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John Whitting Q.C. has been recognised as a leading silk by the legal directories for a number of years. He is a specialist in all aspects of healthcare law, including clinical negligence, product liability and inquests. John is a noted trial advocate and has appeared in a number of the leading cases in those fields both at first instance and in the appellate courts.

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"He is excellent with experts and empathetic with clients who are in dire straits." "A brilliant thinker and clear strategist in relation to complex cases." "He is a superlative tactician. What is more, his attention to detail is phenomenal, and his work ethic consistently strong."(Chambers & Partners 2022)

"He provides pragmatic advice, and is charming with both witnesses and clients. A stealthy cross-examiner." (Legal 500 2022)

"He's very intelligent and has a good eye for detail. He is also an excellent negotiator and is very good with clients." "Always well prepared and an excellent advocate." "He very fair, down to earth and works tirelessly for his clients." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

"Truly excellent and first choice for a tough liability case." (Legal 500 2021)

"He provides superb client service." "John is a standout silk – he is straightforward, realistic and very confident." "A very good advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2020)

"Truly excellent." (Legal 500 2019)

"Fantastic. Very concise, very thorough and very methodical." "An excellent advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2019)

"A calm, skilled advocate, team player, and very well respected leader." (Legal 500 2018)

"An excellent advocate who knows how to win and is easy to deal with." "Well prepared and self-assured." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

"A really excellent leader." (Legal 500 2017)

"He's one of the fiercest and brightest cross-examiners I've ever seen. He's a real destroyer in cross-examination." "He's razor sharp." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

"He doesn't miss a trick, but at the same time is extremely relaxed and personable." (Legal 500 2016)

"John Whitting's cross-examination is the best I've ever seen." "He is an extremely experienced and authoritative clinical negligence advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"One of the best trial advocates; determined and a true warrior." (Legal 500 2015)

"Cool as a cucumber, he's incredibly calm and never misses a trick…Intellectually superior, he cuts to the quick and doesn't get sidetracked by irrelevant issues." (Chambers & Partners 2015)

"A silk with a growing reputation, who is considered to be amongst the best at cross-examination in the London market." "I think he's probably the most devastating cross-examiner I've ever seen in court – it's like a courtroom television programme! He's a very, very bright guy." "A real fighter with high standards, he's a truly gifted trial advocate who gets the right result for his clients" (Chambers & Partners 2014)

"Praised for the value he brings to maximum severity claims and described as delightful to deal with, very good with clients with an uncommon ability to produce first-rate advice with seeming effortlessness and to great effect." (Chambers & Partners 2013)

"A real fighter" with "exceptional advocacy skills." (Chambers & Partners 2012)

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Clinical Negligence

In the clinical sphere, he has represented claimants and defendant Trusts and MDO's in an extremely wide

range of complex and high value claims; his experience also extends into inquests / coronial law as well as product liability in the health context.

Listen to John discuss informed consent and how much direction patients actually want on Law Pod UK here.

Selected Cases

- **Norman v London Bridge Hospitals & Ors (2021).**
- **RXW v St. George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2020).**
- **ABC v York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2020).**
- **SI v Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust (2020).**
- **LAT v East Somerset NHS Trust (2020).**
- **AB v East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust [2019] EWHC 3542 (QB).**
- **Cerys Clement v Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust [2018] EWHC 2064 (QB).**
- **Oliver v North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust [2018].**
- **FB v Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust [2017] EWCA Civ 334 (QB).**
- **RE v Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust [2017] EWHC 824 (QB).**
- **H v Southend Hospital NHS Trust [2017] EWHC 823 (QB).**
- **McGuinn v Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust [2017] EWHC 88 (QB).**
- **Crossman v St. George's Healthcare NHS Trust [2016] EWHC 2878 (QB).**
- **Kelly Marie Simmons v City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust [2016] EWHC 2953 (QB).**
- **Smith v University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust [2016] EWHC 817 (QB).**
- **Zeb v Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust [2016] EWHC 134 (QB).**
- **Tasmin v Barts Health NHS Trust [2015] EWHC 3135 (QB).**
- **Harman v East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [2015] EWHC 1662 (QB).**
- **FB v Rana et al [2015] EWHC 1536.**
- **A v East Kent University NHS Foundation Trust [2015] EWHC 1038 (QB).**
- **Thomas v Curley [2013] EWCA Civ 117.**
- **Croft v Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust [2012] EWHC 1470 (QB).**
- **Naraji v Dr. Shelbourne and others [2011] EWHC 3298 (QB).**
- **Kingsberry v Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority [2005] EWHC 2253.**
- **Lillywhite v UCL Hospitals NHS Trust [2005] EWCA Civ 1466.**
- **Morris v Blackpool Victoria Hospital NHS Trust [2004] EWCA Civ 1294.**

Inquests

Selected Cases

- **The Alison Christian Inquest (2007).**
- **The Robbie Powell Inquest (2004).**

Professional Negligence

In the construction sector, John has represented a variety of professionals, but with particular expertise in engineering. He also has considerable experience in solicitors' negligence.

Selected Cases

- **Welsh Government Action regarding land sale (2018).**
- **Shaw v Leigh Day [2018] EWHC 2034 (QB)**
- **D Morgan plc v Mace & Jones (a firm) and another [2010] EWHC 3375 (TCC).**
- **McGlinn v Waltham Contractors and others [2007] EWHC 149 (TCC).**
- **Carillion Construction Ltd v Farebrother & Partners (a firm) and others [2002] EWHC 216 (TCC).**
- **James Longley & Co v Forest Giles Limited [2001] EWCA Civ 1242.**
- **Department of National Heritage v SVM [1998] 60 Construction Law Review** (the British Library litigation).

Appointments

- Welsh Government Panel of Queen's Counsel (Present)

Education

- LLM, Kings College London
- BA (Hons) Oxon in Jurisprudence

Memberships

- PNBA
- TECBAR

Publications

- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Law Pod UK Ep. 64: Informed Consent
- Law Pod UK Ep. 165: A duty to offer alternatives?