



## Clerks' Details

- Ian Spencer
- 0113 203 1971
- Megan Hawke
- 0113 203 1985

# **Memberships**

- North Eastern Circuit
- Personal Injury Bar Assocation
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

## **Appointments**

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A) (2020)
- Deputy District Judge (2010)

# Education

- LLB (Hons), University of Reading (Class 2(i) - June 1997)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law -Inns of Court School of Law
- Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test 2000
- Admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales - 2000

# **Inquests CV**

## Overview

Simon is a personal injury practitioner with experience of Jury and Non-Jury Inquests following road traffic accidents, deaths in custody, deaths from workplace accidents, occupational illnesses or following medical intervention.

He has been instructed on behalf of Interested Persons and to provide support to non-IP witnesses.

His background in personal injury, occupational illness and clinical negligence claims allows him to provide expert advice to clients when civil proceedings are being contemplated.

Simon was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2010 and as Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General (Regional Panel A) in 2020. He is recognised as a leading individual in both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

#### Recent examples:

Instructed in a two day Article 2 Jury Inquest touching the death of JW who died during release from prison on licence (2021)

Instructed in an Inquest touching the death of MN. Simon was instructed on behalf of the deceased's husband's employer following a preliminary finding that the cause of death was Asbestosis (2019)



### Recommendations

Ranked Band 3 for Personal Injury - North Eastern

#### Chambers and Partners (2023)

'Simon is always very focused on the key issues in a case. He is always very well prepared, and he presents complex facts and evidence to the client and court in easy, digestible formats.'

#### The Legal 500 (2023)

"Simon is an accomplished advocate who provides straightforward, clear advice. He is also very personable, and good at establishing client rapport."

#### The Legal 500 (2022)

"Strengths are the ability to provide straightforward clear advice along with a nononsense approach that invariably sits well with clients. Rather than adopting a broadbrush approach attention to detail at all stages of the claim and strong desire to help clients get the best possible results sits well with my own approach."

#### Legal 500 (2021)

"Acts for both claimants and defendants in complex and high-value personal injury matters. He is particularly well regarded for his handling of occupation injury claims."

#### Chambers & Partners (2021)

"Everything that a personal injury barrister ought to be."

#### Legal 500 (2020)

"He has an incredibly measured approach and a meticulous preparation process whereby you are assured that he has reviewed the whole case in detail. He instils confidence with his approach."

#### Chambers & Partners (2020)

"Very experienced in Industrial Disease Claims."

#### Legal 500 (2019)

# Beyond the Bar

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Simon is married with two young children. Away from work, and when not engaged in family pursuits, he tries to keep fit and particularly enjoys running. He continues to strive to improve upon his best time for completing a 10km race; his current PB is 47.11 minutes.