Simon Ross

Call 1999

Clerks

Ian Spencer
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Appointments

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

Memberships

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

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

Professional Negligence

Simon practised as a solicitor prior to transferring across to the Bar. He was employed by DAC Beachcroft and worked within a specialist Professional & Financial Risk team defending solicitors and surveyors from claims of professional negligence.

At the Bar, he has remained interested in professional negligence claims and in particular those arising from personal injury claims.

Simon was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2010.

Cases

- Advised a firm of solicitors regarding the prospects of defending a claim arising from a clinical negligence claim. The firm considered that the professional negligence claim was doomed to fail because the underlying claim had no merit. However, a thorough review of the file of papers revealed that that assessment had been incorrectly informed by the failure to fully investigate the material issues and secure relevant evidence in the underlying claim. Claim settled.
- Advised the claimant on a proposed claim against solicitors who had acted for him defending a contentious probate claim that had been pursued through to a 4 day trial in the High Court. The underlying claim involved complex issues of procedure and jurisdiction and the legal test to apply when determining whether a Hindu marriage was lawful under the Hindu Marriage Act 1955.
- Acted on behalf of claimants in a number of successful claims against conveyancers who had failed to carry out appropriate searches when acting for property purchasers.
- Advised on a potential professional negligence claim against a solicitor who had failed to provide advice in respect of a clinical negligence claim for wrongful birth. Complicated issues arose in respect of limitation and causation.
- Advised in respect of a potential professional negligence claim against solicitors alleged to have settled a fibromyalgia claim at an undervalue and/or failed to instruct appropriate experts. Issues arose in respect of scope of duty, causation and diagnosis of the underlying condition.
- Advised a claimant in respect of the merits of a claim against solicitors. The underlying claim concerned allegations that the claimant had developed Complex Hypersensitivity Syndrome or Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Syndrome due to exposure to chemicals at work.

Recommendations

“Simon is an excellent advocate.”
Chambers and Partners (2026)

“A very forensic and methodical junior.”
The Legal 500 (2026)

“He is an extremely safe pair of hands and is very reliable.”
Chambers and Partners (2025)

Tier 1 – Personal Injury
The Legal 500 (2025)

'Simon Ross acts in complex and high-value personal injury matters. He is particularly well regarded for his handling of occupational injury claims.'
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 no-nonsense approach that invariably sits well with clients. Rather than adopting a broad-brush 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." – *Tier 1 recommended leading junior – Personal Injury*
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" – *Tier 1 recommended leading junior – Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence*
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

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.