



## David Wilby QC



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### Profile

David Wilby QC's main areas of practice are clinical negligence and personal injury, in particular cases involving birth related injuries, catastrophic injury, severe brain injury, health and safety, industrial disease and associated limitation issues. He has considerable expertise in high value claims, particularly involving periodic payments and indexation. He is recognised in a number of directories to the Bar as a leading Silk in clinical negligence and personal injuries. He has been recognised by Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners as a leading Silk in clinical negligence since 1998. He is Top Rated as a Leading Barrister in Chambers UK Bar 2016 and as a Leading Individual in Legal 500 2016. Legal 500 2017 recognised David as a *"forceful negotiator who gets excellent results."*

He is also a tenant at Parklane Plowden, Chambers in Leeds and Newcastle, where he was Head of Chambers between 2007 and 2011 implementing the merger of the two sets.

The only personal injury Barrister to be listed in The Lawyer Hot 100, 2010, Mr Wilby QC won Outstanding Case of the Year at The Personal Injury Awards 2009 for his work on the landmark birth defects case, [Corby](#). The first case worldwide to establish that airborne contaminants can cause fetal developmental damage. Mr Wilby has had numerous appearances in the National Press and on Television and Radio due to the success of the Corby Litigation. Personal accolades identify that it was *"his supreme understanding of the expert evidence that was responsible for the Claimants' success"*. The Lawyer described David Wilby QC as one of the most sought after Silks at the Bar - renowned in the profession for his efficiency, reliability, conscientiousness and unrivalled grasp of complex expert evidence. He continues to conduct high value catastrophic injury and birth injury claims and conclude settlements regularly involving awards in excess of £6million. He tries civil claims as a Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge.

He was runner-up for the 'Barrister of the Year' at the Lawyer Awards 2010. He was 1 of 3 finalists for 'Personal Injury Barrister of the Year' at the 2009 and 2010 awards.

David has extensive experience of organising and co-ordinating lectures and professional education in the United Kingdom and North America including presentations for the English Bar at ABA National Conventions. Lectures examples, include:

- Chairing the Head First conference at Westminster Hall in May 2016
- Speaker at National Obstetric Conference, London (23 May 2008)
- Periodical Payment Orders: Where Next After Thompstone? (Parklane Plowden seminar, 22 May 2008)
- Legal and Medical Conference 2007, Speaker on cerebral palsy claims
- Chairman and Speaker at the January 2006 Butterworth's Catastrophic Injury Claims Conference
- Judicial Studies Board 2005-2009



- June 2005 presented presentations in conjunction with the Nestor Partnership on periodical payments in high value claims
- Speaker at the 2004 CTL Conference on Sports Injuries
- Speaker at JPIL Conference 2002 on Teachers' Responsibility beyond the Classroom
- Has chaired meetings on the 1992 HSE Regulations and upper arm disability for CLT.

## **Publications**

- Contributor to Monkman on Employer's Liability, 13th, 14th and 15th editions, 2006, 2009 and 2013.
- Editor of Health and Safety at Work Volume 20 Atkins Court Forms, 2002, 2006 and 2010.
- Co-author of The Law of Damages, Butterworth Common Law Series, 2008 and 2010.
- Editor of Professional Negligence and Liability Law Reports, Sweet & Maxwell, 1996 - present.

## **Appointments**

- Arbitrator PLC Arb 2016
- Deputy High Court Judge; 2008
- Chairman, Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel; 2007
- Member, Judicial Studies Board Civil Committee; 2005-2009
- Bencher, Inner Temple; 2002
- Chairman, Millennium Bar Conference; 2000
- Recorder Criminal and Civil 2000
- Executive Committee Member, North Eastern Circuit; 1998-2002
- Chairman, North America Committee, International Relations Committee of the Bar Council; 1998-2001
- Vice-Chairman, Elias Committee - BVC Bar Council; 2000
- Member, Bar IT Committee; 1998-2000
- Member, Collyer Committee, Bar Council; 1998-1999
- Executive Committee Member, Professional Negligence Bar Association; 1997- 2009
- Former lecturer in law at Huddersfield University;
- Visiting teaching in Advocacy, NITA training - Nottingham Law School

## **Professional Memberships**

- Bar Council, 1997-1999
- PNBA, PIBA, FBA, AvMA, UKELA
- Associate Member of American Bar Association and of the Tort & Insurance Section and Litigation Sections
- International Association of Defense Counsel - IADC (USA) - by election
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- North Eastern Circuit