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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 Human Rights, Personal Injury, Employment Law and Inquests.

He has been recommended by Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 for many years as a leading practitioner.

"Robert is highly effective and hugely experienced advocate. His ability to master the detail of a case is demonstrated by his impressively thorough cross-examination. His submissions are both very persuasive and engaging."

Legal 500 2023

"Cuts through cases, getting to the nub of the issue in a swift and highly skilled manner. He's intelligent, personable and someone with a very high level of client care." "He always makes you feel that you are in safe hands."

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."

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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.

'Always provides balanced and pragmatic advice and knows how to get the best out of the medical experts.' (Legal 500, 2021)

"Pragmatic and calm." (Chambers & Partners 2020)

"He is able to unpick complex issues and provide very straight forward advice." (Legal 500, 2020)

"Very strong court advocate and a good strategic thinker." (Legal 500, 2018)

"He is very approachable and gives excellent practical advice." (Legal 500 2017)

"He is an extremely bright and forceful advocate, who commands authority in court." (Legal 500 2016)

"He is very personable with clients and turns around complicated written work quickly." (Legal 500 2015)

"A total team player." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Chapman v. Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2020)**
- **Lucy Diamond v. Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust [2019] EWCA Civ 585**
- **Various Claimant v. (1) Ian Paterson (2) SPIRE Healthcare (3) Heart of England NHS Trust**
- **Desmond Muller v. King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [2017] EWHC 128 (QB) [2017] 2 WLR 1595**
- **Bain v Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust (HHJ Seymour QC, Lawtel 12/02/15).**
- **Bradbury & Ors v (1) Ian Paterson (2) Spire Healthcare (3) Heart of England NHS Trust [2014] EWHC 3992 (QB).**

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. Robert also advises healthcare providers, organisations and individual practitioners in relation to a range of legal issues arising from the provision of healthcare.

'Rob has been exemplary – he got to grips with the papers quickly, has provided excellent tactical advice.' (Legal 500, 2021)

"Always very thorough and detailed, and very approachable too." (Legal 500 2017)

"A very tough opponent, who thinks well on his feet." (Legal 500 2016)

"Recommended for his experience acting for health professionals." (Legal 500 2015)

"A very good all-round advocate, with a clear drafting style and robust but convincing style in Court." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Young v. General Medical Council (2020)**: Challenge to GMC's decision to open investigation into alleged historic misconduct.
- **Re BCAM (2020-21)**: Advised British College of Aesthetic Medicine (BCAM) on impact of COVID-19.
- **Raychaudhuri v. General Medical Council [2018] EWCA Civ 2027**
- **General Medical Council v. Raychaudhuri [2017] EWHC 3216**
- **Oyessanya v. General Medical Council [2017] EWHC 2825 (Admin)**
- **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.

"Hardworking, conscientious and flexible." (Legal 500, 2021)

"Able to take on the most complex cases and can turn his hand to any aspect of public law." (Legal 500, 2018)

"An exceptional talent." (Legal 500 2017)

"Extremely persuasive, charming and affable." (Legal 500 2016)

"An astute and skilful advocate." (Legal 500 2015)

"Affable, polished and has good judgment." (Legal 500 2015)

Selected Cases

- **R (on the application of FTH) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] EWCA Civ 494**
- **MA v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] EWHC 1502 (Admin)**
- **SB (Afghanistan)v. The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 215]**
- **Wamala v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] EWCA Civ 363**
- **Rosa v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 14**
- **AN (Afghanistan) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWCA Civ 684**

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.

"Pragmatic and calm" (Chambers and Partners, 2020)

"He is brilliant at every stage of a case" (Chambers and Partners, 2019)

"Detailed and gives good practical advice. He was clear in advising clients while also being sensitive given the nature of the cases." "Calm and can make what might seem complicated simple." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

"I find him very easy to deal with, very pragmatic and a good communicator. He always turns things around on time." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

"He is analytical and his advice is short and succinct in manner". "He is very knowledgeable and will put cases together very quickly for you" (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"Excellent courtroom skills" (Chambers & Partners 2015)

Selected Cases

- **Barclays Bank Plc v. Various Claimants [2020] UKSC 13**

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](#).

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

- DWF's 'In Conversation with...' regarding AI in Healthcare (2020)
- Contributor to Law Pod UK Ep. 106, Ep. 130, Ep. 151 & Ep. 171.
- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)