

Richard Menzies

Richard is a specialist personal injury practitioner whose practice spans the full breadth of PI claims, from trippers to industrial disease, and from whiplash to tetraplegia. He also undertakes clinical negligence work and cases involving professional negligence arising out of PI & Medical claims. Richard is regularly instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants, and has extensive experience over 25 years of advocacy in the County Court, Coroner's Court, High Court and Court of Appeal, related advice and drafting, mediation and other forms of ADR.

Richard lectures to both solicitors and barristers on various aspects of personal injury law and has featured on the College of Law's 'Legal Network Television' DVD-based training service. He has written articles on aspects of personal injury law and practice.



Year of Call: 1993

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Further information

Qualifications

- Melzer Prize for Physical Sciences (Ward Freman School, Buntingford)
- MA, Natural Science and Law (Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge)
- Fitzwilliam College Prize for Natural Sciences
- Clough Scholarship (Fitzwilliam College)
- Bar Vocational Course, very competent (Inns of Court School of Law)
- Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition (Middle Temple)
- Jules Thorn Scholarship (Middle Temple)

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

Interests

Film, food and rabbits.

Personal Injury

Richard's specific areas of practice include:

- Road Traffic: Including multiple vehicle accidents, public service vehicles, uninsured drivers (MIB), drivers

from overseas/accidents abroad and accidents involving pedestrians. Richard has a particular interest in claims arising out of motorcycle accidents.

- Fatal Accidents: Representation in the Coroner's Court. Claims on behalf of the estate and the dependants.
- Fraud: Richard's Defendant practice includes defending fraudulent and exaggerated claims, including staged accidents, induced accidents, phantom passengers and trivial/non-injury accidents.
- Public Liability/Highways Act: Accidents in shops and schools, and on the public highway.
- Animals: Injuries and damage caused by the actions of animals, under the Animals Act 1971 and at common law.
- Employers' Liability: From slippery floors and defective equipment to falls from scaffolding and assault by co-workers.
- Industrial Disease: Richard is instructed in claims for asbestos-related disease, noise-induced hearing loss, hand-arm vibration syndrome ('VWF'), work-related upper limb disorder ('RSI'), and occupational stress.
- Air/Sea Accidents and Holiday Claims: Claims under the Warsaw, Montreal and Athens Conventions and the Package Travel Regulations.
- Professional Negligence: Acting for and against Solicitors and Insurers in claims arising out of PI & Medical cases.

Clinical Negligence

Richard's recent clinical negligence cases include failure to diagnose/treat compartment syndrome and injuries sustained at birth. He has also undertaken product liability claims related to failed medical implants and appliances.

