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Profile

Stephen Grime has vast experience of complex litigation particularly in personal injury and clinical negligence. He has acted in a range of high value claims both for claimants and defendants. He regularly advises upon technical insurance points. He also undertakes cases involving negligent professionals particularly in the insurance and construction fields.

Recently he has been engaged in cases involving the scope of the *ex turpi causa* defence in road traffic claims (McCracken v Smith [2015] EWCA Civ 380) and the impact of European law upon claims by passenger victims Churchill Insurance v Fitzgerald [2012] EWCA Civ 1166; [2013] 1 W.L.R. 1776 & (C-442/10) European Court of Justice.

Having sat as a Recorder in the Technology & Construction Court and acted as arbitrator and mediator, he has a deep knowledge of ADR and achieves beneficial settlements in many difficult cases.

"Stephen Grime QC has a heavyweight practice focusing on cerebral palsy and catastrophic injury cases.

"He is pragmatic - he doesn't go round the houses, he cuts through all that and goes straight to the heart of the matter."

Chambers UK, 2015

Highly experienced silk with a strong specialisation in catastrophic personal injury work, often acting on behalf of defendants. He is cited as a "fearless" advocate for his clients.

"He does both claimant and defendant work, is very measured in his advice, and his judgement is very good."

"He is tactically very able, with good client skills, and is a very approachable barrister."

Chambers UK, 2015

'A great tactician and lateral thinker.' (Personal injury and clinical negligence)



Legal 500, 2014

'is noted for his 'well-founded, practical advice'

Legal 500, 2014

Has a broad personal injury practice which is principally focused on cases concerning catastrophic injuries. He impresses instructing solicitors, who note that he manages to be "highly intellectual, yet also extremely user-friendly."

Chambers UK, 2013

He is recommended by sources as "a great choice for heavyweight clinical negligence claims."

Chambers UK, 2013

At the top of his game. Highly skilled, hardworking and effective Counsel who can always be relied upon to handle the most complex of cases.

Chambers UK, 2012

"His intelligence has prompted some to label him "a man with two brains"

Chambers UK, 2011

Recent and current work

Recent settlements have included a multi-million dollar fatal accident claim on behalf of the widow of a Canadian banker killed in an accident on Waterloo bridge and on behalf of a tetraplegic claimant injured in an accident in Denmark. Amongst recent settlements in excess of £5m in value have been those of a young child run over by a bus, a Greek migrant rendered tetraplegic in his first week in the UK, and a motor-cyclist with catastrophic brain injury.