

His practice is fairly evenly split between claimant and defendant in personal injury work, and he acts mainly, but not exclusively, for claimants in clinical negligence cases.

He undertakes the full range of work within these areas including cases of catastrophic injury. For example, recently concluded cases for Claimants include settlements in fatal, traumatic brain injury and cerebral palsy cases.

He also frequently represents insurers of Defendants in claims relating to public and employer's liability.

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Clinical Negligence

James Aldridge has been practising in this area for more than 25 years. His clinical negligence experience encompasses the full range of injuries. Recent cases include; wrongful birth, neonatal injury resulting in cerebral palsy, surgical injury, and delay in cancer diagnosis.

Cases

C v Durham

Acting for C's widow a claim under the Fatal Accidents Act for causing the death of C from pulmonary embolism by failing to treat with an IVC filter and/or thrombolysis. The judge found for C on trial of liability in January 2015. Quantum settled in November 2015.

K v Basildon

Acting for K in a claim arising from surgical negligence relating to damage to the recurrent laryngeal nerve during the course of a left internal carotid artery endarterectomy. The judge found for K on trial of liability in May 2015.

L v City Hospitals Sunderland

Acting for L in a claim for delay in decompressing spinal haematoma leading to tetraplegia. Liability admitted and settled in October 2015.

W v Atkins

Acting for W in a claim for late diagnosis of breast cancer. W had pre-existing weakness in right arm due to childhood polio. Cancer treatment due to breach of duty caused lymphedema in left arm, which could not be overused for fear of aggravating the condition. Settled in November 2015 for a sum that reflected the bilateral restrictions of the upper limbs.

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Personal Injury

James Aldridge acts for both claimants and defendants in road traffic, occupiers' liability and employer's liability claims.

Cases

G v Cooper

Acting for G (with leading counsel) in a claim relating to an RTA causing spinal injury and paraplegia. Liability admitted. Settled in November 2015.

V v Horndean

Acting for Defendant in repetitive strain injury case relating to back and shoulder injuries from changing tyres on heavy vehicles: settled February 2015.

P v Fagg

Acting for P in claim for traumatic brain injury after being run over on pedestrian crossing. P was a property developer and much evidence related to his loss of profits due to inability to carry on with this work. Settled in December 2015.

C v M&S

Acting for Defendant in employee's claim for spinal injury resulting from collapse of food trays onto her during delivery operations. Significant issues on causation. Successful part 20 claim against delivery company. Settled in May 2015.

F v M&S

Acting for Defendant in employee's claim for an ankle fracture at work leading to complex regional pain syndrome. Issues in relation to causation of care and loss of earnings claims because of collateral upper limb symptoms. Settled in 2015.

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Professional Negligence

James Aldridge acts in professional negligence claims relating to the conduct of personal injury and clinical negligence litigation.

Cases

P v S (ongoing)

Claim against solicitor for negligent conduct of claim relating to negligent diagnosis and treatment of meningococcal septicaemia.

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Recommendations



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Testimonials

“A superb advocate and a formidable opponent. He has a very calm and commanding style in court.”

Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2021

“He is remarkably thorough and very clever.” **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2021**

“Superb with clients and very tactically astute.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2021**

“He is always well prepared and is a very strong advocate – he’s clearly very passionate.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2021**

“An unflappable barrister and superb advocate who acts with great sensitivity with vulnerable clients.”

Personal Injury, Legal 500 2021

“A superb advocate and a formidable opponent who has a very calm and commanding style in court.”

Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2021

“He’s exceptionally good with clients and is always extremely well prepared.” **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2020**

“A very persuasive advocate.” **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2020**

“He’s brilliant with clients, explains the issues clearly and thoroughly and is extremely friendly and approachable.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2020**

“He is incredibly meticulous and thorough in his work.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2020**

“He is an outstanding advocate with an intelligent and pragmatic approach.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2020**

“He is unflappable and acts with great sensitivity with vulnerable clients.” **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2020**

“He’s very consistent and really well prepared. He takes an intelligent approach to cases and he’s very

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thorough." **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2019**

"He is a solid pair of hands, offers good client care and is excellent at providing documentation on time." **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2019**

"Thorough and conscientious." "Very approachable." "Great to work with." **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2019**

"A superb advocate." **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2019**

"Outstanding attention to detail and very knowledgeable." **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2018**

"Sensible, approachable and responsive." **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2018**

"Very logical and clear-thinking, and a very skilled communicator. He is able to marshal experts from different areas and pull it all together with a minimum of fuss." **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2018**

"An outstanding advocate." **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2017**

"He has vast experience in clinical negligence and is good with clients." **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2017**

"Performs well in complex matters; he quickly gets to grips with issues and is good to work with." **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2017**

"Hard-working and extremely thorough, he is excellent at managing experts and clients alike." **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2017**

"Pragmatic and approachable, he has particular expertise in fatal claims." **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2017**

"He is very pragmatic in his handling of cases, and has a high level of client care." **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2016**

"Fiendishly clever, modest, and calm under pressure." **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2016**

"He is excellent with clients and very helpful. He is not just interested in the law but in how we can help the client." **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2016**

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“He brings added value to cases; he is very forensic in his work, he does strong preparation, he keeps to the deadlines and he is excellent for his clients.” **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2016**

“Very nice, very good and very fair.” “He’s extremely analytical and great for complex cases.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2015**

“Well liked by all clients for his intelligent and pragmatic approach.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2015**

“He has good perspective from the claimant and defendant side.” **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2015**

“He works incredibly hard and is very efficient at turning matters around. He is also very sensible and pragmatic in his approach – he’s not afraid to tell a client that the prospects of a case aren’t good, nor will he give in too easily on what might be a winnable case.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2014**

“He’s very bright and practical, excellent on paper, and good on his feet.” “He’s excellent. He’s very thorough and considered, and gives practical advice that the client appreciates.” **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2014**

“He is utterly reliable and provides consistently excellent legal advice.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2014**

“Clients have absolute trust in him to do the best job he can.” **Personal Injury, Legal 500 2014**

James Aldridge is “a joy to work with,” who impresses in negotiation. He has “excellent attention to detail” and is “very client-oriented.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2013**

James Aldridge displays “excellent attention to detail” in road traffic and employer liability / public liability cases. **Personal Injury, Chambers & Partners 2013**

Highly recommended for his industrious work rate, his ability to present “complex issues clearly” and because he is “excellent at communicating with clients.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2012**

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