

Chris Barnes QC

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Clerks' Details

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Appointments

Junior Counsel to the Crown (2011)

Beyond the Bar

Away from work, Chris enjoys fell running and was a member of the British Ski Mountaineering Team at the 2013 World Championships and 2014 World Cup.

Chris won the 2017 British Mountain Marathon Championships.

Military Injury Claims CV

Overview

As a junior, Chris had a niche specialism in military claims for many years. He was repeatedly recommended in the Legal 500 and Chambers directories for military claims and has lectured widely upon them, including on a number of occasions to the APIL Military Claims Conference.

Chris has experience of the full range of military claims including NIHL (with particular emphasis on combat-related deafness); bullying, harassment and assault (including serious sexual assaults and rape); NFCL; pelvic stress fractures; training accidents; aviation accidents (including a number of the Voyager claims); and naval accidents.

Significant cases include:

Lillington v Ministry of Defence [2015] EWCA Civ 775 - Successful respondent to an appeal relating to a loss of promotion following injury.

Ifede v Ministry of Defence [2015] EWHC 3835 (QB) - Interaction of the AFCS and limitation.

Birch v Ministry of Defence (2012) EWHC 2267 (QB) and (2013) EWCA Civ 676 - Catastrophic injury claim for Royal Marine injured in Afghanistan.

Bradlaugh v Ministry of Defence (Lawtel, 29.4.10) - Significant award for NIHL/tinnitus.

X v MOD - Settlement of £8,000,000 plus provisional damages relating to syringomyelia for a paraplegic claimant injured in a training exercise.

Recommendations

“One of the best military injury barristers.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He has a particular interest in military injuries, including combat-related deafness and non-freezing cold injuries”

The Legal 500 2015

“He is excellent in court and with clients.” “He sees the correct way forward in any situation and is very good in settlement negotiations.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“His client care skills are excellent and he has very good attention to detail.” “He is very sharp, incisive and able to get to the nub of the problem very quickly. He always provides very sound and practical advice.” “He is a highly skilled, organised, technical and forward-thinking barrister.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Thorough, highly intelligent, gets fantastic results and clients love him.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“He is an exceptional advocate in court and is a safe pair of hands on serious injury work.” “He explains things very well to clients, gets a good grip on matters and understands the issues quite quickly. He works very efficiently and turns paperwork around incredibly quickly.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Christopher is an outstanding operator.”

The Legal 500 2022

“Chris is extremely switched on, organised, confident, prepared and alert of all the issues in any case. He is an excellent negotiator who is able to secure maximum compensation for those he represents.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Has an excellent manner with vulnerable clients. “

The Legal 500 2020

“He is excellent on both tactics and strategy.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Very hardworking and good with clients.”

The Legal 500 2017