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2027 Chambers Top Ranked UK Bar

Practice

Ian has a wide experience in many areas of civil litigation. He specialises in professional negligence (including clinical negligence) and personal injury work in which he is instructed on behalf of both Pursuers and Defenders through Insurers, Loss Adjusters, Local Authorities and Trade Unions. He has appeared in the UK Supreme Court and the House of Lords in eight cases. He regularly appears in the Court of Session and Sheriff Court.

He has particular expertise in clinical negliegnce claims, catastrophic injury claims, including head and spinal injury cases, claims in respect of industrial diseases, psychiatric injury and fatal claims.

Representative Cases

Reparation

Allan Lynch v Greater Glasgow Health Board 2020 Court of Session – for pursuer – medical negligence – failure to diagnose/treat C. Diff – settled

Zoe Kennedy V- Greater Glasgow Health Board and Another 2020 Court of Session – for pursuer – medical negligence – failure to diagnose discitis – settled

Glasgow City Council – 2019 Court of Session – for the pursuer – science teacher exposed to asbestos in Bunsen burner stands contracting mesothelioma – 1st case in UK involving science teacher - settled

Mary Docherty & Others v Parkes of Hamilton 2019 Court of Session – for defenders fatal accident on A9 – cyclist struck by bus. – settled

Candice Westerman & Others v Fugro Subsea 2018 Court of Session – for the pursuers - fatal accident involving diving bell in Nigerian waters – settled.

Scott Fowler v Wyse Solicitors 2017 Court of Session - for the pursuer – professional negligence – whether solicitor settled personal injury claim substantially below value – settled.

Ashley Thomson & Others v Brachialwood Medical Practice 2017 Court of Session – for the pursuers - medical negligence – failure to diagnose fatal condition – settled.

Ian Campbell v Aberdeen City Council 2017 Court of Session – for the defenders – whether teacher's temporary suspension in breach of employer's duty of care – abandoned.

Megan Miller v Hazel Gibson & Tradex Insurance 2017 Court of Session (Lord Brailsford) – for the defenders – whether the pursuer suffered from lifelong psychological damage following RTA – settled during proof.

Tracey Kennedy v Cordia (Services) LLP 2016 SC (UKSC) 59 for the pursuer – successful appeal to UK Supreme Court – landmark decision on common law duties of care and the role of expert witnesses.

Anderson v Brig Brae Garage Ltd [H.S. At W. 2015,. 21(3),6] (Lady Stacey and a jury: 25 June 2015) for the pursuers – record damages awarded to widow and family of a 35-year-old garage mechanic.

Pate's Curator ad Litem v Stewart Homes (Scotland) Ltd [2013] CSOH 30; 2013 G.W.D. 9-204 - for 1st Defender; Employers' liability; Health and safety at work; Roofs; Scotland; Statutory duties; Working at height.

Mark Ralston (James McLauglin's Financial Guardian) v W J Harte Construction - for Pursuer; catastrophic brain injury; highest settlement figure during 2013 of any case in Scotland involving an injured adult.

George Moncrieff v Anne Cooper and Wishaw and District Housing Association [2013] CSOH 180; 2013 G.W.D. 40-766 - for defenders; workplace stress; forseeability; defenders assoilzed;

Professional Memberships

Chairman of the Faculty of Advocates Personal Injury Law Group 2001 to date.

Lectures and Seminars

Ian regularly provides seminars and briefings to solicitors and other bodies as well as speaking at Compass Chambers' conferences.

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What The Directories Say

Chambers UK 2020 - Ian is ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury.
"He is excellent, a force to be reckoned with."

Chambers UK 2019 - Ian is ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury.
"Ian is a true heavyweight Senior Counsel who can be relied on to deliver the best for his clients. He is always excellent in cross-examination and in the handling of expert witnesses." "A very, very experienced silk. You underestimate him very much at your own risk."

Chambers UK 2018 - Ian is ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury.
"He is very able and very good on his feet." "He has gravitas and is great to have on your side." "He's very, very impressive. He is brilliant on his feet and so experienced."

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