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Robert Kellar KC

Call: 1999 KC: 2019

Robert Kellar KC's areas of specialism include Clinical Negligence, Professional Discipline and Regulation, Healthcare, Public & Administrative Law and Personal Injury.

Robert has been consistently recommended by Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 for many years as a leading practitioner. The 2026 editorial highlights his standout qualities, describing him as *"fantastic with experts, "brilliant to work with," "extremely thorough and technically brilliant,"* and praising his *"top notch"* advocacy. He is also recognised as *"a strong negotiator"* who *"provides thorough advice."*

Robert speaks, publishes and advises in the emerging areas of AI, web3 and crypto regulation. The directories note that he is "*at the cutting edge on tech and innovation in healthcare, particularly AI"*.

"Robert is incredibly bright, and brilliant with experts and clients alike. Additionally, his advocacy is second to none."

Chambers & Partners 2027

"Robert was absolutely fantastic; he was incredible and he is one of my top barristers."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"If you want a barrister that leaves no stone unturned then Robert Kellar is your man. He is extremely thorough and technically brilliant. His advocacy is top notch and he is pleasure to work with."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert has a lovely manner with clients, which can win over even the most difficult clients. He is calm

and collected in negotiations, which results in the best outcome."

Chambers & Partners 2025

Clinical Negligence

He acts for both claimants and major healthcare institutions in all types of clinical negligence claim. He has particular experience in complex, multi-party and high value litigation.

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Robert acts for doctors, dentists, nurses and other regulated professionals in all types of regulatory and disciplinary case. He has also been instructed in high profile judicial reviews and appeals to the higher courts and Court of Appeal. Robert also advises healthcare providers, organisations and individual practitioners in relation to a range of legal issues arising from the provision of healthcare.

Significant case in which Robert had been instructed include the following:

Selected Cases

- **General Dental Council v. Williams [2023] EWCA Civ 481**
- **General Dental Council v. Williams [2022] EWHC 1380 (Admin)**
- **Young v. General Medical Council [2021] EWHC 534 (Admin)**
- **Raychaudhuri v. General Medical Council [2018] EWCA Civ 2027**
- **General Medical Council v. Raychaudhuri [2017] EWHC 3216**
- **Chaudhuri v. General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 6621 (Admin)**
- **D v. General Medical Council [2013] EWHC 2839 (Admin)**
- **Rycroft v. Royal Pharmaceutical Council [2010] EWHC 2832 (Admin)**
- **Yeong v. General Medical Council [2009] EWHC 1923 (Admin)**

Public Law

Robert has extensive experience in cases involving public law, administrative law and human rights. He regularly appears in the High Court and Court of Appeal in such cases. He acts for both claimants and defendants including major government departments.

Prior to taking silk, Robert was a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of counsel.

Personal Injury

Robert is instructed by both claimants and defendants in complex, high value and multi-party claims for personal injury. Robert is also instructed in high profile cases involving allegations of historic sexual abuse.

Data, Information & Technology

Robert speaks, publishes and advises in the emerging areas of AI, web3 and crypto regulation.

Together with other members of chambers he assisted in drafting the Bar Council's response to the Law Commission's Call for Evidence on Digital Assets in Private International Law.

1 Crown Office Row is the first chambers to join Crypto UK, an organisation representing the UK's web3 industry.

Employment & Equality

Robert has considerable experience of providing advice and representation in cases involving employment law, regulatory and disciplinary issues. He is instructed by both employers and employees.

Inquests

Robert has extensive experience in inquests and coronial law. He has experience in representing a wide range of interested persons including families, healthcare providers and government departments.

Direct Access

Robert accepts Direct Access instruction in suitable cases, to find out more visit his profile here.

Recommendations

"Robert is incredibly bright, and brilliant with experts and clients alike. Additionally, his advocacy is second to none." Chambers & Partners 2027

"*He is very knowledgeable in catastrophic clinical negligence cases."* Chambers & Partners 2027

"Robert is intelligent, approachable and strong at handling clients and experts." Chambers & Partners 2027

"Robert is a formidable, fair but firm opponent with years of experience which he deploys to great effect. He has great clarity of thought, thinks tactically and excellent advocacy skills." Chambers & Partners 2027

"Robert is a very skilled advocate, he is pragmatic and gives straightforward advice to his clients." Chambers & Partners 2027

"Robert was absolutely fantastic; he was incredible and he is one of my top barristers." Chambers & Partners 2026

"If you want a barrister that leaves no stone unturned then Robert Kellar is your man. He is extremely thorough and technically brilliant. His advocacy is top notch and he is pleasure to work with." Chambers & Partners 2026

"He is excellent and very pragmatic. He can see right through the issues of a case and can see resolutions." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert Kellar KC is dependable, approachable, creative and has a high level of social intelligence. He is incredibly dedicated to his work and this is demonstrated by his thoroughness." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert is a pleasure to work with. He is a strong negotiator and provides thorough advice." Chambers & Partners 2026

"He is excellent. He is technically incredibly sound and commercially savvy." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert Kellar was fair, firm, even-handed and clearly capable. He was a fluent advocate." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert is approachable and happy to get involved in the nitty gritty. He is a great advocate who is clear and persuasive without being too adversarial." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Robert Kellar KC is at the cutting edge on tech and innovation in healthcare, particularly AI." Chambers & Partners 2026

"A complete advocate, with much flair and clarity of expression. Makes the difficult seem simple." Legal 500 2026

"A silk who is extremely personable and approachable in addition to being brilliantly clever." Legal 500 2026

"He is an excellent advocate who keeps calm and keeps the court or tribunal on side." Legal 500 2026

"Robert is second to none. He is fantastic with experts and brilliant to work with. He will get you where you want to be. His advice is top-notch and down to earth." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Robert has an excellent eye for detail. He is a strong tactician. His pleadings are detailed and well drafted. He is responsive and very good with clients. He is fantastic at negotiations and RTMs. He gets exceptional results for clients." Legal 500 2025

"Robert is excellent with the clients. He is very good at explaining medical elements, very approachable and very responsive." Chambers & Partners 2025

"He is really thorough, and so his attention to detail is second to none. There is nothing he doesn't know about his cases." Legal 500 2025

"Robert has a lovely manner with clients, which can win over even the most difficult clients. He is calm and collected in negotiations, which results in the best outcome." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Robert has an excellent understanding of the regulatory regime. He is good with clients – sympathetic, clear, concise and firm when required. A cogent, serene and knowledgeable advocate." Legal 500 2025

"He is a highly intelligent and able lawyer. He has good judgement and impressive tactical skills." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Rob strikes the perfect balance as both a tough negotiator and advocate and a friendly and approachable character." Chambers & Partners 2025

"An enormously impressive advocate, he is very precise in his advice both orally and written. He works with you to find practical solutions to complex problems." Chambers & Partners 2024

"Robert's pleadings are beautifully crafted, his advice calm and collected and he is fantastic with clients and experts alike." Legal 500 2024

"An excellent negotiator with a good eye for detail." Legal 500 2024

"Rob has a brilliant strategic mind and even the most tricky of cases feels secure and comfortable in his hands." Chambers & Partners 2024

"He is meticulous, exceptionally intelligent and at the top of his game." "He always makes you feel that you are in safe hands." "He is brilliant with clients and provides well-considered advice." "He is a tenacious negotiator." Chambers & Partners 2023

"*Robert is a skilled and tenacious negotiator. He is brilliant with clients, provides clear and well-considered advice and goes above and beyond. A go-to barrister for clinical negligence work."* Legal 500 2023

"He is tactically brilliant and his attention to detail is second to none. He is incredibly intelligent." "A go-to barrister not just because of his clear and well-considered advice but also because he will always go the extra mile to help." Chambers & Partners 2022

"He is bright, easy to work with, inspires client confidence, has an excellent, low key advocacy style, and is good on papers and his feet." Legal 500 2022

Awards

- Winner of Lee Essay Prize, Gray's Inn
- Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge University
- Scholar of Magdalen College, Oxford University

Education

- LLM (Cantab) (First Class), Queens College, Cambridge University
- BA (Oxon), Magdalen College, Oxford University

Memberships

- PNBA
- AvMA
- ALBA
- PIBA
- ELBA
- ARDL

Publications

- 'AI: new frontiers in clinical negligence', Counsel Magazine (2024)
- DWF's 'In Conversation with…' regarding AI in Healthcare (2020)
- Contributor to Law Pod UK Ep. 106, Ep. 130, Ep. 151, Ep. 171 and Ep. 186.
- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)