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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 Association
- 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

Personal Injury

Simon is a very experienced Personal Injury practitioner. He is dual qualified and practised as a solicitor for a number of years prior to transferring to the Bar in 2004.

Simon was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2010 and up until recently was Junior Counsel to the Crown having been appointed by the Attorney General to Regional Panel A (March 2020 to March 2025). He is recognised as a leading individual in Chambers and Partners and is ranked as a Tier 1 Leading Individual in Legal 500 (2025).

Simon has an extremely busy practice that encompasses all areas of Personal Injury work including military claims, road traffic accidents, employer's liability, occupational illness/disease, fatal accidents and clinical negligence. He has experience of claims involving chronic pain conditions, spinal injuries, amputations, functional neurological disorder and those involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

He is regularly instructed as sole counsel in claims pleaded in excess of £1million.

Simon is skilled in dealing with complex procedural issues and he is often instructed to advise and/or represent parties on appeals where there are tricky questions of procedure or costs.

Cases

TH -v- UK Insurance (2025) Instructed on behalf of the claimant. C was injured in a multi-vehicle road traffic accident and suffered an open compound fracture of his right ankle. Following surgery he was left with continuing symptoms and was likely to require a subtalar fusion operation. C claimed in respect of a lost opportunity to start out in business as a supplier of produce to restaurants as a change to his pre-accident occupation working part time in a supermarket. Live issues of causation and quantum. Settled for £375,000.

P -v- MOD (2025) Instructed on behalf of the defendant. C alleged that he suffered injury during a regimental weighted run. He also alleged that his injury had been exacerbated due to his duties on a recruitment drive in Wales and while on deployment overseas. Live issues of breach of duty, causation and quantum. C applied for relief from sanctions in respect of his witness evidence which was opposed and the defendant applied to strike out the claim. The delay was 555 days. Senior Master Cook dismissed the application for relief and struck out the claim.

JN -v- TLT (2024) Instructed on behalf of the defendant. C claimed in respect of occupational stress arising from alleged workplace bullying. C developed a chronic depressive illness and anxiety disorder and alleged that she had no prospect of returning to comparable employment and had a significant loss of pension. Breach of duty was not in issue, but there were live issues of diagnosis, causation, prognosis and quantum. C claimed £1.65 million. Settled following JSM at £400,000.

H -v- MOD (2024) Instructed on behalf of the defendant. C sustained injury while undertaking a fireman's carry during a physical training selection course. After suffering a modest back injury he went on to develop Functional Neurological Disorder and was profoundly disabled. It was alleged that he required alternative accommodation and that the defendant's breach of duty caused his loss of military career. The claim proceeded to JSM by which stage it had been pleaded at £8.2 million inclusive of a lifelong Guaranteed Income Payment under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. Live issues of causation and quantum. C was represented by Chris Barnes KC and Chris Allen. Settled at JSM.

S -v- MOD (2024) Instructed on behalf of the defendant. Unusual claim in which S had contracted neuroschistosomiasis (bilharzia) following exposure to parasitic worm (schistosome) infested waters during a kayaking expedition in Uganda. He developed a spinal cord injury at L4 AIS D and conus and cauda equine inflammation. Despite making a reasonable recovery, he had ongoing symptoms including urological issues and a need to self-catheterise. S claimed his condition impacted an intended career as a commercial airline pilot and as a reservist. Live issues of causation and quantum especially as to loss of earnings, pension and a substantial claim for future treatment. Claim pleaded at over £2 million settled at a JSM.

F -v- Kelly (2024) Instructed on behalf of the claimant. C was injured in a road traffic accident and suffered whiplash type symptoms. She subsequently developed an exacerbation of pre-existing quiescent Fibromyalgia and severe psychological symptoms which led to her being Sectioned under the MHA. Live issues of causation and quantum. Defendant represented by Richard Whitehall KC. Settled at JSM.

LC -v- MIB a young driver was injured in a high speed head on collision after he swerved to avoid a car emerging from a side road. The accident features in an episode of Air Ambulance ER. The claimant suffered life threatening injuries in the form of bilateral transverse mid-shaft femoral fractures. Injuries treated surgically by insertion of intermedullary nails. Issues surrounding disadvantage on open labour market and the loss of chance to pursue his chosen career.

SM -v- PPT the claimant suffered an injury to his left hand when it became trapped in a machine at work. He sustained a left partial hand amputation involving the loss of a major part of his left index and ring fingers. He became a candidate for a cutting edge MCP driver prosthesis. Quantum issues concerned the calculation of future partial loss of earnings and the appropriate allowance for prosthetics (cosmetic and functional). Settled by consent for £200,000.

BL -v- PL the claimant, a 67 year old pedestrian, had been knocked down while crossing a side road at night. He suffered multiple injuries including a life changing degloving injury to his left lower limb that led to an above knee amputation. Issues over liability required the instruction of reconstruction experts. Issues on quantum were complicated by the fact that the claimant required a reasonable degree of care and assistance pre-accident albeit the local authority had not provided it. Post-accident he resided in a nursing home. Experts on life expectancy agreed a limited range due to pre-existing morbidities. Settled at JSM for £208,000.

DG -v- SD (1) MIB (2) claimant was the front seat passenger in a vehicle when the driver lost control, left the road and collided with a tree. Liability issues concerned whether the claimant had been wearing a seatbelt and whether he knew the driver was intoxicated. Complicated causation issues because the claimant had a history of drug use and returned to drug misuse as a coping mechanism post-accident. A Deputy was appointed. He suffered multiple injuries including a suspected brain injury, but diagnosis was delayed pending rehabilitation from his drug use. I secured a substantial interim payment for a residential drug rehabilitation course. Tragically, the claimant took an overdose following the conclusion of treatment.

VM -v- NLC (1) TCUJFC (2) fatal accident – the widow pursued a claim following the death of her husband who had been tragically killed when an unsecured horizontal metal beam barrier at a car park went through his windscreen and penetrated his skull. Issues of liability arose and on quantum there were complications on the dependency claim in particular loss of pension following the buy out of the deceased's former employer British Steel. Claim pleaded at £740,000. Settled by consent.

Linda Topping -v- Ralph Trustees Limited [2017] EWHC 1954 QB represented the Appellant at a hearing to determine the correct destination for an appeal where a claim had been released by a Designated Civil Judge to be heard by a District Judge. Mr Justice Kerr agreed that it should be heard by the High Court.

GJ -v- PR the claimant worked in a greenhouse and alleged that he developed Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis aka Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis following exposure to hazardous fungal spores in pesticides. There were issues on breach of duty and causation with an argument between consultant chest physicians regarding the origin of the condition. Also, an issue over whether there was a causative connection with exposure to verticillium lecanii. Settled by consent for £55,000.

AM -v- MIB successfully represented the claimant respondent to an appeal which concerned the scope of the exceptions to Qualified One Way Costs Shifting in CPR r.44.15(a) to (c).

KB -v- JB the child claimant was knocked down while crossing a road at night. Evidence collected by the police at the scene was scant. No prospect of helpful accident reconstruction evidence. Liability contested. Complex quantum issues including loss of chance regarding future employment prospects. Life changing injuries suffered including a severe head injury with diffuse axonal injury, left brachial plexus injury, scalp laceration, left Horner's syndrome. Settled by consent for £833,000.

Recommendations

“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.