



Amanda Yip Q.C.

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Call 1991
Silk 2011

Education and Awards

Emmanuel College, Cambridge – MA Law
Graded “Outstanding” in Bar Vocational Course
Inns of Court Certificate of Honour
Mackaskie Award (Gray’s Inn)

Appointments

Recorder (Appointed 2008 – authorised to sit in Civil and Family Courts)
Accredited Mediator (Qualified 2006)

Associations

Personal Injury Bar Association
Northern Circuit Medical Law Association
Northern Circuit Administrative Law Association

Directory Quotes

Legal 500 (2012): New silk Amanda Yip QC is highly rated and is a *‘force to be reckoned with’*.

Legal 500 (2011) ; Amanda Yip *“heading for silk”* is *“well regarded”*.

Chambers and Partners (2012): Amanda Yip QC, [who is based at Exchange Chambers wins particular praise for client care skills] . She practises exclusively in personal injury and clinical negligence, and has recently and very deservedly just made silk. Peers regard her as *“a proactive and highly dynamic advocate.”*

New silk Amanda Yip QC is a *“good lateral thinker”* who offers *“great practical suggestions”* when handling traumatic brain and spinal injury cases

Chambers and Partners (2011): *“known for having an innovative legal brain”*.

Profile

I am an experienced personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner. I took silk (became a QC) in April 2011. Over the last four years, I have recovered damages for seriously injured claimants worth in excess of £87 million. My current caseload includes many cases for catastrophically injured claimants involving multi million pound damages. I also conduct some other cases involving matters of particular complexity or importance.

I firmly believe that thorough preparation and good teamwork provide the keys to the successful management of a claim. I am conscientious and enjoy the detail that goes into presenting a claim from start to finish, without losing sight of the human aspects that surround injured claimants and their families. I aim to be sympathetic and approachable and to ensure that all avenues have been properly explored while maintaining a sense of objectivity and realism.

On a personal note, I am married with three children. I enjoy all sports, especially tennis and rugby. Having played rugby, I decided that I was better off as an enthusiastic supporter! Years of standing on wet and windy touchlines were repaid when I watched my "little" brother, Ben Kay, win the World Cup in 2003!

Details of Practice

I have a wide range of experience in multi track personal injury litigation. I have particular expertise in claims involving the following:-

- Traumatic brain injury (both adult and paediatric)
- Spinal cord injury
- Amputations
- The most serious orthopaedic injury

Within my clinical negligence practice, I have a particular interest in obstetrics. I have also dealt with cases involving spinal cord and brain injury as a result of medical negligence. Recent cases have included:

- Cerebral palsy as a result of mismanagement of labour
- Neonatal mismanagement
- Spinal cord injury caused by negligent surgery
- Delay in diagnosis of spinal tumour leading to paralysis
- Anaesthetic accidents
- Fatal accident claims

Example Case Studies

Re: S – Criminal Injuries Compensation award of £7.2 million following "shaken baby syndrome".

Re: GW – brain injury claim settled on basis of lump sum and periodical payments order equivalent to £7.5 million.

Re: Kyle Thornton (Lawtel LTLPI 13.1.09) – claim for paediatric brain injury, settled for lump sum and PPO worth £5.2 million in total.

Preston v City Electrical Factors [2009]EWHC 2907 (Lawtel 16.11.09) – successfully argued that the recent case of *Eeles* should be distinguished in the course of a contested interim payment application. The interim payment allowed brain injury rehabilitation to continue and evidence to be gathered as to the degree of support likely to be required long term. This ultimately led to settlement of the claim.

Re: FP – clinical negligence claim arising out of spinal surgery leading to incomplete paraplegia settled for £800,000 at a joint settlement meeting.

Client wrote afterwards : *"We could not let the moment pass without expressing our appreciation for all you were able to bring to our meeting last Tuesday. Your ability to take us along with the day as it developed with such complete control and confidence was very evident and hugely comforting ... Our heartfelt thanks for all your guidance and understanding."*

HC v LF – settlement of £1million obtained for lower leg amputee at mediation. Praised by mediator for "open, unambiguous and cooperative" approach.

DG – claim involving serious orthopaedic injury which made it difficult for the claimant to pursue his vocational employment full-time. He was distressed by the defence suggestion that he could just get another equally well-paid job. Guiding him through the issues and carefully building the evidence to support an entirely reasonable presentation (based upon retaining the job he loved but working fewer hours) ultimately led to a sensible settlement. After settlement, the client wrote: *“The emotion felt throughout the period that you were involved cannot be disguised ... I feel your sensitive handling acknowledged this whilst endeavouring to make real progress in the case at the same time ... The speed and efficiency with which you dealt with any matters that I was aware of gave me further confidence in you. Although it was difficult to predict the outcome I always felt safe in your hands, valuing your judgement.”*

GO – serious multiple injuries. The client wrote: *“Amanda has proven to be very effective legal expert/negotiator and was able to bring the case to a close (to my huge relief) a year earlier than it may have done had it gone to trial. She was able to persuade the defence to agree to a mediation session (even though the defence had the option to seek their own medical evidence which may well have been in their interests to do) and used her experience on the day to secure a substantial settlement position. Amanda’s handling of the case information, analysis of the claim value and skills in putting forward my case and negotiating a settlement were all carried out with the utmost professionalism and integrity and I consider myself very fortunate to have had her on my side.”*