

## Bill Braithwaite QC

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### Clerks' Details

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### Appointments

• Accredited Mediator

### Memberships

- European Brain Injury Society
- Headway Spinal Injuries Association
- International Medical Society of Paraplegia

### Education

- Gordonstoun School
- Liverpool University

### Publications

Consultant editor of Kemp & Kemp from 1995 to 2004

Joint editor of "Medical Aspects of Personal Injury Litigation"

Author of "Brain and Spine Injury – The Fight for Justice"

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

#### Overview

Bill is championing a revolutionary, new system called "neutral facilitation". It is a flexible method of managing catastrophic injury claims, giving the parties control over the procedure to an unheard of extent. He wrote a seminal article in the Journal of Personal Injury Litigation in Autumn 2013, and has been advocating it since. He has used its principles in some of his cases.

## Recommendations

### Chambers & Partners

“Bill Braithwaite QC is an outstanding counsel – I don’t think I’ve worked with someone who has better intelligence than him. Second to none.” “Very good client skills.”

“He has formidable knowledge of catastrophic injury claims, particularly brain injuries, and has a very good way with clients. He explains very complex subjects to them and is always willing to go above and beyond.” “He has a huge amount of experience and very good client care skills, understanding very quickly what is involved.”

“He’s clearly a fighter - he pushes the boundaries for his clients.” “He is an extremely approachable silk and human being, and he’s very intelligent and very bright.”

“Bill is an immensely experienced barrister who has the ability to put clients at ease whilst simultaneously being a fierce advocate for them.” “A QC of formidable experience and expertise.”

“He very much looks outside the box and takes a wider view of the case, always doing what’s best for the client.”

“He predominantly specialises in brain injury, so from his knowledge and experience we’re happy to instruct him with very vulnerable clients.” “In conference, if the client has any questions, he is just a constant reassurance to them.”

“He is probably the most outstanding personal injury claimant silk I have worked with. He is a bright and excellent advocate; a great fighter for the victims of traumatic injury.”

“He is a formidable lawyer. He can always provide a solution and a way forward.”

“He lives up to his reputation as one of the leading catastrophic injury lawyers in the country.”

“Widely regarded as a leader in the field of catastrophic injury nationally. His practice is devoted solely to catastrophic brain and spinal injury claimant work, and he is recognised for his excellent communication skills. He combines forensic analysis with a very gentle and caring way with the clients - very approachable from that perspective.”

“He will fight and succeed on cases where other barristers will shy away.”

## The Legal 500

“He has immense knowledge of brain and spinal cord injury matters.”

“Serene and charming, and his presence adds considerable weight to a case.”

“An honest, genuine and creative practitioner, who always secures the best outcome.”

“His cross-examination skills are second to none.”

“Particular expertise where claimants have mental capacity issues.”

## Cases

### BRAIN

**GP** – Male aged 25 – catastrophic brain injury – settlement for £11 million at full value

**PV** – Baby assaulted aged 4 months – severe brain damage – CICA award settled at £3 million

**JS** – Three year old boy knocked down by a car – severe brain damage - £4.2 million

### SPINE

**CS** – male aged 21 – C8 sensory and T1 motor complete paraplegic – settled for £3million lump sum

**MH** – male aged 45 – C8 Asia C tetraplegic – settled for lump sum of £2.9 million

**JM** – male aged 20 – settled in 2011 for £2.2million with periodical payments

### CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

**NC** – Unlicensed use of Misoprostal for stillbirth delivery leading to catastrophic brain injury

**XY** – Cerebral palsy caused by medical negligence – settled for £5.2 million

**OM** – Negligent diagnosis of acute abdominal condition – settlement of £3.4 million

See his web site for fuller details – [www.billbraithwaite.co.uk](http://www.billbraithwaite.co.uk)

## Beyond the Bar

Bill has always been mad about cars, motorbikes and lorries, he is fascinated with their design and performance. He has a Class 1 LGV (heavy goods) licence, and has passed the Institute of Advanced Motorists test on both cars and articulated lorries. He has a competition driving licence, and races in the Historic Sports Cars series at weekends, driving old Lotuses. He has been keen on wine for 40 years. He is an enthusiastic photographer. <http://www.braininjuryqc.com/>