

## William Waldron KC

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### Clerks

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### Appointments

- Recorder of the Crown and County Courts – 2001
- Judge of the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Restricted Panel) – 2011
- Bencher Of Gray's Inn – 2012
- Chair of Northern Circuit Advocacy Training – 2010 – 2020
- Deputy Chair ATC (Circuits) 2014 – 2016
- Vice Chair (Circuits) Inns of Court College of Advocacy – 2016

### Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Personal Injuries Bar Association

### Education

- St Edward's College, Liverpool
- University of Wales (LLb Hons. 1976 – 1979)
- Inns of Court School of Law (1985 – 1986)

### Court of Protection

Will's huge experience in the field of traumatic brain injury and handling cases of the utmost severity has made him uniquely well qualified to deal with matters requiring skill and sensitivity. Frequently, those suffering severe head injuries lack capacity to handle either their litigation or finances and many of the issues surrounding their welfare and decision making mirror those with which the Court of Protection is normally involved.

His role as a Judge of the Mental Health Tribunal Restricted Panel brings him into contact regularly with those suffering from mental disorder, whose vulnerabilities again reflect many of the matters often seen in the Court of Protection.

### Court of Protection Cases

*SB* – Catastrophic spinal injury with brain damage to a man aged 25 at injury, 28 at settlement. Dispute as to whether the Claimant was wearing a seatbelt was resolved in his favour. Housing and care claims complex. Capacity raised difficult issues impacting upon damages and welfare questions dominated the conduct of the case. Compromise reached at £6.7m (2016)

*X* – On-going litigation involving a young man who was involved in a collision when riding an off-road motorcycle on the highway as a consequence of which he sustained catastrophic brain injury. Liability was hotly contested but compromised at 60/40 in the Claimant's favour, approved by the court. Subsequently, X has become extremely difficult to handle, vulnerable and has disengaged from rehabilitation. He made himself effectively homeless and his case is, in effect, one that calls for consideration of the type of issues that might well engage the Court of Protection. Case value as yet unknown but likely to be in excess of £5m. (2016)

## Recommendations

“William is a determined and dynamic silk.”

“He is forensic in his analysis and has great expertise.”

“He is a leader in the area of serious personal injury. His mastery of dealing with and advising clients is first class.”

“William is eloquent and has brilliant writing. He can make complex situations simple.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024**

“Will is a sharp and very accomplished advocate. He is very strong on rehabilitation and achieves the best results for his clients both in terms of outcome and settlement.”

**The Legal 500 2024**

“William is very eloquent both verbally and in writing.”

“He has an ability to simplify very complex situations and a very good manner with clients. He is very responsive.”

**Chambers and Partners 2023**

‘William has good attention to details, a very good manner with clients, is very responsive, is calm and precise, and robust with opponents when needed. He is second to none as a KC.’

**The Legal 500 2023**

“He is second to none and very responsive. He has an absolutely charming manner with clients and a lovely advocacy manner. He always gets the best for the client.” “He gets into the detail of cases very well and is very clear in his advice.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022**

“A calm and reassuring presence in even the most challenging of cases.”

**The Legal 500 2022**

“Very fair and has a great presence in court.” “He has a very good manner with clients and is able to explain complex concepts in a succinct and accessible way.”

**Chambers and Partners 2021**

“He has a tremendous manner with clients and legal colleagues; superb attention to detail; always accessible and incredibly responsive.”

**The Legal 500 2021**

“William’s negotiation style is straight to the point and he does not waste time in playing games. He’s also incredibly approachable and has a very friendly charm.”

“A very down-to-earth and hands-on silk. The level of interaction and support he provides makes even the most complex and challenging of cases far more straightforward, and he’s wonderful with clients.”

**Chambers and Partners 2020**

“Effortlessly cuts through cases to get to the real issues.”

**The Legal 500 2020**

“Outstanding – a go-to person on the Northern Circuit for police law.”

**Chambers and Partners 2019**

“He takes the time to fully explain things and listens carefully to clients, allaying their nervousness with his calm and reassuring manner. He is quick to respond and accessible.”

“He is excellent at dealing with intricate liability issues.”

**Chambers and Partners 2019**

“A hardworking silk who is charm personified.”

**The Legal 500 2018/19**

“Noted for his expertise in representing the police in health and safety matters.”

**The Legal 500 2018/19**

“He is an excellent provincial barrister who can cut the mustard.”

**Chambers and Partners 2018**

“A first-class QC who is very thorough and brilliant at phrasing things.”

“Able to address very technical points with ease and impart this information to clients with charm and wit.”

**Chambers and Partners 2018**

“He combines keen insight with a fantastic human touch.”

“His approachable manner belies his tenacity and determination.”  
**The Legal 500 2017**

“A top-class advocate, he’s very good in the court room.”

“Thorough, analytical, clever. Everything you would expect of a leading QC in the field coupled with a very user-friendly approach and understated manner.”

**Chambers and Partners 2017**

“A top-class advocate who is very pragmatic and a very easy chap to get along with.”

**Chambers and Partners 2017**

“An excellent silk with a wealth of experience.”

**The Legal 500 2016**

“He is extremely good and relates to clients brilliantly well. He is very patient, thorough and proactive.”

“He is excellent, pragmatic and thorough, with enviable client care skills.”

**Chambers and Partners 2016**

“He has particular expertise in brain, spine and amputation cases.”

**The Legal 500 2015**

“Specialises in high-value and complex brain, spine and amputee cases.”

**The Legal 500 2014.**

“Is viewed as an expert in claims concerning brain injuries, spinal injuries, amputee cases and fatal accidents. Solicitors are always pleased to instruct this “hugely reliable and helpful silk.”

**Chambers and Partners 2013**

“A quick grasp of complex issues.”

**Chambers and Partners**

“Not afraid to run difficult cases....An extremely capable technician with an affable personality.”

**The Legal 500**

“A first rate advocate who you would always want on your side.”

**Nick Peel, Senior Partner, Weightmans**

“A real team player.”

**Roger O’Donnell, Senior Partner, Ward Hadaway**

“Has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the issues involved in catastrophic and serious personal injury claims.”

**Peter Carson, Solicitor, Member of the editorial team of the Judicial Studies Board Guidelines in Personal Injury Cases**

## Publications

Assistant Editor – “The Fight for Justice” (Bill Braithwaite QC)

## Beyond the Bar

Outside work, Will is a keen aviator, having obtained his Private Pilot’s Licence in 1991. He has been playing acoustic guitar and singing since his teenage years, something he continues to enjoy. A passionate supporter of, and season ticket holder at Everton he attended his first game at Goodison Park in 1962. Before qualifying as a barrister, he spent 6 years working in commercial radio as a broadcaster and manager and, following his return to the law, continued to broadcast as the “anchor” on Radio City, Liverpool’s award winning Saturday afternoon sports show. He has maintained his links with radio and is regularly invited to contribute to programmes as a newspaper reviewer and legal commentator.