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London Mainly Claimant

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	Storey Tracey Irwin Mitchell *	Prior Stephanie Osbornes Law *
	Wheeler Jonathan Bolt Burdon Kemp *	Rogers Ben Stewarts *
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	Malik Sapna Leigh Day *	Dhaliwal Chani Irwin Mitchell *
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	Redgrave Peregrine Stewarts *	Sanders Bethany Leigh Day *
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		Daniel Rhiannon Bolt Burdon Kemp *
		Hassan Eman Fieldfisher *

Band 1

Anthony Gold

See profile on p.1485

What the team is known for Respected team with experience handling big-ticket catastrophic injury claims and particular expertise in spinal cord, brain and amputation cases. Receives strong acclaim for its excellent client service. Also regularly takes on cases concerning significant psychological injury. Noted for skilled handling of cases involving international accidents.

Strengths "They are efficient; we are very pleased – a really positive experience," says a client.

Another source notes: "They are solid and reliable. I have recommended them."

Anthony Gold "provides a very good-quality service to clients," a source says.

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered a severe brain injury as a passenger after the driver lost control of the vehicle in which they were travelling. This involved court proceedings to secure court approval of the interim payments; a £3.7 million settlement was agreed.

Notable practitioners

David Marshall (see p.1061) is the firm's managing partner. He has a longstanding reputation for handling stress at work, brain and psychiatric injury cases. "Pre-eminent personal injury lawyer with vast knowledge of the law." "Regarded highly for his technical ability." "Well respected at the firm and in the market." **Jenny Kennedy** (see p.1060) is highly regarded in the personal injury market for her work

on complex brain, spinal and amputation cases. She is also recommended for cross-border matters. "A meticulous and strong lawyer." "Her ability to create a rapport with seriously injured clients, but also steer them to a full understanding of the tactical nuances of serious litigation, is beyond anything I have ever seen."

Sana Bibi (see p.1053) handles complex brain and amputation injuries, especially cases arising from RTAs and accidents at work. She is also well versed in complex orthopaedic injury and chronic pain syndrome matters. "Very good client care and shows sound judgement." "I found her overall support to be first-rate – empathetic and extremely helpful." **Jon Nicholson** (see p.199) leads the firm's personal injury department and clinical negligence team. He specialises in catastrophic brain and amputation injuries, including those caused by negligent medical treatment. "He is excellent – hard-working and incredibly

thorough." "Has an analytical mind and is very effective." **Jackie Spinks** (see p.1065) has extensive experience in handling brain injury claims. She is noted in particular for her expertise with regard to complex child brain injury cases. "Thorough, approachable and has an excellent rapport with clients – a pleasure to work with." **Ian Peters** (see p.1064) is an expert in personal injury claims on behalf of people who have sustained serious injuries overseas. "A fiercely bright and attentive solicitor who sees the commercial aspects of a case very well." "His professionalism and conscientious work ethic have been a godsend."

Leigh Day

See profile on p.1695

What the team is known for Illustrious claimant team regularly instructed to act in catastrophic personal injury cases against a range of parties, including

governments, public bodies and large corporations. Areas of expertise include unlawful detention and torture, as well as high-level cycling injuries. Regularly instructed on international mandates. Particular expertise in cases concerning the mining industry, including claims related to industrial disease, pollution and police violence. Highly experienced in taking cases to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. **Strengths** A source says: "They have certainly got a specialism in personal injury as well as good resources, connections and networks."

"Leigh Day are very well organised and minimised the burden on me. On all occasions they have excellent communication and invested time into emails with in-depth explanations," a client reports.

A client says: "The firm has highly skilled lawyers who are experts in their fields and are dedicated to their work. My impression is that Leigh Day is an exceptional firm."

Work highlights Acted in a class action filed in the Johannesburg High Court against Anglo American South Africa on behalf of more than 100,000 claimants in the Kabwe District of Zambia, who are believed to have been poisoned by lead.

Notable practitioners

Martyn Day (see p.160) is celebrated for his pioneering personal injury claims against corporations and the UK government, arising out of injuries sustained both at home and overseas. His areas of expertise include misconduct by the military, environmental pollution and historic rights violations. "Wonderful and really impressive; he takes cases many wouldn't." "Tenacious and so knowledgeable." "You feel like you are working with the A-team; Martyn Day is at the pinnacle of ground-breaking mass tort cases." **Sally Moore** (see p.1063) leads the firm's personal injury department. She is among the country's standout practitioners for high-value personal injury accident claims, and is frequently sought out to handle brain, spinal, amputation and fatal accident cases. She is also noted in the market for her niche expertise in bringing cycling-related claims. "An outstanding lawyer who has very good judgement and tremendous experience." "Sally Moore is very well known, knowledgeable and effective." "Sensible, focused and collaborative in the way she works." **Daniel Easton** (see p.1056) serves as joint head of the asbestos and mesothelioma team, and his specialist area of expertise is in claims involving the former. He is also adept at handling catastrophic spinal injury litigation. "An exceptional lawyer for industrial disease cases." **Sapna Malik** (see p.160) dedicates her personal injury practice to civil liberties and human rights claims. She is known for assisting clients with personal injury claims against UK government departments, including the Ministry of Defence. "Well versed and has great experience." "Incredibly conscientious and very detailed, without losing sight of the bigger picture." **Bethany Sanders** (see p.1065) is frequently called upon to act for claimants in serious injury claims. She is especially experienced in advising on cases involving brain and spinal injuries, often as a result of cycling accidents and other RTAs. "Bethany Sanders is exceptionally good. She is meticulous and practical, and she negotiates a reasonable way forward in cases." "She is very thorough and clear in her advice, and has great empathy."

Stewarts

See profile on p.1813

What the team is known for Maintains an excellent

reputation as a go-to for claimants in complex catastrophic injury claims, including brain, spinal, tetraplegic and fatal injury claims. Notable for its strength in depth as well as its ability to secure top settlements and innovative rehabilitation solutions for its clients. Adept at managing high-profile cases that are the subject of intense media attention. Notable for its representation of minors in catastrophic injury cases.

Strengths "The firm is efficient yet friendly in its communication. They are prompt and retain a human touch," says an interviewee.

A source describes Stewarts as "a strong, industry-leading catastrophic personal injury practice."

"The client care is excellent and they prepare the work very thoroughly – outstanding," a source reports.

Work highlights Acted for a claimant in a cycling road traffic accident who suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and was rendered wheelchair-dependent and in need of intensive daily care. The case settled for more than £10 million.

Notable practitioners

Paul Paxton (see p.1063) leads the personal injury team at Stewarts and maintains a stellar reputation in the market for his stewardship of high-value catastrophic injury cases. "Brilliant at what he does, a very clever tactician who is hugely experienced and very bright." "A good big-picture lawyer and a great team leader." "Supremely well equipped for big cases."

Julian Chamberlayne (see p.1439) focuses largely on international matters, regularly representing UK nationals in claims overseas. He is also frequently instructed to represent foreign nationals injured in this country. "Enormous brain with expertise in very complicated matters." "A go-to for travel accidents, a phenomenal partner." **Andrew Dinsmore** (see p.1056) is well regarded for his serious injury practice, which takes in amputation, spinal and brain injury cases. He has extensive experience with regard to complex liability in relation to RTAs. "Very approachable and patient when explaining the legal intricacies in layman's terms." "A superb lawyer who gets stuff done without my asking twice." "Andrew Dinsmore is high-powered, caring and thorough. He prepares work extremely well and has a very good manner with clients." **Charles Edwards** (see p.1057) is recommended for his marshalling of serious injury cases, including brain and spinal cord injury claims. He also negotiates with insurers on the development of litigation protocols to facilitate clients' access to rehabilitation treatment. "Excellent – he is diligent and very good with clients." "Straightforward and easy to deal with."

"Gains complete trust from opponents and is ultra-reliable for clients." **Peregrine Redgrave** (see p.1064) handles brain and spinal cord injury and amputation claims for clients. His expertise includes accidents at work, RTAs and unsafe premises matters. "His thoroughly intellectual yet practical grasp on both the legal and clinical issues is immediately apparent." "Has a brilliant rapport with clients and is an outstanding practitioner."

Lucy Robinson (see p.1064) acts for claimants in complex, high-value catastrophic spinal cord and brain injury claims. She has a notable specialism in cases involving tetraplegia and paraplegia. "She is very knowledgeable and explains complex things very clearly, while being extremely empathetic and approachable." "Has real authority and vast experience." **Stephanie Clarke** (see p.1055) has extensive experience bringing large loss and catastrophic injury claims. She is seasoned at RTA and cycling accident-related cases. "Well regarded and very

good on high-value work." **Ben Rogers** (see p.1064) 'catastrophic injury practice includes military claims, occupiers' liability and RTAs. He has niche expertise in assisting clients with claims for new technology as treatments, such as exoskeleton devices. "Everything he said he could do for me he has done; he goes above and beyond in that." "A tough litigator, he doesn't give an inch." **Clare Salmon** (see p.1065) represents claimants who have suffered brain and spinal cord injuries as a result of RTAs and accidents at work. She also handles fatal accident claims.

Band 2

Bolt Burdon Kemp

See profile on p.1522

What the team is known for Boutique personal injury firm known for its advice to claimants on the full span of serious injury cases. Particularly noted for expertise in handling military claims as well as historic child sex abuse cases. Also experienced in handling cases involving traumatic brain and spinal injuries in children.

Strengths Bolt Burdon Kemp is commended for "offering genuine expertise in the field of military claims when representing claimants."

"They are really great. The time and effort they put into settling a case and bringing it to an end is phenomenal," says a client.

A source says: "They are very personable and keep me in the loop; they are always on time and responsive."

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Wheeler (see p.1067) heads the personal injury team and is well versed in handling serious injury claims arising from accidents in the workplace, in public places and RTAs. He is also known for his work on behalf of the victims of child sexual abuse. "He has huge experience and excellent judgement." "Very authoritative in his area of expertise. He is collaborative and good to work with." **Cheryl Abrahams** (see p.1052) is a widely respected practitioner with extensive experience handling child brain injury claims. "Very knowledgeable and client-focused. She has a strong reputation in the brain injury specialist field, and is strategic and impressive." "A brilliant strategist." **Ahmed Al-Nahhas** (see p.1052) heads the firm's military claims team. He acts for military claimants in complex personal injury matters such as PTSD from training and serious accidents. "Very personable and has excellent judgement; very impressive." "Has specialist knowledge and is very determined, tenacious and lovely to work with." **Rhiannon Daniel** (see p.1055) specialises in spinal cord injury claims, whether they arise from RTAs, accidents in public liability spaces, work or surgical procedures. She also has expertise in claims on behalf of clients who have suffered from missed or delayed diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome. "She is always one step ahead, and thinks really strategically." "Very competent and diligent."

Fieldfisher

See profile on p.1608

What the team is known for Strong team of catastrophic injury and industrial disease specialists within a full-service firm. Significant expertise in high-value and highly complex cases, including those with an international element. Extensive experience with regard to severe RTAs as well as injuries sustained in the workplace. Regularly instructed to pro-

vide representation in high-profile cases. Recently active in personal injury claims arising out of terror attacks.

Strengths A source says: *"The team is absolutely excellent. I really trust that the team leaves no stone unturned. They get fantastic results for clients."*

"They have been a huge support legally, professionally and personally. My impression of Fieldfisher is exemplary—they have an incredible team and their expertise and attention is without fault," an interviewee reports. *"They are exceptional in the way they instruct us—it's so complete, thorough and well thought out. They are very good to work with too,"* notes a source.

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered severe orthopaedic and psychological injuries as a result of being hit head-on by a car driving on the wrong side of the road.

Notable practitioners

Jill Greenfield (see p.1058) is renowned for her handling of high-value catastrophic injury cases for claimants, typically arising from RTAs. She has also built a substantial practice dealing with both sexual assault cases and injury claims resulting from terror attacks. *"She is exceptional at what she does, her reputation goes before her."* *"A formidable character in the sphere, at the top of her game."* *"Extremely competent. She does a very good job managing the team and dealing with the most serious cases."* **Keith Barrett** (see p.1052) handles high-value claims arising out of accidents at work, on the road and in public places, including noteworthy expertise in aviation and child injury matters. *"He goes the extra mile for clients, and his negotiation skills are first-rate."* *"A very tenacious lawyer who will frequently take on cases others wouldn't touch."* **Jennifer Buchanan** (see p.1054) dedicates her personal injury practice to neurological and orthopaedic injuries. She has deep expertise in claims arising from serious cycling injuries. *"Excellent. She is very compassionate, diligent and straightforward to work with."* *"Really thorough in all the work she does, absolutely excellent."* **Paul McNeil** (see p.198) leads the firm's personal injury and clinical negligence group. He has considerable experience of RTA claims, with a particular focus on those involving catastrophic injury. *"Takes on difficult cases and does a brilliant job on them."* **Dushal Mehta** (see p.1062) has notable experience in a range of personal injury claims sustained in the workplace. Expertise extends to fatal accidents and catastrophic RTA matters. *"The experience was very positive; he was communicative and transparent. I knew what to expect and when."* *"Always prompt and courteous, acting in the best interest of the client; he is very effective."* **Eman Hassan** (see p.1058) has a reputable personal injury practice with particular strength in amputation, muscular-skeletal and brain injury claims. She adeptly represents claimants in a range of fatal and catastrophic matters. *"Extremely proactive and good to work with."*

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Substantial team of specialist practitioners known for tackling the full range of personal injury claims. Maintains a standout reputation for its handling of catastrophic injury claims, as well as cases involving injuries resulting from child abuse and industrial disease. Broad experience ranging from RTAs to injury arising out of international incidents. Capable of representing claimants in cross-border matters.

Strengths Irwin Mitchell *"offers a premier service, and has excellent solicitors,"* a source says.

A market commentator describes the firm as *"a very professional outfit. They are thorough and leave no stone unturned when investigating a case."*

Interviewees add: *"They achieve fantastic results and operate to a high standard."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who sustained a head injury, fractured spine and severed spinal cord rendering him tetraplegic and wheelchair-dependent from an open-top bus tour in Malta crashing into a tree.

Notable practitioners

Alison Eddy (see p.1056) is well versed in handling cases involving injuries arising from both clinical negligence and RTAs. She is often sought after to represent clients in catastrophic brain and spinal cord injury litigation, acting on behalf of both adults and children. *"Outstanding. She has a strong reputation."* **Tracey Storey** (see p.1066) leads the serious injury team in London and has significant experience advising on brain, spinal cord and sexual abuse injuries, whether procuring early settlement or litigating cases in the courts. *"She is very diligent and hard-working, covering every angle in a case, leaving no stone unturned – terrific."* *"Very strong and reputable. A sensible practitioner who is easy to get along with."*

Richard Geraghty (see p.1057) handles complex, high-value and often high-profile personal injury cases. He has particularly strong expertise in claims involving spinal cord, brain and amputation injuries, including those arising from RTAs and accidents at work. He frequently represents clients in the High Court. *"Richard Geraghty is knowledgeable and client-focused, and he has a really good strategic understanding of how to run claims."* *"A highly experienced and technically solid personal injury lawyer."* **Chani Dhalwal** (see p.1056) is noted for expert handling of serious injury claims including spinal cord, brain and amputation matters for claimants. *"Technically able to take on the most challenging cases and achieve superb results for his clients."* *"Chani's representation for me was impeccable. I am very impressed with his knowledge and ability to respond to any setbacks or evidence from the other side."*

Band 3

Hodge Jones & Allen

See profile on p.1656

What the team is known for Advises claimants on the full range of fast-track and multi-track personal injury claims, including abuse and brain injury in children. Regularly handles claims featuring multiple litigants, cross-border complexities and human rights implications. Considerable expertise in industrial disease claims relating to asbestos exposure. Also adept at handling multiparty claims.

Strengths *"Timely, transparent and responsive. Very pleased with the service,"* an interviewee comments.

Another source says the lawyers are *"willing to push through novel and important points and are also very resourceful."*

Hodge Jones & Allen is *"a very good firm with excellent individuals,"* a source says.

Work highlights Represented a number of claimants in a product liability group action relating to injury and loss caused by defective intraocular lenses.

Notable practitioners

Patrick Allen (see p.1052) offers clients his

unmatched experience in a broad range of personal injury work, including complex catastrophic injury cases and multiparty personal injury claims. He has acted in numerous high-profile cases. *"Experienced and knowledgeable."* *"Reputable in the field. He looks for angles others might not see."* **Riffat Yaqub** (see p.1067) has experience acting for claimants who lack capacity as well as foreign nationals in a range of complex personal injury claims, wrongful death and multiparty actions. *"Riffat Yaqub deals with sophisticated and difficult cases."* *"Very committed to her clients' wellbeing and is prepared to take on very difficult matters."*

Osbornes Law

See profile on p.1748

What the team is known for Well-regarded personal injury practice well equipped to advise on high-value and high-profile claims, including fatalities and severe and spinal injuries. Specialist expertise in cycling-related injury claims and regularly acts for foreign nationals, particularly those injured on construction sites.

Strengths *"They punch well above their weight. The quality of service they provide equals that of any of the larger top-name firms in this area,"* notes an interviewee.

Osbornes Law is described as *"a well-run firm that does a very good job"* by market sources.

A source says: *"They have quality and depth and provide an excellent service."*

Notable practitioners

Ben Posford (see p.1064) leads the catastrophic injury team and regularly represents claimants in neurological injury and fatal accident claims. He also has a niche specialism in claims involving cauda equina syndrome. *"Incredibly impressive; he not only knows the technical ins and outs but is a charismatic personality, one clients absolutely love and trust."* *"Totally tenacious but brilliantly commercial; very impressive."* *"Straightforward and clear, he is good at cutting through the noise."* **Stuart Kightley** (see p.1060) continues to head the personal injury department. He regularly handles cases involving brain injuries, fatal accidents, cycling collisions and workplace accidents. *"A fantastic team player who speaks his mind in a clear way and runs cases like that."* *"A good leader who is client-focused and thoroughly nice."* **Stephanie Prior** (see p.199) heads the child abuse claims department. She has represented victims in a number of high-profile cases. *"Stephanie Prior has amazing energy and dedication. She also offers an amazing level of client care."* **Sam Collard** (see p.1055) is recognised for his talent in complex brain and amputation claims, developing strength particularly in quantum issues and sporting injuries and accidents. *"Really thorough and detailed."* *"Persistent and very effective in pursuit of clients' claims."*

Band 4

Bindmans LLP

See profile on p.1511

What the team is known for Deep expertise with regard to brain, orthopaedic and psychological injury claims. Regularly instructed for claims arising from accidents at work, particularly on behalf of construction workers, as well as cases involving human rights issues. Has the resources to frequently act for clients

with Turkish and Polish backgrounds. Specialises in multi-track claims and also has significant experience in clinical negligence. Additional experience in handling cases involving chronic pain and subtle brain injury.

Strengths A source says: *"The Bindmans team is very professional – they set and meet high standards and are client-focused."*

Notable practitioners

Alla Murphy (see p.1063) is recommended for her handling of catastrophic neurological and orthopaedic injury cases on behalf of individuals as well as groups in multiparty litigation. *"Very experienced, sensible and pragmatic."* *"Absolutely has the best interest of her clients at the centre of all her work."*

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Respected personal injury group with substantial experience representing trade unions in connection with workplace accident and occupational disease claims. Also handles claims arising out of RTAs. Regularly advises on serious cases of orthopaedic injury, respiratory problems and chronic pain syndrome.

Strengths Sources highlight Thompsons' *"really high-quality individuals."*

Another reports: *"A team of very good lawyers with good systems in place."*

Work highlights Acted for a group of over 100 firefighters who attended the Grenfell Tower fire on the night and suffered psychiatric injuries as a result of their involvement.

Notable practitioners

Henrietta Phillips is recommended for the full span of personal injury claims, including those arising from cycling and other road traffic accidents, and accidents at work. She is also highly experienced with regard to catastrophic and fatal injury cases. *"A very capable lawyer who is involved in good work."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Tracey Benson (see p.1053) is recommended for her extensive workplace accident expertise. Within this area, she is particularly knowledgeable on sports injuries, frequently representing footballers involved in sporting accidents. She also handles RTA and military cases involving serious neurological and amputation injuries. *"Highly intelligent and cuts straight to the chase."* *"Has an uncanny ability to get results even in the most difficult cases, and has amazing negotiation skills."*

Warren Collins (see p.1055) is noted for his representation of claimants in complex amputation, brain and spinal cord injury cases. He is also recommended for wrongful death matters. *"Communicates risk and uncertainty in a clear and transparent fashion. He is reassuring and upfront without offering false reassurance. I'm impressed by his professionalism and general manner."* *"Innovative and commercial in his approach to cases, adopting creative solutions to problems."*

Janice Gardner is well regarded for her handling of high-value, complex RTA, criminal injury compensation and multiparty claims. *"Janice Gardner is meticulous and very effective."*

Nick Godwin (see p.1058) is sought after by clients for representation in cases involving catastrophic brain and spinal cord trauma, and also life-changing injuries resulting in amputations or severe back and orthopaedic conditions. He frequently represents families in claims arising from fatal accidents. *"A really intelligent lawyer who can pick out difficult and tricky points others might miss."* *"A standout star whose calm manner conceals a steely determination; absolutely fantastic."*

Kevin Grealis is often instructed on personal injury claims arising out of accidents and medical negligence, as well as cases with a crossover of the two. He is experienced in brain and spinal cord injury

claims arising from negligent medical treatment such as failure to diagnose. *"Kevin Grealis pays incredible attention to detail, leaving no stone unturned. He really goes above and beyond."* *"A high-flyer who is thorough and puts his clients before anything else, and gets very good results."*

Tristan Hallam (see p.1058) is much sought after for catastrophic personal injury cases, with an emphasis on head and spinal injury and amputation cases for clients, including those arising out of RTAs. *"Very caring and supportive through the process, and guided us with very good advice we are truly grateful for."* *"Extremely professional and outstandingly knowledgeable."*

Grant Incles heads the cycling and sports injuries team. He is well known for specialising in high-value, life-changing and fatal cycling accident claims. *"Intelligent, hard-working, unflappable, personable and kind."*

Elizabeth Smith is held in high regard for her personal injury expertise. Has notable experience dealing with stress at work, manual handling injuries and upper limb disorder claims. *"A highly experienced trade union personal injury lawyer who is fearless in taking on difficult cases and pushes for the best outcome."* *"Extraordinarily dedicated and client-focused. She is robust and determined without ever losing the personal touch."* *"An excellent negotiator who is very good with clients."*

UK-wide Mainly Claimant: Industrial Disease

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Band 1

Fieldfisher

See profile on p.1608

What the team is known for Market-leading industrial disease practice with an outstanding reputation for undertaking mesothelioma and asbestos disease litigation. Deftly handles a range of complex and

often high-value claims, and offers a strong track record in recovering hospice fees for clients. Represents claimants from industrial and manufacturing backgrounds, as well as hospital workers, teachers and other employees exposed to asbestos in the workplace.

Strengths A source describes Fieldfisher as *"a top-tier firm with vast experience in the industry."*

Another comments: *"A high-quality firm that is specialist in industrial disease litigation."*

This is *"a very strong team, and an absolutely top-class asbestos firm,"* says a respondent.

Work highlights Represented the executor of the estate of a claimant who died from mesothelioma in the High Court in a complex quantum case.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Morgan (see p.1063) is celebrated for his expertise in handling industrial disease work, particularly mesothelioma cases. He also acts for clients bringing serious injury claims arising from accidents at work. *"A very experienced, intellectual lawyer who is very thorough and knows the market inside out."* *"Professional and patient and very tenacious, he has*

great attention to detail." **Peter Williams** (see p.1067) represents clients in a variety of asbestos cases, and has brought cases which resulted in landmark judgments. He is especially adept at work on behalf of mesothelioma patients. *"A brilliant lawyer who is prepared to take on complex cases and tackle them, working hard for clients."* *"Extremely knowledgeable on the medical aspects of the field, as well as the legal niceties."* *"A feisty litigator who is passionate and has good judgement."* **Dushal Mehta** (see p.1062) is highly experienced in representing claimants suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses. *"Complete confidence in his judgement, he proves to be a class act."* *"A savvy and practical negotiator who is committed and enthusiastic."* *"His advice, determination, kindness, compassion and professionalism, in what was at times a difficult case and a very distressing time for us, was second to none."* **Shaheen Mosquera** (see p.1063) is well versed in representing asbestos exposure victims in mesothelioma and other related diseases claims. *"She goes the extra mile and has good judgement."* *"Very thorough and happy to investigate and run tricky points."* *"Incredibly*

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Glanville Paul <i>The Asbestos Law Partnership LLP</i>	
Johnson Kevin <i>Leigh Day *</i>	
Morgan Andrew G <i>Fieldfisher *</i>	
Williams Peter <i>Fieldfisher *</i>	
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Ganapathy Vijay <i>Leigh Day *</i>	
Green Richard <i>Hugh James</i>	
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Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Exceptional occupational disease team which handles all manner of disease claims, from asbestosis, silicosis and mesothelioma to noise-induced hearing loss caused by workplace activity. Also has notable experience in hand-arm vibration syndrome cases. Regularly appointed on high-profile group litigation, as well as advising on individual claims. Offers clients a dedicated in-house client liaison manager.

Strengths A commentator calls Irwin Mitchell "fantastic – they have phenomenal experience and knowledge, and an excellent reputation."

"Professional and compassionate; always there no matter how small a query," adds a client.

A source says: "They provide a high-quality service that is quick and professional. They take a sensible approach while fighting hard for clients."

Work highlights Successfully obtained a £600,000 settlement for past and future losses for a claimant with mesothelioma who was a carer for their disabled mother.

Notable practitioners

Ian Bailey (see p.1052) is one of the country's leading specialists in injuries at work, with a particular focus on asbestos-related diseases. He has much experience assisting claimants with mesothelioma and other conditions with recovering costs for life-prolonging treatments, such as immunotherapy. "A standout litigator who is really bright and super-experienced." "Highly professional, thorough and focused." "He is very knowledgeable and understands the medical and legal issues very well – impressive."

Leigh Day

See profile on p.1695

What the team is known for Highly respected industrial disease practice offering first-rate representa-

tion to claimants suffering from asbestos-related diseases. Features prominently in headline disease cases and retains strong links to support groups and non-profits catering for those with mesothelioma. Well versed in handling large international group claims, particularly those concerning claimants in developing countries. Extensive national platform, with offices in London, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool. Highly experienced in taking cases to the Court of Appeal and in making judicial review challenges.

Strengths A client says: "Everyone on the team at Leigh Day is helpful, kind and professional. They work as an efficient, highly competent and well-led team." "Their work in pursuing justice for asbestos victims is unrivalled," an interviewee reports.

Another source says: "They are very knowledgeable and experienced in asbestos litigation, and are very committed to this work. They go the extra mile."

Work highlights Acted for three claimants before the Supreme Court who worked in a chemical factory and were exposed to platinum salts which resulted in the development of platinum salt sensitisation.

Notable practitioners

Harminder Bains (see p.1052) fields extensive experience in taking catastrophic injury and asbestos-related claims to trial, including up to the Supreme Court. "Talented and dynamic." "A real expert in asbestos litigation. She is thoroughly committed and wholly unafraid to fight for her clients." **Daniel Easton** (see p.1056) is best known for his handling of complex and high-value catastrophic injury and asbestos disease-related claims, offering proven expertise in cross-border cases. He frequently represents young asbestos victims. He is noted for his expertise on working on high-value and cross-border claims. "A huge brain to deal with asbestos cases, and he is charismatic and determined." "His knowledge is encyclopaedic; he knows every case off by heart. Very impressive." "Daniel Easton is very experienced and effective; also empathetic and responsive." **Kevin Johnson** (see p.1060) stands out for his experience in handling occupational disease claims, asbestos-related disease cases in particular. He has represented claimants exposed to asbestos in all manner of industry sectors, and also via work attire and equipment brought home by family members. "An absolutely top-class lawyer who is completely committed." "He is always available, responsive and compassionate. His depth of knowledge, expertise and experience in this area earned my greatest respect very quickly." "He prepares cases to a very deep level of detail and doesn't leave any stone unturned." **Vijay Ganapathy** (see p.1057) is well known for his advice on asbestos-related matters, especially those concerning mesothelioma. He is also skilled in representing clients in multi-jurisdictional matters. "Has good knowledge of the field and of the market. He is very courageous, taking on difficult cases." "A strong and effective individual doing asbestos work." **Patrick Walsh** (see p.1066) is recommended for his extensive experience handling asbestos-related claims, including those involving mesothelioma, asbestos-related lung cancer, asbestosis and pleural thickening. "Few have greater knowledge and experience in the specialist field of asbestos litigation." "Ability to see to the heart of the issues quickly." "He runs difficult cases and prepares them meticulously, taking them all the way."

Band 2

The Asbestos Law Partnership LLP

What the team is known for A specialist practice dedicated exclusively to the pursuit of claims on behalf of victims of asbestos-related disease, their families and dependants. All the lawyers are accredited asbestos specialists, experienced in litigating for and securing compensation and access to the best treatment for mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis, pleural thickening and all clinical complications arising from asbestos exposure.

Strengths "I have no hesitation in referring clients to The Asbestos Law Partnership, as they are very experienced and have capable lawyers who get great results for their clients," a source says.

A client says: "They are responsive and nothing is too much bother; very pleased with the service."

The firm is described as "outstanding and strong in this space" by a commentator.

Work highlights Successfully recovered £60,000 in compensation for the wife of a mesothelioma claimant for his inability to look after her.

Notable practitioners

Paul Glanville is an experienced practitioner with a strong track record in litigating complex and high-value asbestos-related disease claims. He is celebrated for his work in the UK and also on cases with cross-border dimensions. "Very experienced and utterly one of the best." "Efficient, helpful and pleasant, and totally professional." "A first-rate lawyer who is good at negotiations and gets great results. He is very committed to his clients." **Fozia Hussain** is a highly regarded specialist practitioner. She has vast experience handling a range of asbestos-related claims for those affected. "Fozia Hussain is very knowledgeable, a talented lawyer and tough negotiator." "She is compassionate, proficient and extremely capable." **Helen Wilson** is widely known for expertise in industrial disease litigation. Regularly acts for claimants in asbestos-related disease claims. "Clients really feel reassured and trust her greatly. She is on top of everything and is not frightened by difficult cases." "Extremely supportive, professional and helpful. We couldn't recommend highly enough." "Kind, considerate and very professional."

Hodge Jones & Allen

See profile on p.1656

What the team is known for A distinguished team of personal injury practitioners with particular strength in industrial disease claims, representing those affected by asbestos more specifically. Boasts extensive experience in a range of matters including low-exposure asbestos litigation and product liability claims in the UK against manufacturers of asbestos products.

Strengths An interviewee affirms Hodge Jones & Allen is "an experienced firm that is doing complex and high-value work."

"A professional and efficient claimant personal injury firm handling complex cases," a source reports.

Another says: "They are impressive and creative lawyers who take on difficult cases."

Work highlights Represented a claimant who was exposed to asbestos dust during the course of their employment.

Notable practitioners

Isobel Lovett (see p.1061) is a well-known and experienced asbestos and occupational disease specialist who has brought claims up and down the country.

She is especially skilled in handling mesothelioma cases. *"A very efficient and highly professional instructing solicitor who has a wealth of experience representing claimants in this very specialised area of mesothelioma claims."* *"Approachable, sympathetic and knowledgeable."*

Hugh James

See profile on p.1662

What the team is known for Adept at handling the full range of occupational disease claims, including skin and lung cancers, noise-induced hearing loss, vibration white finger and dermatitis. Experienced in individual and group action claims, the team is regularly instructed on major cases concerning miners and industrial workers.

Strengths A client praises the firm, saying: *"They are a centre of excellence and they provide great customer service."*

"Hugh James have a strong and efficient team who look after claimant clients very well," an interviewee comments.

A source says: *"They are very experienced and will take on difficult cases."*

Work highlights Represented a claimant in a claim for damages from noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus against the MoD while serving as a soldier.

Notable practitioners

Richard Green heads the asbestos claims team and is frequently instructed on high-value mesothelioma and complex lung cancer claims resulting from asbestos exposure. *"He is very professional, experienced and knowledgeable in his field."* *"Very bright and sensible; he knows the good points and takes them."*

Slater and Gordon Lawyers

See profile on p.1805

What the team is known for Prominent industrial disease team with leading expertise in mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses. Further experience in claims concerning noise-induced hearing loss, exposure to poisonous gases and other occupational health issues. Offers in-house client liaison officers who dispense welfare benefits advice and other forms of practical support to clients.

Strengths A client notes: *"They provide an excellent service. They are always available to provide support and answer questions."*

Another comments: *"They are resourceful lawyers with experience in industrial disease matters."*

"Extremely high regard for Slater and Gordon; nothing has been too much trouble," comments a client.

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who was exposed to asbestos when operating a large mechanical hoist fitted to the side of a building during its construction, securing NHS treatment for the condition.

Notable practitioners

Jordan Bell (see p.1053) is commended for his experience in dealing with asbestos-related disease claims, including those involving asbestosis, plural thickening, lung cancer and mesothelioma. *"He is unflappable, organised and down to earth."* *"A diligent practitioner, possessed of great knowledge and experience."* **Pauline Chandler** (see p.1054) is an experienced industrial disease specialist with particular strength in pursuing bladder and nasal cancer matters for claimants. *"She knows everything there is to know about asbestos."* *"She leaves no stone unturned, fantastic for her clients."* **Madelene Holdsworth** (see

p.1059) heads the firm's industrial disease team. She is well reputed in the market for her handling of complex industrial disease and military litigation. Her experience includes stress at work claims, chemical poisoning and asbestos-related disease matters. *"Besides being brilliant at what she does professionally, Madelene Holdsworth proves to be one of the most caring human beings I have ever met."* *"A very good negotiator who is smart and very impressive."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Helen Childs leads the firm's industrial disease team and has superlative experience representing clients in asbestos-related disease claims concerning mesothelioma, asbestosis, lung cancer and pleural thickening. *"Helen Childs demonstrates compassion and excellent technical knowledge, allowing her to pursue and achieve impressive results in even the most difficult of asbestos litigation cases."* *"She is incredible; a real force of personality and tremendous commitment behind her. Really excellent."* *"Very professional and caring, the service has been great."*

National Leaders (outside London) Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Band 2
Leading Firms	
Band 1	Slater and Gordon Lawyers
Irwin Mitchell *	See profile on p.1805
Band 2	What the team is known for Well-known national practice handling a wide range of personal injury cases, including catastrophic injury, fatalities and industrial disease. Additional expertise in employers' liability and public liability. Key offices in Birmingham, Cambridge, Liverpool and Manchester.
Slater and Gordon Lawyers *	Notable practitioners
Thompsons *	Madelene Holdsworth, based in Manchester, and Stuart Cochran in Edinburgh are key contacts.
* Indicates firm with profile.	Thompsons
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	See profile on p.1824
Band 1	What the team is known for Specialist personal injury and clinical negligence firm exclusively advising claimants. Expertise in industrial disease and work-related injury, with a strong reputation for representing trade union members. Key offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Belfast and Cardiff.
Irwin Mitchell	Notable practitioners
See profile on p.1667	Simon Wilson is the national lead lawyer for serious injury claims and is a key contact.
What the team is known for Outstanding national reputation for catastrophic injury, work-related injury and industrial disease claims. Expertise includes severe brain and spinal cord injuries. Key offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Sheffield and Southampton.	
Notable practitioners	
Neil Whiteley leads the firm's complex personal injury team and is a key contact.	

East Anglia Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Peterborough and surrounds	Ipswich and surrounds	Norwich and surrounds
Leading Firms	Leading Firms	Leading Firms
Band 1	Band 1	Band 1
Hunt & Coombs Solicitors	Ashtons Legal	Ashtons Legal
Band 2	Leading Individuals	Band 2
Buckles Solicitors LLP *	Band 1	Hatch Brenner
Moons Solicitors	Foyster Richard Ashtons Legal	Leading Individuals
Leading Individuals	Band 2	Band 1
Band 1	Wangermann Michael Ashtons Legal	Clarke Hannah Ashtons Legal
Moon Richard Moons Solicitors	Associates to watch	Band 2
Tilney Naina Hunt & Coombs Solicitors	Ranson Tom Ashtons Legal	Bransby Simon Hatch Brenner
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.	Thacker Siobhan CFG Law (ORL) ♦ *	
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.		
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.		

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Ashtons Legal

What the team is known for Impressive strength handling catastrophic injury claims, including a focus on brain and spinal injuries. Notable expertise in claims resulting from RTAs involving motorcycles, pedestrians and passengers. Active on claims arising from fatal accidents and amputations. Further strengthened by its specialist Court of Protection team and notable offices in Norwich and Ipswich.

Strengths One source comments: *"The solicitors at Ashtons Legal take an amazing dedicated and personal approach. The team very much values rehabilitation and always wants the best for their clients."*

Another adds: *"The team are extremely capable and the premier personal injury firm in East Anglia."*

Work highlights Advised on a loss of earning claim for a client who suffered a range of injuries, including brain injury and depressive disorder, following an RTA.

Notable practitioners

Hannah Clarke advises on cases relating to brain and spinal injuries resulting from RTAs, including those involving motorcycles. She is also active on amputation claims. *"Hannah Clarke is brilliant. She is among the most client-focused lawyers I have ever come across."* *"She is highly adept at the tactics of litigation and totally committed to her cases."* **Richard Foyster** frequently acts on catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs, particularly those involving contested liability issues. *"Richard Foyster is highly knowledgeable and shows a great deal of compassion for his clients."*

Michael Wangermann's broad personal injury caseload covers a range of injuries, with a focus on those stemming from RTAs. He has a particular specialism in cases which involve chronic pain and brain injuries.

Tom Ranson is well versed in physical and psychiatric injury claims arising from RTAs and accidents at work.

Barr Ellison

What the team is known for Strong Cambridge firm acting for clients on a variety of catastrophic and fatal injury claims, including RTAs, brain injury, orthopaedic injuries and amputation cases. Offers notable expertise advising on cases concerning children and young adults.

Notable practitioners

Emma Truin is adept across the spectrum of claims, from amputations to brain and orthopaedic injuries.

"She is good with communications, very knowledgeable and manages the case sensitively and with empathy." **Mark Copley** is able to assist with a wide range of complex personal injury claims including brain and spinal injuries arising from RTAs. *"He is so tactful and sensitive to the clients' needs and is able to work around all of that to ensure they receive the best service they can."*

Buckles Solicitors LLP

See profile on p.1536

What the team is known for Regularly handles claims involving fatal accidents, catastrophic injuries and occupational disease. Particularly well versed in asbestos claims. Also active on matters arising from RTAs, in addition to advising on liability disputes and future loss of earnings claims.

Notable practitioners

Roger Clarke is a key contact.

Hatch Brenner

What the team is known for Solid team handling a range of claims, with particular expertise in workplace injury cases. Also advises on RTAs, as well as trips and slips.

Notable practitioners

Simon Bransby's extensive work portfolio includes cases involving workplace injuries and RTAs.

Hunt & Coombs Solicitors

What the team is known for Strong track record in personal injury claims covering an impressive breadth of cases. Well placed to advise on brain injury, chronic pain and amputation matters. Experienced in RTAs, including cycling and motorcycling accidents, in addition to CICA claims.

Notable practitioners

Naina Tilney is well versed in matters as diverse as orthopaedic and brain injuries, with cases resulting from RTAs and workplace incidents. She is experienced in issues arising from collisions involving an array of vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds and taxis.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Experienced team highlighted for its expertise in complex injury claims, including amputations and spinal and brain injuries. Also noted for its dedicated military injury and mesothelioma specialists. Further expertise covers catastrophic RTA injuries, with notable experience acting for pedestrians.

Strengths One source comments: *"Irwin Mitchell is*

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Band 2
Ameer Yasmin Nockolds Solicitors (ORL) ♦ *
Beric Angela Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Booy Ruth Irwin Mitchell *
Gaffney Richard D T Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Harrington Simon Irwin Mitchell *
Associates to watch
Copley Mark Barr Ellison
Robinson Daryl Moore Barlow LLP (ORL) ♦

very client-focused and provides an all-round service which is second to none."

Notable practitioners

Ruth Booy (see p.1053) acts on high-value RTA claims that have resulted in orthopaedic injuries and amputations. *"Ruth Booy is exceptional on really difficult and challenging cases."* **Simon Harrington** (see p.1058) is reputed for his work undertaking personal injury claims against the MoD. *"Simon has excellent judgement and is a specialist in military claims."*

Moons Solicitors

What the team is known for Boutique personal injury practice able to handle a wide scope of claims, with particular expertise in chronic pain conditions and head injuries arising from RTAs. The team has further strength advising on work accident claims.

Strengths One client comments: *"The team at Moons Solicitors have been really good in answering my questions. I feel comfortable with them on my side."*

Notable practitioners

Richard Moon assists clients with a range of serious injuries resulting from RTAs. He has particular strength in claims involving psychiatric and serious orthopaedic injuries. *"Richard Moon's attention to detail coupled with his expert litigation knowledge can only be described as exemplary."* *"He is bright, sharp and very strong on the law."*

Slater and Gordon Lawyers

See profile on p.1805

What the team is known for Demonstrates expert

strength in serious brain injury cases. Frequently acts on multi-track claims, including complex spinal injury and fatal accident cases. Offers further expertise in injuries stemming from RTAs, with a particular focus on motorcycle collisions. Also active on claims stemming from sporting injuries, including concussions.

Strengths One source comments: *"The solicitors at Slater and Gordon have a client-centric approach and fight tooth and nail to make sure the client has the best outcome."*

Another interviewee says: *"It is a really excellent team that takes a proactive approach to ensuring early rehabilitation."*

Notable practitioners

Paul Tapner (see p.1066) advises on a broad array of claims, from injuries sustained during rugby matches to motorcycle accidents. *"Paul Tapner is a very dili-*

gent, extremely able tactician who is very good with clients." **Angela Beric** (see p.1053) regularly acts on RTA claims for both passengers and pedestrians. *"Angela Beric gives sound, sensible advice and will go the extra mile for her client."* *"She is very committed and has great attention to detail."* **Richard Gaffney** (see p.1057) regularly advises on catastrophic injury cases, as well as those involving amputations and brain injuries. *"Richard Gaffney is a very competent and thorough lawyer."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Yasmin Ameer (see p.189) advises on RTAs resulting in catastrophic injuries, acting for pedestrians, cyclists and passengers. She is also experienced in

acting on medical negligence claims. *"Yasmin Ameer is a tower of strength and reason. Her approach is kind, pragmatic and no-nonsense."*

Daryl Robinson is well placed to assist with cases arising from motorcycle collisions and other RTAs, with claims encompassing amputations and brain and orthopaedic injuries. *"He has a lot of experience in the field of catastrophic injuries and always retains a very close relationship with his clients."*

Siobhan Thacker (see p.1066) offers a diverse caseload spanning brain and spinal cord injuries, in addition to amputation-related claims. She is well versed in matters arising from workplace and road traffic incidents.

UK-wide Mainly Defendant

Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant	Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant
Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople and Eminent Practitioners
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
BLM	Underwood Andrew <i>Keoghs LLP</i>
DAC Beachcroft LLP *	Eminent Practitioners
DWF *	Jones Glyn <i>DWF</i>
Kennedys	
Keoghs LLP	Leading Individuals
Band 2	Band 1
Clyde & Co LLP *	Singer Danielle <i>DAC Beachcroft LLP</i>
Horwich Farrelly Solicitors	Taverner Paul <i>Bevan Brittan LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Weightmans *	Young David <i>DWF</i>
Band 3	Young Ken <i>Keoghs LLP</i>
Browne Jacobson LLP *	Yuill Sally <i>DAC Beachcroft LLP</i>
CMS	Band 4
Forbes *	Blamire Bethany <i>Trethowans LLP *</i>
Langleys Solicitors LLP	Chadder Paul <i>Freeths LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Plexus Law *	Collins Claire <i>BLM</i>
Trethowans LLP *	Cottam David <i>Weightmans *</i>
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.	Davies Paul <i>DWF</i>
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	Dray Carl <i>CMS</i>
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Farmaner Kelvin <i>Trethowans LLP *</i>
	Kerr Andrew <i>BLM</i>
	Murray Christopher <i>Clyde & Co LLP</i>
	Renshaw Michael <i>DWF (ORL) ◇</i>
	Sless Tania <i>DAC Beachcroft LLP</i>
	Thompson David <i>Kennedys</i>
	Watson Howard <i>Herbert Smith Freehills (ORL) ◇</i>
	West Richard <i>Kennedys</i>
	Whittaker Mark <i>DWF</i>

Band 1

BLM

What the team is known for Pre-eminent defendant-side personal injury practice routinely sought out for representation by leading insurers. Well equipped to handle the full range of matters including catastrophic injury, Highways Act and motor claims. Additional expertise in handling multi-track industrial disease litigation. Routinely instructed to defend various organisations and their insurers against sexual and physical abuse claims.

Strengths A source says BLM is *"absolutely excellent, we are consistently very satisfied. They are on top of their game and very strong in this area."*

"Brilliant. They are excellent technically, and get what our needs and desires are. They provide a tailored approach that works well for us," a client adds.

Interviewees say: *"They have a great understanding of the market pressures and the needs of both the insurer*

and the insured. They are professional, knowledgeable, pragmatic and very helpful."

Work highlights Represented the Ministry of Defence and secured a finding of fundamental dishonesty against a former soldier who alleged he had sustained acute acoustic trauma as a result of a practice grenade exploding.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Hibbert heads the catastrophic injury practice and is well known for handling high-value individual road accident claims. He is experienced in high-value brain and spinal injury, limb loss and fatal accident claims, including those arising out of RTAs. *"He is good at seeing the bigger picture. His strengths are his experience and collaborative nature."* *"One of*

the leading defendant solicitors who is innovative and prepared to look at alternative approaches to resolving disputes." **Nicholas Pargeter** heads the firm's risk and compliance practice. He is frequently sought out to defend insurers against personal injury claims, with a particular focus on asbestos and mesothelioma cases. He often handles large multiparty litigation, offering strong expertise in policy coverage issues. **Michael Pether** is known for his longstanding and active personal injury practice which centres on high-profile historic child sexual abuse cases. He is adept in handling individual and group claims for an array of clients, including religious organisations, schools and local authorities. **Claire Collins** has considerable experience handling complex catastrophic

injury cases including, amputation, spinal and brain claims. She has particular expertise in subtle brain injury matters and acts for many leading insurers. *"Claire Collins engages on a collaborative level and is clearly very good at what she does."* **Andrew Kerr** defends insurers, policy holders and local authorities against catastrophic and large-loss claims. His broad experience includes brain and spinal injury claims stemming from employer, public and RTA liabilities. He has a noteworthy specialism in cases surrounding serious infant brain injuries as a result of alleged abuse or negligence on the part of social services. *"Andrew Kerr is very clever, thorough and easy to work with. He is sensible and doesn't take silly points – the right approach."*

DAC Beachcroft LLP

See profile on p.1571

What the team is known for National firm housing a substantial team of experts who can defend everything from serious injury and industrial disease claims to suspected cases of fraud. A leading adviser to major insurers, and very capable of handling international matters. Particular expertise in motor claims, with additional knowledge of public and employers' liability. Offers further expertise in sexual abuse and care sector abuse and neglect claims.

Strengths *"It's a first-class service; they have the resources and devote them to the clients,"* a source says.

A commentator says: *"They are very client-focused and will do their utmost for their clients. They are one of the best insurance law firms in the market."*

"I think DAC Beachcroft are great. In terms of geographical coverage, quality of staff, strength and depth, and value for money they come out on top for me," notes an interviewee.

Work highlights Acted for AXA Insurance in a claim involving a UK international carriage driver at trial for injuries arising from a carriage driving accident which occurred during the UK National Carriage Driving Championships.

Notable practitioners

Sara May leads the firm's complex and catastrophic injury practice. She acts for insurers in brain and spinal injury claims. **Andrew Parker** is experienced in defending and advising insurers in strategic test cases, most notably with respect to personal injury matters. He is often instructed in landmark appeals, and offers a wealth of expertise representing both claimants and defendants in judicial reviews. *"Andrew Parker is extremely competent, he knows what he's doing."* **Deborah Bradley** advises an impressive client base of major insurers in connection with catastrophic spinal cord and brain injury cases, as well as amputation claims. She is often instructed to defend against high-value claims, offering specialist expertise in injuries as a result of RTAs, accidents at work and public liability claims. *"Extremely good. She combines encyclopaedic knowledge of the field with a sensible and pragmatic approach that is very client-focused."* *"Her attention to detail is amazing and she is easy to work with."* **Duncan Rutter** has a broad personal injury practice encompassing all kinds of serious accident, clinical negligence and disease claims arising out of employer, public and RTA liability. He is particularly well versed in advising clients on catastrophic injury claims, with an emphasis on those involving brain and spinal injuries. He frequently represents clients in court in his capacity as a solicitor advocate. **Danielle Singer** defends insurers

against severe brain, spinal injury and amputation cases. *"A seasoned professional in the market."* **Sally Yuill** handles catastrophic injury claims as a result of motor and employers' liability. She is experienced in cases involving spinal injuries and amputation. She is head of the firm's large-loss team in Bristol and counts a number of leading insurers and corporations among her clients. *"Impressively thorough and bright – a delight to work with."* *"Pragmatic, commercial and sensible."* *"A consummate professional. Her advice is methodical and well structured, allowing for the right commercial decisions to be made. She makes people feel comfortable at all levels."* **Tania Sless** focuses on occupational stress and product liability claims, acting on behalf of an array of manufacturers and retailers. She is frequently sought out by employers for strategic advice to help avoid potential claims. *"Incredibly bright, extremely proactive and excellent technically."* *"She is sensible and effective."*

DWF

See profile on p.1589

What the team is known for Pre-eminent large-loss practice which defends insurers against claims arising from catastrophic accidents, negligence and abuse. Also offers deep expertise in occupational illness matters, including noise-induced hearing loss. Proficient in handling cases involving accidents in the UK and abroad. Specialist expertise in handling fraudulent claims, including substantial motor insurance fraud rings. Regularly acts in complex, high-profile cases.

Strengths *"My favoured law firm. They remain focused on the client and have depth and breadth within their personal injury team,"* says a source.

Commentators say DWF are *"among the leaders of the pack for defendant personal injury."*

Work highlights Acted for Coventry City Council, AIG, Munich RE, Gallagher Bassett and Zurich in a case on the circumstances in which a duty of care is owed by a local authority in the conditioning of its social care function. The claim relates to alleged professional negligence over a 15-year period in failing to take a family of nine children into care sooner, resulting in chronic neglect.

Notable practitioners

Glyn Jones leads the catastrophic injury team and is also head of the Leeds insurance department. He defends insurers against complex catastrophic and fatal injury claims. He is also adept at advising on insurance policy matters. *"Extremely good."* **Graham Dickinson** heads the catastrophic injury team in London and is known for handling large-loss claims arising from accidents. He is also extremely adept at resolving disputes via mediation, and has extensive experience handling claims on behalf of UK and overseas insurers and reinsurers. *"Undoubtedly one of the best personal injury practitioners."* **Derek Adamson** assists major insurers with insurance policy interpretation. He has deep expertise in disease-related claims, including mesothelioma and Legionnaires' disease. *"He sees things other people don't and is extremely intelligent. He adds such a huge amount of value for the client and is very much a strategic thinker."* **Claire Bowler** heads the firm's international claims team, frequently handling big-ticket claims for insurers in both the UK and the EU. *"Pragmatic and gets to the nub of the issues."* Leeds-based **Owen Rees** frequently acts for motor insurers in connection with coverage disputes. He is particularly well versed in handling cases involving catastrophic

neurological injuries and limb losses, particularly those arising from RTAs. *"Owen Rees is a highly intelligent lawyer who loves to get to the detail of a case. He has a very affable style and is excellent in his communication with policyholders."* *"Very pragmatic and calm – good at standing back and taking an overview."*

David Young is highly experienced in a range of catastrophic injury claims, frequently acting on behalf of the insurers of motorists, employers and public bodies. He has particular expertise in cases involving serious brain injuries, amputations and paralysis. **Paul Davies** has substantial experience advising insurers on a range of catastrophic injury cases and is often seen on high-value matters. He is well versed in handling claims arising from RTAs and accidents at work, as well as product liability cases. **Mark Whitaker** defends public authorities and insurers against personal injury damages claims. He is also known for handling coverage disputes.

Kennedys

What the team is known for Market-leading defence practice skilled in representing major insurers and corporations in the full range of personal injury claims. Advises on everything from workplace accident and motor cases to child abuse claims. Notable expertise in claims arising in the travel and holiday industry. Continues to grow its international presence, offering a strong network of 54 offices worldwide.

Strengths A source describes Kennedys as *"a very strong firm in the defendant arena."*

"A really down-to-earth firm staffed by high-quality people," comments another.

"They provide a cost-effective service that we are very pleased with. The experience has been very positive – always good discussions, and they are very attentive," an interviewee reports.

Work highlights Represented Riverstone in a multiparty litigation claim arising from an incident in which the claimant was hit by cladding which fell from a building onto them, leading to tetraplegia.

Notable practitioners

Mark Burton chairs the firm's UK catastrophic injury team and handles big-ticket claims for insurers, including severe brain injury claims such as those involving locked-in syndrome, vegetative states and altered consciousness. He has significant expertise in handling claims arising from RTAs. *"He is knowledgeable and efficient in the way he works."* *"Has genuinely excellent experience and is very well respected in the market."* **David Thompson** acts for insurers in catastrophic injury claims. He is also known for his multiparty work, as well as complex liability matters. *"A thorough, tenacious and hard-working lawyer who is very technically sound and delivers excellent results."* *"He is great and very business-minded."* **Richard West** regularly advises insurers in connection with catastrophic injury claims and motor insurance coverage disputes. He has handled many high-value claims in this area. *"Richard West has a really good reputation and is very proactive. He is good at building relationships with the claimant lawyer to work together and have open conversations."*

Keoghs LLP

What the team is known for Stellar reputation for defending insurers and self-insured clients on catastrophic injury and occupational disease claims. Clients also rely on the firm's outstanding counter-fraud team for advice in cases of suspected fraud

and exaggeration. Particularly well established in the motor insurance industry. Notable experience in advising public sector bodies in abuse cases.

Strengths A client shares that *"Keoghs are very focused and give specific recommendations on tactics. They are a specialist appointment and are very good at what they do."*

A source says: *"The quality of their work is fantastic; they are shooting ahead of everyone else."*

Work highlights Defended Hastings Direct in a claim arising from a claimant who sustained a catastrophic brain injury having been involved in a collision with an HGV, with the added of complexity of the driver of the claimant's vehicle having died in the accident, both having been intoxicated with alcohol.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Underwood leads the firm's complex injury team and is a pre-eminent authority on policy in the space and a highly successful litigator who has taken cases to the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and ECJ. He frequently advises on high-value serious and catastrophic injury claims. **Jamie McCabe** is a leading catastrophic injury specialist, frequently defending insurers against complex brain, spinal and fatal injury claims. He also advises insurers on market and policy strategy. *"He is a very good, assertive litigator."*

Victoria Coleman acts for defendants in serious personal injury claims, including for catastrophic brain, spine and brachial plexus injuries. She is experienced in handling claims on behalf of patients left in a persistent vegetative state and in states of minimal awareness. *"Victoria Coleman is very bright, thorough and hard-working."* **David Pugh** has much experience advising on strategic and sometimes test litigation, with an emphasis on legacy and industrial disease cases. He represents an impressive roster of clients, including governments, international insurers and multinationals. *"David Pugh has excellent knowledge on the complexities of the medical aspects in asbestos low. He is good at exploring new aspects of the law and is very proactive, which is great."* **Ken Young** is recommended for his experience advising on cases of catastrophic injury arising from RTAs, including amputations, brain and spinal injuries. *"An ideal catastrophic injury lawyer; he is personable, sensible and gives sound advice."* *"Rated highly and well liked by clients."*

Band 2

Clyde & Co LLP

See profile on p.1557

What the team is known for Highly regarded defendant team focusing on complex high-value claims, including those with international elements. Handles the full range of personal injury matters, including catastrophic accident and mesothelioma claims. Works with an enviable list of major insurers, defending both group actions and substantial individual claims.

Strengths *"Always a good experience working with Clyde & Co. In multinational cases their breadth of expertise and global presence is second to none,"* a client comments.

Commentators note the team possesses an *"excellent roster of partners and has strength and depth. Also, they are excellent at finding new talent."*

"They are among the best in the market. Both strong technically and easy to do business with," notes a source.

Work highlights Represented the insurer in a claim brought by the claimant who was accidentally struck by a digger and knocked into his pond while inspecting the work being done in his garden.

Notable practitioners

Christopher Murray has a broad defence-side practice, routinely representing both public and private sector clients in claims arising from severe RTA, accident at work and industrial disease-related injuries. *"Great technically and a good negotiator too."* *"Christopher Murray is commercially astute and excellent with clients. He runs a very good team."*

Horwich Farrelly Solicitors

What the team is known for Considerable defendant-side personal injury offering with the ability to handle a significant range of employers', public and motor liability matters. Highly respected for its expertise in handling catastrophic injury claims, including those involving brain and spinal cord injuries. Experience covers injury arising from RTAs as well as cases of suspected motor insurance fraud.

Notable practitioners

Malcolm Henké specialises in complex large-loss claims arising from RTAs and is highly skilled in representing clients in litigation across the UK, Europe and the USA. He is especially adept in cases concerning brain and spinal cord injuries. *"Thoroughly professional and has a collaborative approach."* **Rod Evans** advises insurers on catastrophic injury claims and is also frequently sought out to represent clients in large-loss fraud claims. *"Hugely experienced and very accomplished."*

Weightmans

See profile on p.1845

What the team is known for Highly regarded personal injury team instructed by some of the country's largest insurers and local authorities to defend the full range of injury and disease cases. Other areas of activity include the investigation and litigation of claims for fraud and exaggeration. Advises on the full span of catastrophic injury claims as well as injuries arising from alleged negligence and abuse. Clients benefit from the firm's international capabilities via its international law group.

Strengths A source says: *"They are approachable, knowledgeable and clear. They are good at transferring knowledge and take control well; they are very proactive and helpful."*

"They are excellent PI negotiators and are very helpful and supportive. They are very professional and good at embracing our ethos on management and settlements," an interviewee comments.

"We have such a great relationship with Weightmans. We trust them implicitly to act in our very best interests at all times, protecting our position," a client reports.

Work highlights Advised the defendant's insurer on liability and quantum regarding a claim involving a serious RTA in London where a taxi collided with a wall, causing a rear seat passenger to suffer brain damage. The claimant was a Qatari national, a high earner with links to the Royal Family.

Notable practitioners

David Holt (see p.1059) regularly receives instruction in high-value catastrophic personal injury claims, including serious head trauma and paralysis cases. He is particularly well versed in injuries arising from RTAs, and also cases involving the Motor Insurers' Bureau. He continues to serve as head of the firm's large-loss and technical claims team, offering exten-

sive experience in cross-border as well as UK matters. *"Very knowledgeable and a good team leader."* *"He is good at understanding what clients want; an extremely good lawyer who knows motor work inside out."* **David Cottam** (see p.1055) is an experienced catastrophic injury lawyer with specialised knowledge in brain and spinal injury matters as well as amputation claims. He often acts for local authorities in a range of personal injury claims. *"His depth of knowledge is very impressive – exceptional, even."*

Band 3

Browne Jacobson LLP

See profile on p.1533

What the team is known for Regularly defends public sector clients against employers' and public liability claims, with a particular focus on the health-care, charity and education sectors. Historic abuse and asbestos exposure claims form a significant part of the group's practice. Offers notable expertise in claims of injury and neglect concerning children.

Strengths A client says: *"They know the work and the law, as well as their clients' needs inside out."*

Another says the lawyers at Browne Jacobson are *"very good, and they offer lots of training and seminars on hot topics."*

Work highlights Represented a local authority and its several insurers in a multiparty recovery action against abusers following the conclusion of a substantial group action in relation to abuse at a school.

Notable practitioners

James Arrowsmith and Bridget Tatham are key contacts.

CMS

What the team is known for Routinely acts for the defendant in a range of personal injury matters including vicarious liability claims and complex collective actions. Extensive expertise in representing the insurers and self-insured from a range of sectors in civil claims and fundamental dishonesty proceedings. Experienced group of practitioners across the UK.

Strengths A source says: *"They are very pleasant and efficient; they are a good team who know their stuff."*

"Very happy with CMS. The people are their strength. They work well with us, it's really great," an interviewee comments.

"They are very well set up to meet clients' needs. The whole team are excellent. They are efficient, they act quickly and they are organised," a source reports.

Work highlights Acted on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Coal Products Limited in defence of a group industrial disease action arising out of employment at various coke works spanning a period of up to 50 years.

Notable practitioners

Carl Dray acts for self-insured defendants, such as national and multinational corporations, as well as public bodies including on occasion the UK government. He is experienced across a range of personal injury claims, including group litigation, and has a particularly strong track record of defending employers' liability claims. *"He is hyper-efficient and does a lot of serious industrial disease work."* *"Really great and impressive, well attuned to the commercial realities and demands."*

Forbes

See profile on p.1613

What the team is known for Routinely advises defendants on a wide range of personal injury claims. Handles complex construction injury matters nationally and offers regulatory support during sentencing hearings and proceedings. Known for strong capabilities in CSE group claims and complex inquests linked to civil matters. Provides extensive support on fast-track employers' liability and product liability and notable experience in fundamental dishonesty findings.

Strengths *"Forbes are fantastic. Good value for money provided by extremely knowledgeable, friendly and professional staff, catering for clients' every need by going above and beyond,"* a source says.

A client says: *"They are very professional and have established themselves as leaders in the field of CSE. They are readily available, approachable, and extremely efficient in their work."*

"They offer a service that goes far beyond defending claims. Very professional, but also approachable and knowledgeable," a source reports.

Work highlights Represented The Bleak Hill Rovers Football Club in a case where a 16 year old claimant alleged that he sustained a comminuted depressed left tibial plateau fracture of the right knee in 2014 while he was playing for the club's under-17s team, when he trapped his foot in a hole in the surface of the pitch.

Notable practitioners

Chris Booth, Paul Geldard and Kella Bowers are key contacts.

Langleys Solicitors LLP

What the team is known for Acts for insurers, public bodies and companies on a variety of motor, employers' and public liability claims. Routinely instructed on multimillion-pound claims, including catastrophic injury, occupational disease and abuse cases. Particularly adept at handling cases arising out of severe RTAs and accidents in the workplace.

Strengths A client reports: *"Langleys deal with very high-value PI work in a range of fields acting for insurers at the highest level, delivering a first-rate service."*

"We have a very good impression of the firm, having worked with them lots; we appreciate the quality of the work the team provides," a source says.

Another interviewee adds: *"The service and responsiveness is excellent. They achieve excellent results that are good value for money."*

Work highlights Represented Brit Global Speciality, the employers of a test pilot who suffered catastrophic orthopaedic injuries as a result of a failure

in the plane's engine during the take-off phase of the test flight.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Cragg is a key contact.

Plexus Law

See profile on p.1761

What the team is known for Sound advice to defendants on the full range of industrial disease and personal injury claims. Represents an enviable roster of clients including leading insurers, public sector bodies and retailers. Able to advise on claims in the UK as well as those involving accidents abroad. Strong expertise in cases which involve complex employers' and public liability. Provides strong national reach, with offices in several locations across the UK.

Strengths A source says: *"I am continually impressed with their extremely high-quality professional but friendly service. They have taken the time to get to know us and our business, which is refreshing and is reflected in their advice and working partnership with us."*

A client highlights that the firm has *"good consistency of personnel on the accounts. We couldn't recommend them highly enough."*

Work highlights Acted for Rugby Football Union in a class action brought by a player who is suffering from early onset of dementia at age 42.

Notable practitioners

Philip D'Netto leads the firm's catastrophic loss team. He dedicates his practice to defending insurers in large-loss and catastrophic injury claims.

Trethowans LLP

See profile on p.1830

What the team is known for Represents insurers, individuals and businesses in a range of issues including road traffic and catastrophic accident claims. Adeptly handles international, public liability and employers liability claims regularly. Strong capabilities in equine and animal-related matters.

Strengths A source says: *"They are very knowledgeable and keep us updated, maintaining regular contact and discussing tactics throughout the case."*

"An excellent firm that produces very well-prepared briefs," notes an interviewee.

"Trethowans are well organised, approachable, hard-working and give sensible advice to their clients," comments a source.

Work highlights Represented a defendant via his Dutch public liability insurer, following a skiing accident in Les d'Alpes in France.

Notable practitioners

Bethany Blamire (see p.1053) acts for domestic and

international insurers on the full range of personal injury claims. She is especially well versed in RTA and high-value liability cases. *"Her attention to detail and tactical awareness is second to none. Her sensible and relaxed communications with professional clients and insured parties help to inspire their confidence and ensure that she is a go-to person for the most complex cases."* **Kelvin Farmaner** (see p.1057) leads the firm's personal injury department. He is skilled at defending catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs, as well as personal injury as a result of animal-related incidents. He is also experienced with regard to cross-border matters. *"He is meticulous and has got a really good eye for detail."* *"Kelvin Farmaner has a wide range of litigation experience. He is a robust yet realistic negotiator."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Paul Chadder leads Freeths' personal injury team and handles the full span of personal injury claims. He has particularly acute expertise in employers' and also public liability claims, including those concerning industrial disease. He is also instructed on Health and Safety Executive prosecutions and professional indemnity matters relating to personal injury. *"Paul Chadder is very experienced and is excellent at spotting the key issues in a case at a very early stage. This means he knows exactly when to settle a case before significant costs are incurred and when to fight. He is trusted by insurers and deals with high-value and complex cases."*

Michael Renshaw defends insurers and their policyholders in high-value claims for severe injuries such as paralysis, amputation and neurological damage. He has experience handling claims in overseas jurisdictions.

Paul Taverner heads Bevan Brittan's insurance team and defends big-ticket personal injury claims, with a particular focus on serious spinal and head injury cases. His clients include major insurers as well as public and private sector companies. *"His high level of knowledge stands out – he is very effective and is exceptional when it comes to taking a wide overview on a situation by looking at the bigger picture."*

Howard Watson handles a diverse range of big-ticket personal injury litigation on behalf of large corporations, including severe head and spinal injury as well as terrorism, stress at work and asbestos-related claims. He frequently defends high-profile multi-party cases and also has much experience of claims involving foreign jurisdictions. *"A big strategic thinker who is really excellent."* *"He is very proactive and reliable."*

South West Mainly Claimant

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Bristol and surrounds	Somerset	Swindon and surrounds
Leading Firms	Leading Firms	Leading Firms
Band 1	Band 1	Band 1
Irwin Mitchell *	Clarke Willmott LLP *	Novum Law
VWV	Royds Withy King *	
Band 2	Leading Individuals	Leading Individuals
Clarke Willmott LLP *	Band 1	Band 1
Ince	Hart Lee Clarke Willmott LLP	Cole Anna Novum Law
Thompsons *	Band 2	Heales Nicola Bevirs (ORL) ◇
Band 3	Brazington Stuart Royds Withy King	
Barcan+Kirby *	Hart Louise Royds Withy King	
Leading Individuals	Up-and-coming individuals	
Band 1	Hambleton Mark Royds Withy King	
Davies James P Irwin Mitchell *		
McCluskey Kay Ince		
Peacock Jonathan VWV		
Band 2		
Darlington Jo NewLaw Solicitors (ORL) ◇		
Gunner Lisa Thompsons		
Band 3		
Buckeridge Myfanwy Barcan+Kirby		
Castle Samantha Barcan+Kirby		
Ponting Huw Enable Law (part of the Foot Anstey Group)		
Rose Deborah Irwin Mitchell *		
Seymour Nick Thompsons		
Associates to watch		
Thompson Dan VWV		
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Barcan+Kirby

See profile on p.1497

What the team is known for Handles a range of cases, including catastrophic injury claims involving brain damage, amputations and orthopaedic injuries. Regularly acts on workplace accidents and RTAs, as well as representing claimants in disputes regarding quantum and liability.

Strengths One source describes the firm as “a strong outfit with a focus on client satisfaction.”

Notable practitioners

Myfanwy Buckeridge regularly advises on significant cases arising from accidents at work and RTAs, often encompassing brain and orthopaedic injuries. “Myfanwy Buckeridge handles the cases superbly; she is very experienced and pragmatic.” **Samantha Castle** advises on cases surrounding trips and slips, as well as RTAs. “She is well prepared, she has great people-handling skills and she gets great results for clients.” “Samantha Castle provides to-the-point advice and is open and honest with clients.”

Clarke Willmott LLP

See profile on p.1552

What the team is known for Works with adults and children on life-changing and serious injury cases. Noted for its experience acting on cases concerning severe brain injuries resulting from workplace incidents and RTAs. Also represents dependants and estates in claims following fatal accidents. Additional areas of expertise include cases relating to complex spinal cord and amputation injuries, as well as those involving psychiatric disorders. Also handles

disputed liability claims.

Notable practitioners

Lee Hart excels at advising clients on brain and spinal injuries, including those resulting from RTAs and accidents at work.

Enable Law (part of the Foot Anstey Group)

See profile on p.1612

What the team is known for Noted for its expertise in serious injury claims, including spinal injuries and amputations. Frequently acts on cases concerning sports injuries, in addition to injuries incurred in the workplace and RTAs. Strong practice working on acquired brain injury cases. Frequently represents clients who have suffered falls.

Notable practitioners

Juliette Clarke's remit encompasses cases arising from accidents at work and RTAs resulting in amputations and spinal cord and head injuries. **Huw Ponting** is well practised in personal injury cases, with particular expertise in those relating to brain injuries. “He has a sympathetic approach and gives sound advice.”

GA Solicitors

See profile on p.1623

What the team is known for Represents clients in a range of personal injury matters, including workplace accidents, public and occupiers' liability claims and sport-related cases. Frequently acts on asbestos-related issues, particularly mesothelioma claims, and on cases relating to chronic pain following occupational injuries. Additionally handles Animals Act claims.

Strengths One interviewee comments: “The lawyers are very professional and have taken the time to ensure my understanding of the process.”

Notable practitioners

Matthew Sheather's practice encompasses issues surrounding the Animals Act, employers' liability claims and fatal accident cases. “Matthew Sheather has a keen eye for detail and leaves no stone unturned.” “He clearly explains each stage of the case and any legal aspects in terms that make it easy to understand.”

Ince

What the team is known for Esteemed personal injury offering with notable experience in RTA, accident at work and Animals Act cases. Assists with an array of injury claims, including those involving brain damage, PTSD and amputations. Both fast and multi-track claims serve as sources of instruction for the

firm. Also advises on claims arising from incidents abroad and injuries sustained by children.

Strengths One interviewee comments: “The team has strong attention to detail and delivers excellent results.”

Notable practitioners

Kay McCluskey is adroit in undertaking workplace accident cases and RTAs, including acting for young adults. Her practice also covers brain and psychological injuries.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Substantial nationwide practice fielding deep expertise in workplace accident claims, RTAs, brain injuries and psychological damage, including PTSD. Recognised for its industrial disease capabilities, with a primary focus on claims relating to asbestos. Also acts on cases relating to traumatic amputations and offers specialist support in Court of Protection matters and rehabilitation.

Strengths One interviewee comments: “The firm's client service is excellent.”

A client appreciates that “they offer good communication and regular updates, are very understanding and empathetic, and listen to your needs.”

Another source adds: “Irwin Mitchell has a strong ethos of doing the best for individuals. It is a very well-run and well-resourced team.”

Work highlights Represented a client diagnosed with sarcomatoid mesothelioma following exposure to asbestos in the workplace in a claim for lost years.

Notable practitioners

James Davies (see p.1056)'s work portfolio covers RTAs and accidents at work, often acting on high-stakes amputations and brain injuries. “James Davies is a first-class litigator with decades of experience in catastrophic injury claims. He is well respected in the field and runs cases efficiently and with exceptional client care.” **Deborah Rose** (see p.1065) regularly assists with significant RTA claims, including those arising from motorcycle collisions. “Deborah Rose is very helpful, understanding and informative. She maintains good communication and understanding throughout the situation.”

Novum Law

What the team is known for Considerable presence across the South West, offering notable activity in industrial disease cases, with impressive strength in asbestos-related claims, including acting for dependants. Also represents clients in catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs and clinical negligence cases. Particularly adroit in assisting with complex neurological injuries.

Strengths One source says: “The solicitors are absolutely meticulous in their preparation of cases and

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Work highlights Acted for a client with asbestosis on a claim against their former employer for exposure to asbestos.

Notable practitioners

Anna Cole advises on workplace accidents resulting in catastrophic injuries. She frequently acts for vulnerable clients on complex injury claims.

Royds Withy King

See profile on p.1778

What the team is known for Skilful Somerset-based team with a track record in RTA claims involving spinal cord and brain injuries. Also offers niche expertise in areas such as fatal accidents and animal cases. Demonstrates further skill in the area of asbestos-related diseases and other occupational health matters. Additional expertise includes claims regarding chronic pain, complex regional pain syndrome and amputations.

Strengths One interviewee comments: "The firm has talented people who are client-focused and calm under pressure."

A client adds: "The team was always helpful and kept us in touch with everything."

Work highlights Assisted client with claiming med-

ical costs from the defendant following an RTA.

Notable practitioners

Stuart Brazington regularly assists with high-value catastrophic injury claims, including those involving head, back and neck injuries. "Stuart Brazington is a tenacious litigator and will do what is required to get the best results for his clients." **Louise Hart**'s caseload includes those involving accidents at work and RTAs. She is particularly well placed to handle claims arising from motorcycle collisions. **Mark Hambleton** offers specialist expertise on cases arising from RTAs, particularly bicycle and motorcycle accidents. "Mark Hambleton is an excellent communicator and provides consistent updates."

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Dedicated claimant practice that acts on high-value and lower-value RTA and occupational injury claims across the South West. Specialist expertise includes fatal accidents, industrial disease cases and serious injuries, such as brain injuries and psychological injuries. Well regarded for its representation of trade unions, as well as acting for private individuals. Experienced in setting up rehabilitation packages for clients.

Strengths One interviewee comments: "The clients receive a first-rate service."

Work highlights Acted for a cyclist who suffered orthopaedic injuries and PTSD following a collision.

Notable practitioners

Lisa Gunner maintains a varied practice spanning RTA and workplace accident cases. She is highly adept in assisting with significant psychiatric and brain injury claims. "She fights very hard for her clients and is excellent to work with." **Nick Seymour** regularly provides advice on workplace accident and RTA claims, with resultant injuries including PTSD and chronic pain. "Nick Seymour is approachable, caring and sympathetic, yet professional and efficient at all times." "He puts clients at ease and makes them feel valued and listened to."

VWV

What the team is known for Strong practice noted for its expertise in multi-track claims. Offers impressive expertise in acting on employers' liability claims and cases involving catastrophic injuries, as well as childhood injuries. Also handles cases relating to RTAs and industrial disease, in addition to representing dependants and estates in fatal accident claims. Demonstrates significant experience in brain injury claims.

Strengths One source comments: "VWV is an efficient and professional firm that takes client care very seriously."

Another source adds: "They provide a really tailored service to their clients."

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Peacock assists with catastrophic injury claims, including those related to incidents occurring abroad. **Dan Thompson** acts for claimants on personal injury claims stretching from RTAs to workplace accidents. "He is especially good at communicating with the client."

Wolferstans

What the team is known for Noted Plymouth-based personal injury practice. Experience includes handling industrial disease, serious injury and fatal accident claims. Also well versed in RTAs and employers' liability cases. Advises on physical and psychological injury claims for military personnel.

Notable practitioners

Jill Burrows is a key contact.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Jo Darlington is adept in claims arising from brain and psychiatric injuries.

Nicola Heales represents claimants in a range of catastrophic injury cases, including brain and spinal injuries, as well as psychiatric injuries. She also has experience in Court of Protection matters.

Michael Shiers advises on both RTA and workplace accident cases involving brain injuries and chronic pain.

The South Mainly Claimant

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Irwin Mitchell *	Dean Wilson LLP *	Moore Barlow LLP *
Moore Barlow LLP *		Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP *
Trethowans LLP *	Leading Individuals	Senior Statespeople
Band 2	Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
George Ide LLP	Pierce Frances <i>Dean Wilson LLP</i>	Flashman Caroline <i>Moore Barlow LLP *</i>
Larcomes	Up-and-coming individuals	Leading Individuals
Novum Law	Brown Alex <i>Dean Wilson LLP</i>	Band 1
Senior Statespeople	Associates to watch	Goatley Helen <i>Moore Barlow LLP *</i>
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	Davey Ben <i>Dean Wilson LLP</i>	Luscombe Philippa <i>Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP *</i>
Whiteley Chris <i>Trethowans LLP *</i>		Sterling Trevor <i>Moore Barlow LLP *</i>
Leading Individuals		Up-and-coming individuals
Band 1		Usher Martin <i>Lime Solicitors (ORL) ◇</i>
Fretwell Paul <i>George Ide LLP</i>		Associates to watch
Horan Damian <i>Moore Barlow LLP *</i>		King Charlene <i>Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP *</i>
Howard Claire <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>		Kirfield Tim <i>Moore Barlow LLP</i>
Band 2		
Claxson Matthew <i>Moore Barlow LLP</i>		
Darlaston Guy <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>		
Hopgood Richard <i>Larcomes</i>		
Lane Gavin <i>Trethowans LLP *</i>		
Osborne Michael <i>Larcomes</i>		
Yeates Lynn <i>Hugh James (ORL) ◇</i>		
Up-and-coming individuals		
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Clarkson Wright & Jakes Ltd

What the team is known for Standout local offering, advising claimants on a broad range of matters including traffic accidents and occupiers' and public liability claims. Cases include multi-track head and spinal injury claims, as well as amputation cases. Notable for its cooperation with the brain injury charity Headway.

Strengths One interviewee says: "The firm is detailed, thorough and gets the job done. They are very pleasant to deal with."

Notable practitioners

David Greenhalgh has notable experience of road and workplace accident cases involving orthopaedic and neurological injury claims. "David takes cases which might be difficult to succeed in and secures results that are in favour of the claimant."

CL Medilaw

What the team is known for Exceptional team best known for its standout expertise in catastrophic brain injuries. Experienced at handling litigation arising from serious RTAs, including cases with international elements. Additional areas of expertise include orthopaedic and spinal injuries. Actively involved in local brain injury charities and runs an annual brain injury conference. Offers extensive rehabilitation assistance to clients and often works in conjunction with a range of case management and medical experts.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Clement receives plaudits for his expertise in brain injury mandates. He focuses on complex head and orthopaedic injuries connected to RTAs.

Dean Wilson LLP

See profile on p.1575

What the team is known for Highly regarded personal injury team handling complex claims resulting from RTAs and accidents at work. Experienced in all types of trauma including amputations and eye, brain, orthopaedic and spinal cord injuries. Also handles abuse cases relating to care establishments. Offers ancillary services to catastrophically injured clients through its Court of Protection department.

Strengths Interviewees remark: "You can't get a better firm for catastrophic injury cases – they really deliver."

Work highlights Successfully represented a claimant who had suffered a spinal cord injury as a result of an RTA.

Notable practitioners

Frances Pierce handles cases arising from RTAs and accidents at work, specialising in brain and spinal cord injury, with additional strength in PTSD matters. "Frances is very tenacious, experienced and reassuring – she always looks after the client's best interests."

"She is very thorough, approachable and helpful." **Alex Brown** has particular experience in brain and spinal injury cases stemming from RTAs and accidents at work. He also advises on claims involving psychiatric injury. "His instructions are always very precise and detailed and he has considerable experience."

"He is good at recognising the strengths of cases and providing a realistic view of what the law can do for clients." **Ben Davey** acts on spinal and brain injury claims, with further experience in PTSD cases. He also assists with fatal injury cases involving RTAs. "Ben is a truly outstanding professional – he is willing to go the extra mile and you can always rely on him to ensure clients get justice."

DMH Stallard LLP

See profile on p.1584

What the team is known for Particular strength in RTA cases as well as those involving employers' and occupiers' liability. Often advises on spinal and orthopaedic claims and industrial disease matters. Additional experience handling cases with cross-border implications.

Strengths "The firm provides a good level of personal service to clients," one client remarks, adding: "The team engages with clients as individuals and is good at getting in the right expertise to bring a case to a conclusion."

An interviewee describes DMH Stallard's personal

injury offering as "a caring team who tenaciously pursue their cases for injured parties," adding: "They are not afraid of a challenge and they get results."

Work highlights Acted for a doctor who was hit by a driver while cycling, causing them to suffer injuries to their left shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle.

Notable practitioners

Tessa Grayson (see p.193) has particular strength advising on RTA cases in which clients sustained orthopaedic and psychological injury. She also acts on workplace accident and occupational disease claims. "She is very supportive and communicates complicated information well. She provided me with total confidence." "Tessa is an extremely determined solicitor who doesn't give up and gets good results for clients."

Furley Page Solicitors

See profile on p.1622

What the team is known for Regularly represents clients in complex public and employers' liability cases as well as RTAs. Covers all types of claims including brain and spinal trauma, psychological injuries and industrial diseases. Also advises on fatal accident cases.

Strengths An interviewee comments: "The firm genuinely cares about their clients and is good value for their money too."

Work highlights Represented an engineer who suffered bilateral quadriceps tears after falling into a culvert at work.

Notable practitioners

Neille Ryan (see p.1065) offers experience handling RTA cases involving brain injury, fatalities and amputations. He has further strength in workplace accident claims. "He has great attention to detail, fantastic client care skills and a good grasp on the law."

George Ide LLP

What the team is known for South Coast firm with an exceptional personal injury offering, mostly handling claims connected to RTAs. Specialises in severe brain and spinal injury matters, as well as fatal accidents, amputation claims and orthopaedic injury cases. Additional involvement as trustees for some of its clients. Particularly assists clients with rehabilitation procedures, also cooperating with the firm's Court of

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Crawley and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
CL Medilaw
Band 2
DMH Stallard LLP *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Clement Jonathan CL Medilaw
Band 2
Grayson Tessa DMH Stallard LLP *
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<small>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</small>

Protection department.

Notable practitioners

Paul Fretwell is a highly respected practitioner with expertise in catastrophic brain and spinal injuries as well as amputation cases resulting from RTAs.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Leading national firm with a standout local offering, regularly handling a wide variety of high-value personal injury matters. Offers specialist capability on asbestos-related disease claims and cases involving the MoD. Also takes on complex spinal cord, orthopaedic and head injury claims, often arising from RTAs. Works closely with the Court of Protection team to provide a holistic rehabilitation programme for injured claimants.

Strengths "It is a very dynamic team that is great to work with," one source reveals, adding that the firm's lawyers have "phenomenal experience and knowledge."

Clients praise the firm for providing "realistic advice and guidance on case prospects and time horizons."

Notable practitioners

Claire Howard (see p.1059) possesses significant expertise in serious head injuries and spinal damage claims connected to RTAs. She has further strength handling amputation and orthopaedic injury cases. "She knows enough about clinical issues to be able to ask all of the right questions while maintaining a charming and engaging persona. Families like her for a very good reason – she can relate to them and, judging by her results, she also knows how to work well with opposing colleagues." **Guy Darlaston** (see p.1056) is known for his practice handling industrial disease claims, such as mesothelioma and asbestos-related cases. "Guy is very empathetic with clients and carefully walks them through the process. He is a good litigator when difficult situations arise and is also very knowledgeable and approachable."

Larcomes

What the team is known for Industrial disease practice based in Portsmouth. Best known for its expert knowledge and representation of claimants in mesothelioma and other asbestos-related disease claims. Notable for its regular collaboration with the asbestos disease charity HASAG.

Strengths One client characterises the team as "very thorough and attentive."

An interviewee notes: "Larcomes provides a very personal service and is very supportive of clients."

Notable practitioners

Richard Hopgood is recognised for his expertise in industrial disease claims such as mesothelioma and

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Kent
Leading Firms
Band 1
Thomson Snell & Passmore *
Band 2
Clarkson Wright & Jakes Ltd
CL Medilaw
Furley Page Solicitors *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Greenhalgh David Clarkson Wright & Jakes Ltd
Band 2
Bell Graham Thomson Snell & Passmore *
Ryan Neille Furley Page Solicitors *
Up-and-coming individuals
Chapman Oliver Thomson Snell & Passmore *
Associates to watch
Herbert Jonathan Thomson Snell & Passmore *

asbestos-related cases. "Richard is a brilliant lawyer who is very experienced." "He has a vast knowledge of personal injury claims and is very collaborative and supportive." **Michael Osborne** enjoys a strong reputation for his handling of industrial disease claims and asbestos litigation. "He has a very nice manner with clients and excellent experience in asbestos litigation."

Moore Barlow LLP

See profile on p.1735

What the team is known for Impressive team frequently advising on accidents at work and RTAs. Houses a broad span of expertise, including brain damage, spinal injuries, chronic pain claims and amputation cases. Able to effectively manage cases that intersect the areas of personal injury and clinical negligence. Collaborates with other firms in the region as part of the Major Trauma Signposting Scheme. Offers strength across the region, with offices in Southampton, Guildford and Richmond.

Strengths One source comments: "The legal representatives that I work closely with have been tremendously supportive. This has been reflected by their outstanding desire to be part of the claimant's recovery journey and proactively participate in problem-solving to optimise outcomes."

An interviewee notes: "It is an amazing firm that has outstanding lawyers with excellent intellect and good client care skills."

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who was involved in a gliding accident and consequently sustained a T11 complete spinal cord injury.

Notable practitioners

Caroline Flashman (see p.1057) has a broad practice handling complex spinal cord and brain injury claims, as well as amputation cases. "Caroline is a true expert in catastrophic injury claims. She knows how to deal with large cases and has a wealth of experience." **Helen Goatley** (see p.1057) specialises in acquired brain injury cases, such as those arising from workplace injuries and road traffic accidents. "Helen is very committed to helping her clients and is a very effective negotiator." **Damian Horan** (see p.1059) acts on catastrophic injury cases stemming from RTAs, with particular strength in brain, spinal and orthopaedic injury claims. "Damian has a very clear understanding of the litigation process and, in particular, very good judgement." "He demonstrates meticulous attention to detail and shows genuine compassion for the welfare of his clients." **Trevor Sterling** (see p.1065) is particularly active in cases stemming

from RTAs, especially those concerning severe brain injury and amputations. "Trevor has built his own brand in terms of what he stands for and what he is passionate about. He collaborates with insurers and hospitals to achieve the best outcomes for clients."

Matthew Claxson has experience acting for clients who have suffered brain injuries as a result of road traffic accidents and workplace incidents. He is noted for his expert knowledge of cases involving amputations, as well as significant brain and spinal cord injuries. "He is an outstanding legal professional who is capable of achieving outcomes on very complex cases. He has an astonishing work rate and an eye for detail." "He really cares about his cases and is very thorough." **James Glasper** is a senior associate in the serious trauma team at Moore Barlow. He primarily handles claims arising from road traffic accidents, including traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury cases. "James is responsive, attentive and has great client skills." **Tim Kirfield** is an associate in the personal injury team at Moore Barlow. He regularly assists clients with claims arising out of road traffic accidents that have caused brain and orthopaedic injuries. "He is very good at connecting with his clients and explaining the complicated features of cases to them."

Novum Law

What the team is known for Personal injury boutique with impressive regional strength that stretches across the South and South West. Southampton offering focuses on industrial disease claims, especially relating to mesothelioma cases. Provides regular training events in relation to asbestos issues, as well as cooperating with local asbestos support initiatives. Further experience in RTAs and workplace accidents.

Strengths One source states: "The firm is compassionate, outstanding at presenting evidence and keeps you informed."

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who contracted asbestosis as a result of asbestos exposure during his employment as a lagger in 1953.

Notable practitioners

Hannah Carr is a key contact.

Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP

See profile on p.1758

What the team is known for Leading practice, well known for its expertise in catastrophic injury cases, particularly matters arising from RTAs. Handles a range of claims pertaining to fatal accidents, head and spinal injuries and amputations. Experienced in occupiers' liability cases. Also houses product liability expertise and works closely with its clinical negligence team on cosmetic treatment claims. Works on domestic cases as well as claims brought abroad.

Strengths An interviewee characterises the team as "extremely organised and very thorough."

"The firm provides an excellent service," one client reveals, adding: "They always give very quick responses and thorough explanations."

Work highlights Represented a client who sustained a burst spinal fracture and complete cord injury after being hit by a van while cycling.

Notable practitioners

Philippa Luscombe (see p.1061) has notable strength in the personal injury field, acting for clients on brain injury and amputation cases as well as advising on fatal accident claims. **Charlene King** (see p.1060) is

a personal injury lawyer who acts for claimants who have been injured as a result of road traffic accidents and workplace incidents. She has significant experience handling brain injury and amputation cases. *"Charlene is an excellent lawyer who is responsive and thorough."*

Thomson Snell & Passmore

See profile on p.1826

What the team is known for Superb firm representing clients in catastrophic brain injury claims and orthopaedic injury cases. Undertakes an array of complex RTA and workplace accident cases. Also particularly noted for its expertise in industrial disease claims such as mesothelioma and asbestos-related litigation. Provides complementary services to clients through close collaboration with its private client and Court of Protection departments.

Strengths A client comments: *"The team is very thorough in the way they prepare their cases, and knowledgeable about what evidence you will need."*

Notable practitioners

Graham Bell (see p.190) has a significant practice in RTA and workplace accident cases involving amputations and spine and brain injury. He has further experience in industrial disease claims. **Oliver Chapman** (see p.1054) advises on claims concerning brain and spinal injury, with further experience handling psy-

chiatric injury cases. He also acts on industrial disease claims. *"Oliver is a very thorough and thoughtful lawyer. He prepares clients for all eventualities and has a good grasp on the details of cases."* **Jonathan Herbert** (see p.1059) is a legal executive associate in the personal injury team at Thomson Snell & Passmore. He has experience handling industrial disease cases, representing clients and their families in asbestosis and mesothelioma claims. *"He is efficient, has good attention to detail and looks after the interests of clients enormously well."*

Trethowans LLP

See profile on p.1830

What the team is known for Leading personal injury practice specialising in high-value claims. Acts for clients who have suffered traumatic and catastrophic injuries, most notably head and spinal injuries, as well as multiple orthopaedic injuries. Also offers expertise in industrial disease cases and acts for claimants who have suffered life-changing injuries at work. Services also include fatal accident, public liability and occupiers' liability claims.

Strengths Interviewees remark: *"They are well organised and efficient."*

Notable practitioners

Chris Whiteley (see p.1067) offers clients the benefit of his considerable expertise in catastrophic injury

cases, including brain and spinal injury claims. *"He is a very experienced claimant personal injury lawyer who is extremely thorough, meticulous and hard-working."* **Gavin Lane** has extensive experience in personal injury mandates, with particular knowledge of orthopaedic injuries. *"Gavin is an excellent lawyer who is hugely experienced. He really understands how to get the most out of serious injury claims."* **James Braund** (see p.1053) has particular strength in spinal cord injury claims, with further experience handling cases following accidents abroad. *"He is a very thorough lawyer who quickly gets to the root of a case and is supportive of his clients."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Martin Usher is a respected solicitor in the personal injury team at Lime Solicitors. He is noted for his adept representation of clients who have suffered a range of serious injuries. *"Martin is an excellent solicitor who is extremely proactive and knowledgeable."*

Lynn Yeates works primarily with industrial diseases matters, such as illnesses arising from asbestos exposure. She handles a wide range of medical issue cases. *"Lynn is a dedicated asbestos injury practitioner who is very experienced in such claims."*

Thames Valley Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Oxford and surrounds	Reading and surrounds	Watford, Uxbridge and surrounds
Leading Firms	Leading Firms	Leading Firms
Band 1	Band 1	Band 1
Royds Withy King *	Boyes Turner *	IBB Law *
Leading Individuals	Band 2	Band 2
Band 1	Shoosmiths LLP *	Blaser Mills Law
Carrier Ian Royds Withy King	Leading Individuals	Collins Solicitors
Norris-Evans Tracy Royds Withy King	Band 1	Leading Individuals
Band 2	Bowler Sue Shoosmiths LLP	Band 1
Childs Helen Royds Withy King	Donoghue Rose Shoosmiths LLP *	Collins Des Collins Solicitors
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.	Milan Kim Boyes Turner *	Underhill Malcolm IBB Law *
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Roantree Claire Boyes Turner *	Band 2
		Holliday Danielle Collins Solicitors
		Matthews David Blaser Mills Law
		Pimlott Simon IBB Law *

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Blaser Mills Law

What the team is known for Expert team that acts for claimants across a broad range of claims, including RTAs and employers' liability cases. Significant experience in complex head, spinal cord and brain injury matters, as well as fatal accidents.

Notable practitioners

David Matthews is experienced in representing clients across a range of personal injury cases arising out of RTAs and public liability claims. He serves as head of the firm's personal injury team.

Boyes Turner

See profile on p.1524

What the team is known for Highly experienced personal injury practice fielding leading capabilities in catastrophic and fatal injury claims. Particular strength in spinal and head injury cases, including

those arising from accidents at work and RTAs, often acting for pedestrians and motorcyclists. Regularly works with rehabilitation charities across the UK. Also represents secondary victims in PTSD and other psychological injury claims. Offers wider support with the firm's Court of Protection team in order to provide clients with a holistic service.

Strengths One interviewee states: *"The team is responsive and supportive of clients."*

Notable practitioners

Kim Milan (see p.1062) is recognised by market commentators for her experience in brain injury cases. She is particularly well placed to handle claims arising from a wide range of RTAs, including those involving motorbikes and bicycles. *"Kim Milan is knowledgeable and always supportive of the client and treating teams."* **Claire Roantree** (see p.1064) is adroit across the spectrum of claims, from brain and spinal injuries to PTSD and amputation cases. *"Claire Roantree is conscientious and brilliant with her*

clients." *"She is absolutely amazing on difficult and complex cases that need a human touch."*

Collins Solicitors

What the team is known for Broad practice with notable niche expertise in personal injury claims arising from contaminated land. Frequently advises on complex multiparty cases of industrial diseases, clinical negligence or fatal accidents. Additionally represents clients injured in RTAs and cases involving children, as well as acting on psychiatric claims.

Notable practitioners

Des Collins advises on group litigation and acts for clients on RTA cases, with injuries encompassing chronic pain, spinal injury and psychological symptoms. *"He is a remarkable lawyer."* **Danielle Holliday's** practice encompasses group litigation, childhood

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Milton Keynes and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors *
White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Dalton Andrew White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors
Gill Navdip Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors *
Prendergast Andrew White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors
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injuries and liability issues.

Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors

See profile on p.1626

What the team is known for Highly regarded personal injury practice offering expertise in a broad range of disputed liability cases. Equally adept at handling cases resulting from RTAs, acting for passengers, pedestrians and cyclists. Expertise includes severe spinal cord and brain injuries, as well as PTSD. **Strengths** One client comments: *"The service I received was five-star; the team were professional and empathetic."*

Work highlights Acted on a high-speed RTA claim, wherein the claimant suffered orthopaedic injury, damage to their audio vestibular system and psychological trauma.

Notable practitioners

Navdip Gill (see p.1057)'s practice spans claims involving catastrophic injuries sustained in RTAs and accidents at work. *"Navdip Gill is very conscientious of his clients' needs."*

IBB Law

See profile on p.1665

What the team is known for Leading personal injury team working on complex contested liability matters. Houses particular strength in brain injury litigation, with further experience acting for cyclists and passengers on RTA claims. Active across an enviable breadth of cases, with particular visibility on historic abuse cases. Further experience includes acting on

group litigation.

Strengths One client comments: *"The solicitors at IBB Law are excellent. They are always thorough, responsive and supportive."*

Work highlights Advised a pedestrian who sustained a serious brain injury in an RTA.

Notable practitioners

Malcolm Underhill (see p.1066)'s practice covers brain injury and sexual abuse cases, in addition to accidents at work and RTAs. *"Malcolm Underhill is an incredibly experienced practitioner." "He has been exceptionally good and has provided guidance, support and managed all the aspects of dealing with the claims."* **Simon Pimlott** (see p.1064) continues to advise on significant brain injury claims arising from RTAs, in addition to chronic pain cases. *"He does the work so diligently and so empathetically, and is very good at dealing sensitively with clients who have been through challenging circumstances."*

Royds Withy King

See profile on p.1778

What the team is known for Outstanding personal injury practice adept at handling an impressive breadth of claims, including industrial disease cases, occupational health matters, RTAs and horse-riding injuries. Also active on personal injury cases involving travel and foreign jurisdictions. Represents clients in a range of physical and psychological injury claims.

Strengths One source comments: *"The solicitors are very sympathetic, have great expertise and go above and beyond for the client."*

Work highlights Represented a client who suffered head and spinal injuries in a workplace accident.

Notable practitioners

Ian Carrier frequently advises on catastrophic injury cases, with claims encompassing RTAs and accidents at work. **Tracy Norris-Evans** assists with claims encompassing brain and orthopaedic injuries, as well as psychological damage. *"Tracy Norris-Evans is always there for the client and is involved with every step of the process from the start to the settlement."*

Helen Childs is well practised in assisting with industrial disease claims, particularly those relating to asbestos. *"Helen Childs is experienced, incredibly dedicated and pleasant to work with."*

Shoosmiths LLP

See profile on p.1797

What the team is known for Well-known firm in the Reading personal injury market with notable experience in brain and spinal injury cases arising from RTAs, as well as public and employers' liability cases.

Strengths One client appreciates: *"I received answers quickly and in a way we could understand."*

Work highlights Acted for a client who suffered spinal injuries following a collision.

Notable practitioners

Sue Bowler advises on catastrophic brain injury claims, with experience acting for vulnerable clients. She also offers complementary strength in Court of Protection matters. **Rose Donoghue** (see p.1056) advises on catastrophic injury cases encompassing brain and spinal cord injuries. *"She is pragmatic, approachable and focuses on the client's needs."*

White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors

What the team is known for Boutique firm exclusively advising on claims arising from motorcycle incidents. Demonstrates knowledge on fatal and catastrophic injuries, including amputations, paraplegia and cases with serious psychological repercussions. Represents claimants in contested liability cases, complex quantum cases and cases under the MIB Uninsured Drivers Agreement.

Strengths One client describes the firm as *"absolutely excellent,"* explaining: *"The lawyers are patient, persistent and transparent."*

Notable practitioners

Andrew Dalton advises on an array of claims arising from motorcycle collisions, including fatalities, paraplegia, amputations, chronic pain and psychological trauma. *"Andrew Dalton displays the right balance of amiability and firm, cool professionalism, securing the confidence of his client."* **Andrew Prendergast** advises on RTAs, including those resulting in spinal cord injuries, amputations and psychological injuries. *"Andrew Prendergast is focused, calm and professional."*

Midlands Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Birmingham and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP *
Brethertons LLP
Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Thompsons *
Waldrons Solicitors *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Batta Rankeshwar Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
Edwards Philip Clarke Willmott LLP (ORL) ◇
Nye Stephen Irwin Mitchell *
Rees Jonathan Brethertons LLP
Wetherell Hilary Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
Coates Alida Irwin Mitchell *
Daniels Luke Irwin Mitchell *
de-Loyde Karl Thompsons
McDonnell John Waldrons Solicitors
O'Brien Gerry Waldrons Solicitors
Associates to watch
Campbell Jayne Slater and Gordon Lawyers
Fullilove Victoria Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
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Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP

See profile on p.1484

What the team is known for Birmingham-based team fielding notable experience in representing adult and child claimants. Acts on a broad range of catastrophic injury claims, including brain and spinal injuries, in addition to psychological damage. Advises on RTAs, CICA claims and occupational health matters.

Strengths One source comments: "The team are very dedicated and diligent," adding: "The solicitors at Anthony Collins always have the client's interest at the forefront of their minds."

Work highlights Acted for a cyclist who suffered orthopaedic injuries following a collision with a car.

Notable practitioners

Rankeshwar Batta's expertise encompasses catastrophic and psychological injury claims arising from RTAs, including acting on cases involving children. "Rankeshwar Batta is experienced, canny and capable. He leads the team exceptionally well and is really client-focused." "He is very knowledgeable in his field of work and explains things in a very simple and concise manner." **Victoria Fullilove** advises on a broad array of cases including catastrophic injuries, RTAs, and workplace accidents. "Victoria Fullilove is diligent, very knowledgeable and has good attention to detail." "She is very thorough, understands the issues and is good at understanding clients' needs."

Barratts Solicitors

What the team is known for Boutique firm highlighted for its high-level representation of claimants, particularly in RTA claims. Expertise includes litigation arising from complex brain and head injuries,

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Shrewsbury and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Lorimer Neil Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors *
Band 2
Humphries Dawn Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors *
Associates to watch
Howard Louise Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors *

as well as spinal injury and fatal accident claims. Demonstrates particular skill in cross-border litigation and representing non-native speakers. Also active on CICA claims.

Work highlights Acted for the family of the victim on a fatal mesothelioma claim against former employers.

Notable practitioners

Ed Myers advises on brain injury cases, including those arising from RTAs. He also assists with CICA claims involving head injuries. "Ed Myers provides valuable advice and insight." **David Tomlinson** is well placed to assist with significant claims arising from RTAs resulting in brain and orthopaedic injuries. He often advises victims of bus and motorcycle collisions.

Brethertons LLP

What the team is known for Highly skilled in complex claims involving spinal cord and brain injuries, and offers wide-ranging experience, including RTAs, falls and accident at work claims. Also handles public liability claims and claims from dependants. Additional experience in clinical negligence matters.

Strengths One client comments: "Brethertons is very structured and transparent. The team always kept me up to date with the latest developments in the case." A source comments: "They make the clients feel so supported and guide each of them through very difficult times."

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Rees regularly advises on high-value spinal cord injury claims. He is well versed in cases arising from RTAs and workplace accidents. "Jonathan Rees will always do his very best for the client and leave no stone unturned to get the best outcome."

Freeths LLP

See profile on p.1618

What the team is known for Expert catastrophic injury group that operates within a strong nationwide practice. Highlighted for its specialist knowledge in brain and spinal injury cases, including those impacting children. Active in RTA and CICA claims. Also advises clients on liability and causation disputes.

Strengths One source comments: "Freeths provide a consistent level of service to their clients. The solicitors are responsive to communications and know how to use expert opinion effectively."

Notable practitioners

Jane Goulding frequently advises on cases arising from RTAs, often involving brain and orthopaedic injuries. "Jane Goulding is a master of detail, a prompt responder and has a clear understanding of her cli-

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Wolverhampton and the Black Country
Leading Firms
Band 1
Higgs LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Shaw Andy Higgs LLP
Band 2
Burnell Claire Higgs LLP

ents' difficulties." "She is really focused on rehabilitation and getting the best outcome and support for her clients."

Higgs LLP

What the team is known for Well-known Black Country firm that frequently acts on severe and fatal personal injury cases. Noted for its expert handling of head injury claims, burns and spinal cases, including those arising from RTAs, accidents at work and trips. Also recognised for its expertise in clinical negligence.

Notable practitioners

Andy Shaw is well placed to advise on significant RTA claims, with notable strength in orthopaedic, brain and spinal injury cases. "Andy Shaw is a very impressive and capable claimant lawyer." **Claire Burnell** advises on an array of personal injury claims including those involving trips and slips and workplace accidents.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Nationwide firm noted for its handling of major domestic and international personal injury claims. Offers an impressive breadth of expertise, as well as fielding specialist capabilities in areas such as brain and spinal injuries, and child abuse claims. Also skilled in workplace illness cases relating to mesothelioma and lung cancer, as well as demonstrating experience in psychiatric injury, including PTSD. Represents the victims of aviation disasters and terror attacks.

Strengths One interviewee comments: "Irwin Mitchell is truly standout in this area, with quality and depth right across the board."

Work highlights Represented client in a mesothelioma claim against the MoD, alleging exposure to asbestos during employment.

Notable practitioners

Stephen Nye (see p.1063) is active on a wide array of high-value claims covering spinal and brain injuries, including those resulting from RTAs. "Stephen Nye is a fantastic negotiator and has very good tactical knowledge." "He has a no-nonsense approach and gets exceptional results for clients." **Hilary Wetherell** (see p.1066) advises on high-value RTAs, including those resulting in fatalities, in addition to employers' liability claims. "Hilary Wetherell is tactically sound and experienced. She commands respect and clients love her." "She is very warm and empathetic with clients and knows the rehabilitation arena very well." **Alida Coates** (see p.1055) is particularly active in handling occupational disease cases, with a track record in asbestos-related claims. **Luke Daniels** (see p.1055) regularly assists with complex abuse claims, often against local authorities. "He combines enormous

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Nottingham and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Barratts Solicitors
Freeths LLP *
Band 2
Nelsons Solicitors
Rotheras
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Goulding Jane Freeths LLP
Band 2
Morris Debra Affinity Law Limited (ORL) ◇
Myers Ed Barratts Solicitors
Tomlinson David Barratts Solicitors
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◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
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experience in this area with great charm, unflappability and incisive understanding." "Luke Daniels has a really nice manner with clients and is excellent at putting them at ease."

Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors

See profile on p.1690

What the team is known for Leading Shropshire firm advising on an extensive breadth of personal injury cases, including high-value RTA and accident at work claims. Particularly experienced in acting for clients with spinal and cerebral injuries. Also skilled in handling military cases and accidents abroad. Works alongside clinical negligence and Court of Protection teams to fully support clients.

Strengths A source comments: "There is a fantastic depth of expertise in the team."

A client states: "The team are on the ball, extremely prompt with queries and also kept me up to date at all times."

Work highlights Acted for a driver injured in an RTA that resulted in traumatic brain injury.

Notable practitioners

Neil Lorimer (see p.1060) undertakes claims relating to psychiatric, brain and orthopaedic injuries. "I have never met anyone with his attention to detail; he puts everything into the case." **Dawn Humphries** (see p.1059) handles a wide range of orthopaedic and spinal injury claims. She is active on an array of personal injury cases, including those relating to workplace accidents and RTAs. "Dawn Humphries has good judgement and is well liked by clients." **Louise Howard** (see p.1059) advises on spinal injuries arising from RTAs and accidents at work. She is also able to handle claims against the MoD in respect of psychiatric damage.

Nelsons Solicitors

What the team is known for Demonstrates broad-ranging expertise encompassing industrial disease, public liability and RTA claims. Well versed in cases involving severe injuries. Also experienced in employers' liability mandates.

Notable practitioners

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Leading Firms
Band 1
Shoosmiths LLP *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
McKinney Christopher Shoosmiths LLP *
Band 2
Burgess Sharine Shoosmiths LLP

Lisa Preece is a key contact.

Rotheras

What the team is known for Handles a wide range of personal injury claims, specialising in serious RTA cases, workplace accidents and public liability claims.

Strengths One source comments: "Rotheras is excellent to deal with; the team is well organised and efficient."

Notable practitioners

Greg Almond is a key contact.

Shoosmiths LLP

See profile on p.1797

What the team is known for Nationwide firm with strong personal injury capabilities in the Midlands. Handles the full spectrum of claims, including those relating to catastrophic brain injuries, severe psychological trauma and spinal cord injuries. Also advises clients on claims resulting from RTAs and workplace injuries, as well as handling amputation and chronic pain cases. Additionally acts on falls and fires.

Strengths One source comments: "Shoosmiths excel at building a great relationship with the clients and keeping them informed and reassured."

Another interviewee notes: "The solicitors stand out for their reliability and top-of-the-market expertise."

Work highlights Advised on a workplace accident claim in which the client suffered orthopaedic injury and CRPS.

Notable practitioners

Christopher McKinney (see p.1062) acts for claimants on catastrophic injury cases including spinal and brain injuries. He is also experienced in claims arising from RTAs and workplace injuries. "His advice is always relevant, timely and personal. He clearly knows his area of expertise inside out." **Sharine Burgess** is adept at supporting clients across the spectrum of personal injury claims, including occupational stress, abuse and industrial disease claims. She has further strength in military-related cases. "Sharine Burgess has excellent attention to detail and her client management skills are excellent."

Slater and Gordon Lawyers

See profile on p.1805

What the team is known for Well-regarded group whose expert work includes representing the Police Federation in personal injury claims. Regularly handles RTA cases, particularly those pertaining to motorcycle collisions. Undertakes claims involving children. Also acts on cases involving traumatic amputations.

Notable practitioners

Jayne Campbell has notable strength acting for clients who have suffered a range of catastrophic injuries, including brain and spinal injuries. "Jayne Campbell is very approachable and helpful." "She is efficient, empathetic and understands the particular sensitivities and needs of road crash victims."

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Notable UK-wide firm fielding an experienced Birmingham team able to handle the full range of personal injury claims. Areas of focus include RTAs and complex brain injuries. Supports clients through rehabilitation by way of interim payments. Also active on claims arising from accidents at work and noted for its work with unions.

Strengths One source comments: "They are very good at putting nervous claimants at ease and making the whole experience less daunting."

Work highlights Advised on a claim after the client suffered a below-knee amputation following a workplace accident.

Notable practitioners

Karl de-Loyde frequently acts for claimants on injuries arising from RTAs, particularly those involving motorcycle collisions.

Waldrons Solicitors

See profile on p.1837

What the team is known for Strong Birmingham boutique with significant experience in workplace accident and employers' liability claims. Also acts on complex claims arising from RTAs. Significant track record in serious brain and orthopaedic injury cases, as well as psychiatric injury matters. Active on institutional representations, acting for clients such as the Police Federation.

Notable practitioners

John McDonnell is well versed in catastrophic injury cases, often involving orthopaedic and brain injuries. His work portfolio encompasses RTAs, workplace incidents and falls. He is also experienced in psychiatric damage claims. "John McDonnell has a natural ability to get the client on side from the get-go. He is brilliant." **Gerry O'Brien's** caseload spans RTAs, employer liability claims and Police Federation cases. He is experienced in chronic pain claims, and in orthopaedic and psychiatric injury matters. "He is just fantastic."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Philip Edwards handles cases arising from RTAs and workplace accidents, with amputation and catastrophic personal injury claims serving as frequent sources of instruction. "Philip Edwards is an experienced litigator who quickly understands and gets to the heart of the issue." "He is very good at making the law accessible to his clients."

Debra Morris is an experienced personal injury lawyer with notable expertise in claims relating to brain injuries. "She is excellent."

North West Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Carlisle and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Burnetts
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Knaggs Spencer <i>Burnetts</i>
<i>* Indicates firm / individual with profile.</i>
<i>◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Burnetts

What the team is known for Top-rated practice that assists claimants with a wide range of high-value claims. Regularly represents clients who have suffered severe brain and spinal injuries, as well as orthopaedic injuries arising from RTAs and accidents at work. Closely cooperates with the brain injury charity Headway, while also offering assistance with mesothelioma cases.

Strengths A client reports: “We are kept well informed – even through COVID we have had regular contact, and their process has been successfully adapted to ensure that the claim is still progressing.”

Work highlights Acted for a client who suffered multiple injuries in an RTA, including spinal and gastrointestinal injuries.

Notable practitioners

Spencer Knaggs is the head of the medical negligence and serious injury team at Burnetts. He regularly acts for individuals who have suffered serious injuries as a result of RTAs and incidents at work, and has a noted focus on spinal cord injury cases. “Spencer is a first-rate personal injury claimant solicitor. He is knowledgeable, shrewd and displays sound judgement and pragmatism in relation to his caseload.”

CFG Law

See profile on p.1550

What the team is known for Respected personal injury team with significant expertise handling cases arising out of RTAs and workplace incidents. Frequently represents claimants who have suffered traumatic orthopaedic, brain and spinal cord injuries. Provides holistic support to clients through noteworthy Court of Protection and private client departments.

Notable practitioners

Polly Herbert is a key contact.

Farleys Solicitors LLP

See profile on p.1600

What the team is known for Proficient personal injury practice best known for representing claimants in cases against local authorities involving allegations of child abuse. Additionally strong in a wider range of human rights and inquest-related cases. Also assists clients with a variety of litigation covering fatal accidents and serious injuries, with expertise in catastrophic brain and spinal injuries. Claims often involve RTAs and accidents in the workplace.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Bridge (see p.1054) has a strong personal injury practice which focuses on abuse cases, including historical claims. “My experience of working

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Liverpool and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Fletchers Solicitors *
Band 2
KLS Law
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Canter Jan <i>KLS Law</i>
Eyton Julia <i>Fletchers Solicitors</i>
Hopwood Carol <i>Carpenters Limited (ORL) ◇</i>
Johnson Kevin <i>Leigh Day *</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Horton Gerard <i>Fletchers Solicitors</i>
Riley Louise <i>Fletchers Solicitors</i>

with Jonathan is entirely positive. He prioritises his clients’ needs with sensitivity and insight and is strongly motivated to achieve the best outcome possible for them.”

Fletchers Solicitors

See profile on p.1611

What the team is known for Specialised practice best known for representing claimants who have suffered serious injuries in motorcycle incidents. Assists clients with high-value catastrophic claims, including brain, spinal cord, amputation and orthopaedic injury claims. Continues to provide Court of Protection services to clients.

Strengths Interviewees describe Fletchers as “one of the pre-eminent claimant firms for badly injured motorcyclists.”

“It is a strong team of catastrophic injury lawyers,” an impressed source reveals, adding: “They are well organised and deal very effectively with serious claims.”

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered a brain injury as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Notable practitioners

Julia Eyton heads the firm’s catastrophic personal injury team. She has a wealth of experience acting for claimants suffering from life-changing injuries, including spinal, brain and orthopaedic injuries. “Julia is massively experienced and she has a very wise head on her shoulders.” **Gerard Horton** is a well-regarded claimant solicitor in the serious injury team at Fletchers Solicitors. He regularly represents clients who have been injured as a result of RTAs, particularly those involving motorcycles. “He is a very personable lawyer with first-rate legal knowledge and commercial acumen.” **Louise Riley** is noted for her expertise handling personal injury claims, with a particular focus on litigation relating to catastrophic brain injuries arising from RTAs.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Standout national firm with a market-leading Manchester office that assists clients with high-value, complex personal injury claims. Known for its expertise in litigation against the Ministry of Defence and other employers. Experienced in handling cases involving industrial disease as well as catastrophic injuries. Provides a wealth of expertise relating to serious brain, amputation and spinal injuries, with a strong focus on client rehabil-

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Manchester and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Irwin Mitchell *
Potter Rees Dolan, Serious Injury Solicitors *
Band 2
JMW Solicitors LLP *
Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Band 3
CFG Law *
Farleys Solicitors LLP *
Leigh Day *
Simpson Millar LLP
Thompsons *
Senior Statespeople & Eminent Practitioners
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
McCool Geraldine <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Eminent Practitioners
Betts Jonathan <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Leech Catherine <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Band 1
Brown Matthew <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Healy Deirdre <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Potter Hugh <i>Potter Rees Dolan, Serious Injury Solicitors *</i>
Scorer Richard <i>Slater and Gordon Lawyers *</i>
Tomlinson Matthew <i>Slater and Gordon Lawyers *</i>
Band 2
Breen Paul <i>JMW Solicitors LLP *</i>
Bridge Jonathan <i>Farleys Solicitors LLP *</i>
Cartwright Gordon <i>JMW Solicitors LLP *</i>
Clayton Matthew <i>Simpson Millar LLP</i>
Gwyther Martyn <i>Thompsons</i>
Hardacre Michael <i>Slater and Gordon Lawyers *</i>
Harrison Kim <i>Slater and Gordon Lawyers *</i>
Harwood Jason <i>JMW Solicitors LLP *</i>
Herbert Gary <i>Potter Rees Dolan, Serious Injury Solicitors *</i>
Lilley Andrew <i>JMW Solicitors LLP *</i>
Meredith Hilary <i>Hilary Meredith Solicitors (ORL) ◇</i>
Molloy Mike <i>Horwich Cohen Coghlan Solicitors (ORL) ◇</i>
Simmons Nicola <i>Thompsons</i>
Zajac Andrew <i>Leigh Day *</i>
Associates to watch
Biggs Richard <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>
Botterill Rachel <i>Leigh Day *</i>
Garson Matthew <i>Irwin Mitchell *</i>

itation. Works closely with the family law and Court of Protection teams to provide a full-service package for claimants.

Strengths Interviewees describe Irwin Mitchell’s personal injury practice as “a top-class team with an impressively deep bench.”

Sources say: “Irwin Mitchell provides a high-quality service and is a market-leading firm for large personal injury claims.”

Work highlights Acted for a former footballer who was left tetraplegic as a result of a spinal cord injury sustained in a club in Ibiza.

Notable practitioners

Geraldine McCool (see p.1062) has impressive expertise handling personal injury claims, with a particular focus on cases related to the military and aviation. “She has a wealth of experience in aviation military claims.” **Jonathan Betts** (see p.1053) is a vastly experienced

perienced practitioner, frequently handling high-value personal injury claims relating to brain injury, spinal cord injury and amputation. *"He is a force to be reckoned with and has a good sense of strategy."* **Catherine Leech** (see p.1060) is a highly acclaimed personal injury lawyer with a wealth of expertise acting for claimants. She is best known as a go-to lawyer for claims relating to spinal cord injuries arising out of RTAs and workplace accidents. *"Catherine is organised, efficient and always looking to move the case forwards. She knows the ins and outs of spinal cord injury cases."* **Matthew Brown** (see p.1054) is highly rated for his experience handling complex personal injury cases, with notable expertise in catastrophic brain and spinal injuries. *"His attitude is always to do absolutely everything that can be done to get the very best outcome for clients. He is proactive and quick to respond to queries."* **Deirdre Healy** (see p.1058) is highly sought after by clients and their families in a range of personal injury matters. She specialises in claims involving complex brain and spinal injuries, as well as amputations. *"She is a very determined lawyer who is committed to her clients and very effective at getting the right result."* **Richard Biggs** (see p.1053) acts in a range of personal injury cases, with notable expertise in high-value claims relating to brain and spinal injury as well as amputation. *"Richard is very diligent in his approach to cases and is always well prepared."* Senior associate **Matthew Garson** (see p.1057) acts on behalf of clients in a range of personal injury cases, including those relating to orthopaedic, brain and spinal injuries *"Matthew is a very able and experienced lawyer. He deals with his cases incredibly thoroughly and is not afraid to take difficult decisions."*

JMW Solicitors LLP

See profile on p.1673

What the team is known for Strong practice known for its expertise in acquired traumatic brain injuries and other catastrophic injuries. Possesses expertise in relation to chronic pain, amputation and spinal injury cases. Predominantly acts on claims arising from traffic accidents, including incidents involving cyclists, while also advising on accidents abroad.

Strengths An interviewee says: *"In a crowded market, they stand out. They handle complex litigation extremely well and I'm impressed with their organisational skills."*

One client reports: *"Everyone at the firm has been helpful, polite and prompt at responding to calls and emails."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered cardiac arrest and subsequently hypoxic brain damage after being assaulted by a hotel security team when being ejected from a room.

Notable practitioners

Paul Breen (see p.1054) leads the firm's catastrophic injury department. He is well known in the market for his expertise in brain and spinal injuries, as well as his particular specialism handling injuries arising from motorcycle collisions. *"He knows the issues and wrinkles in cases and is a master at achieving high-value settlements. He knows where the gaps in cases are and is able to close them up."* **Gordon Cartwright** (see p.1054) is well known for acting on personal injury matters related to catastrophic injuries, often following RTAs. He has notable expertise advising on paediatric brain injuries. **Jason Harwood** (see p.1058) acts for claimants on a range of personal injury cases, including brain, orthopaedic and amputation

claims arising from fatal accidents. He has special expertise handling fibromyalgia cases. *"Jason is a determined litigator. He is focused on getting the right results for his clients and keeps this goal at the forefront of everything he does on cases."* Head of the firm's industrial disease team **Andrew Lilley** (see p.1060) is frequently sought after to advise on mesothelioma and asbestos-related cases. He also has experience handling catastrophic brain, spinal and orthopaedic claims.

KLS Law

What the team is known for Strong Warrington-based firm with a noteworthy reputation for representing clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries. Primary assists claimants in employment liability claims and cases arising out of RTAs. Expertise spans the full range of personal injury matters, including amputation, brain and spinal cord injuries.

Strengths Clients describe the team at KLS Law as *"efficient, effective and extremely responsive."*

Work highlights Represented a client who sustained a T4 spinal cord snap when the vehicle he was driving was hit by a petrol tanker.

Notable practitioners

Jan Canter is a personal injury claimant lawyer with a strong reputation for representing individuals who have suffered injuries as a result of RTAs. His expertise spans cases concerning spinal cord, brain and psychological injuries. *"Jan is diligent and extremely knowledgeable. He made the experience stress-free and I was kept informed at every single stage."* *"I found Jan to be empathetic, thoughtful and supportive."*

Leigh Day

See profile on p.1695

What the team is known for Regularly instructed on behalf of claimants in a range of personal injury claims. Notable expertise acting for asbestos sufferers in actions against employers. Also frequently handles matters for injured cyclists and individuals who have been involved in accidents at work or overseas.

Strengths One source comments: *"The team were well prepared and most thorough. They put the leg-work in to get the best possible result."*

An impressed client says: *"It is an efficient team – every lawyer that I dealt with was up to date and knowledgeable about my case. I valued the interest, understanding, support and compassion they all demonstrated during my dealings with them."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who developed mesothelioma as a result of asbestos exposure during his employment as a health physics assistant.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Johnson (see p.1060) specialises in advising clients in relation to personal injury claims arising from exposure to asbestos. *"Kevin is compassionate, always available and has a good depth of knowledge and expertise in personal injury claims."* *"He is very conscientious and devoted to his clients."* **Andrew Zajac** (see p.1067) specialises in advising on serious injury claims, including brain injury and orthopaedic injury stemming from RTAs. *"Andrew has a very client-centric approach and is ready to fight tooth and nail. He puts in as many hours as necessary in order to achieve the best result."* **Rachel Botterill** (see p.1053) is an associate solicitor in the personal injury team at Leigh Day. She has a strong reputation for representing cyclists who have suffered a wide range of injuries as a result of RTAs. *"Rachel is efficient and*

very clued up on the issues in brain injury cases."

Potter Rees Dolan, Serious Injury Solicitors

See profile on p.1765

What the team is known for Standout boutique firm acting for claimants on serious personal injury claims, such as amputation and spinal injuries. Particular expertise dealing with complex brain injuries, including post-concussion syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strong knowledge of claims arising from work-based accidents and RTAs. Also handles a variety of complex cases including CICA and MIB claims.

Strengths An impressed client says: *"We found their client service excellent. They were always available to answer any queries, provide solutions and guide us through the process. We cannot thank them enough for guiding us through this difficult time."*

One source notes: *"Potter Rees Dolan deal with their cases efficiently and offer a first-class service."*

Notable practitioners

Hugh Potter (see p.1064) is lauded as a leading practitioner for personal injury matters, with a particular focus on complex claims connected with severe brain and spinal cord injuries. *"Hugh is a high-quality litigator who is well known in the personal injury field."*

Gary Herbert (see p.1059) is a prominent claimant solicitor in the personal injury team at Potter Rees Dolan. He has significant experience advising clients on brain injury cases arising out of RTAs. *"Gary is a very determined fighter for his clients."* *"He demonstrated great knowledge and empathy for our needs as a family."*

Simpson Millar LLP

What the team is known for Growing personal injury department that acts for claimants involved in RTAs, as well as employers' liability cases. Regularly instructed on brain, spinal cord and chronic pain injury cases. Assists clients with the attainment of early rehabilitation in relation to their injuries. Also offers considerable expertise in abuse claims.

Strengths Sources describe the personal injury team as *"organised and efficient."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered a brain injury and a fracture to their leg when they were struck by a vehicle.

Notable practitioners

Matthew Clayton is noted for his expertise in relation to catastrophic personal injury claims, including severe brain injury, amputations and spinal cord injury. *"He is well known for his tenacity in pursuing his clients' interests."*

Slater and Gordon Lawyers

See profile on p.1805

What the team is known for Maintains an excellent coverage of the North West and has a particularly strong presence in Manchester. Particularly well known for its expertise in high-value traumatic brain and spinal claims, often due to injuries sustained in RTAs. Also offers notable capability in high-value industrial injury cases, as well as child abuse claims. Focuses on providing rehabilitation services to clients.

Strengths *"They deliver legal services to a very high standard for their clients,"* reports a source.

An impressed client says: *"The team was professional and kept me fully updated throughout the claim."*

Work highlights Represented a broadcast journalist

who was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder after a vehicle she was seated in was hit by a mortar bomb during a visit to Syria in 2014.

Notable practitioners

Head of the abuse law practice **Richard Scorer** (see p.1065) has substantial experience in high-profile cases relating to child sexual exploitation and abuse. *"Richard was exceptionally good at converting deeply personal experiences into a cogent and coherent articulation of the case and was equally robust in pursuing it on my behalf. I could not have found a better advocate."* **Matthew Tomlinson** (see p.1066) regularly handles complex, multi-track personal injury claims regarding workplace and military accidents. These include spinal and brain injuries, amputations and fatalities. *"Matthew is extremely personable, patient in explaining complex legal matters and good at setting my nerves at ease. He was always quick to respond to calls and emails, and his manner is kind and understanding."* **Michael Hardacre** (see p.1058) is hugely experienced at representing clients in complex, multi-track personal injury claims. *"Michael was fantastic – he kept me updated throughout and supported me through what was a very difficult process. He provided really excellent service from day one and worked incredibly hard on my case."* **Kim Harrison** (see p.1058) specialises in acting for victims and survivors of abuse in claims against organisations such as schools, social services and hospitals. She is also

experienced in associated human rights issues. *"Kim explained everything thoroughly and was on hand if I had any questions or concerns."*

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Provides high-quality advice to clients across the North West on personal injury matters, exclusively representing claimants. Particularly noted for its work with trade unions, representing many of the nation's leading bodies. Proficient at handling claims involving RTAs, as well as accidents at work. Areas of experience include serious head and brain injuries as well as amputation and fatal cases. Also offers extensive expertise in claims for accidents occurring overseas.

Strengths Interviews remark that *"Thompsons has a good track record of taking the stress out of personal injury litigation."*

Work highlights Acted for a client who suffered a severe brain injury after being hit by a vehicle while attempting to cross the road.

Notable practitioners

Martyn Gwyther heads the cross-border personal injury claims practice. He is well regarded for advising those who have been involved in accidents or contracted illness overseas on personal injury claims in the UK. *"He is incredibly talented and very thorough."* **Nicola Simmons** is a senior solicitor in

the serious injury team at Thompsons. She regularly represents claimants in cases concerning brain and orthopaedic injuries sustained as a result of RTAs and incidents at work. *"Nicola has all the attributes of a fantastic claimant solicitor. She is highly intelligent and definitely goes the extra mile for her clients."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Head of serious and catastrophic injury **Carol Hopwood** is highly sought after for her expertise on personal injury matters, including brain and spinal injuries, amputation injuries and fatal accidents.

Hilary Meredith is highly regarded for representing members of the armed forces community in relation to personal injury claims. *"Hilary is a very prominent representative of military personnel and is passionate about her work."*

Mike Molloy is a noted personal injury solicitor with strong experience representing claimants in cases both domestically and abroad. He primarily acts for clients who have suffered brain injuries and severe illnesses. *"Mike is a very organised and committed lawyer who has the trust of his clients."* *"He is a very experienced and practical lawyer who is good at solving problems."*

Yorkshire Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	
Leeds, Bradford and surrounds	
Leading Firms	
Band 1	
Irwin Mitchell *	
Stewarts *	
Band 2	
Thompsons *	
Eminent Practitioners	
Eminent Practitioners	
Wilson Simon G <i>Thompsons</i>	
Leading Individuals	
Band 1	
Heaton Carolyn <i>Irwin Mitchell</i> *	
Herman Daniel <i>Stewarts</i> *	
Townsend Ben <i>Stewarts</i> *	
Band 2	
Kingston Sion <i>Irwin Mitchell</i>	
Maxwell Warren <i>Stewarts</i> *	
Shakespeare Helen <i>Thompsons</i>	
Associates to watch	
Smith Chris <i>Stewarts</i> *	
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Atherton Godfrey LLP

See profile on p.1491

What the team is known for Experienced team that undertakes a wide array of work, including cases involving serious brain and spinal injuries, PTSD and

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Sheffield and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
Atherton Godfrey LLP *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Aram Rachael Irwin Mitchell *
Jenkins Louise Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
McQuater John Atherton Godfrey LLP
Up-and-coming individuals
Withers David Irwin Mitchell *

severe burns. Particularly well versed in RTA claims and also active on employers' liability claims. Offers additional expertise in matters arising from severe injuries following falls.

Work highlights Acted on an employers' liability claim in which the client suffered orthopaedic and nerve injuries arising from a workplace accident.

Notable practitioners

John McQuater advises on psychiatric and catastrophic injuries arising from RTAs and accidents at work.

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Market-leading practice that acts on a comprehensive range of complex claims. Expertise includes a focus on high-value,

serious claims arising from RTAs, chronic pain and brain and spinal injuries. Additional strength in Court of Protection issues, criminal injuries and asset management. Additionally employs a dedicated client liaison manager in Leeds to maximise client service. Particularly adept at acting on industrial disease matters, including asbestos-related disease claims.

Strengths One source comments: *"Irwin Mitchell is a really top-class team with excellent strength in depth."* A client says: *"The service is of a very high standard and the whole process has been a smooth one."*

Work highlights Advised on a mesothelioma claim, in which the client was exposed to asbestos in the 1980s.

Notable practitioners

Rachael Aram (see p.1052) advises on high-value cases surrounding RTAs resulting in cerebral injuries, with notable experience representing cyclists. *"Rachael Aram is very approachable and helpful at a difficult time and provides me the right amount of detail to make an informed decision."* **Carolyn Heaton** (see p.1059) frequently undertakes high-value catastrophic injury cases, usually arising from RTAs. **Louise Jenkins** (see p.1060) is well versed in RTA cases involving brain injury. She is also experienced in personal injury cases featuring complicated liability and quantum issues. **Sion Kingston** is well equipped to assist with catastrophic injury matters arising from RTAs, in addition to CICA cases. *"Sion Kingston will move heaven and earth for his clients."*

David Withers (see p.1067) is well versed in complex personal injury cases, particularly those involving spinal and brain injuries arising from RTAs.

Stewarts

See profile on p.1813

What the team is known for Experienced catastrophic injury practice, with a track record in complex brain and spinal cord claims. Particular experience includes serious injuries as a result of RTAs involving motorcycles. Well versed in high-value cases involving issues such as amputations, severe burns and fatal accidents. Also familiar with severe orthopaedic and neurological injury cases.

Strengths One source comments: *"They are incredibly good at what they do and put the injured client at the heart of all they do."*

Another impressed interviewee adds: *"The solicitors are excellent in every aspect of their work."*

Notable practitioners

Daniel Herman (see p.1059) is experienced in representing clients in catastrophic injury cases, including matters concerning brain and spinal injuries. *"Daniel*

Herman is simply one of the most astute and clever litigators I know." **Ben Townsend** (see p.1066) is well placed to advise on catastrophic injury cases, including life-changing orthopaedic and traumatic brain injuries. *"Ben Townsend is a first-class litigator."*

"He is completely dedicated to the cause." **Warren Maxwell** (see p.1062) is well versed in cases involving serious injuries arising from workplace incidents and RTAs. *"Warren Maxwell is absolutely excellent with clients."* **Chris Smith** (see p.1065) assists with cases stemming from RTAs, including those involving brain injuries and amputations. *"Chris Smith is detail-oriented and meticulous."*

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Experienced serious injury specialists who frequently act on high-value claims, including brain and neck injuries. Maintains

an impressive client base of national trade unions and often advises on occupational injuries. Also represents private individuals in personal injury claims resulting from RTAs, as well as acting on industrial disease cases.

Strengths One source comments: *"They have an ethos of commitment to client care and utilise vast experience for the benefit of their clients."*

Notable practitioners

Simon Wilson is well versed in complex RTA and workplace injury cases. He serves as the firm's national lead lawyer for serious injury claims. **Helen Shakespeare** handles claims arising from workplace accidents and RTAs, with a focus on spinal and orthopaedic injury cases. *"Helen Shakespeare is a safe pair of hands on the most serious catastrophic injury work, she knows the work backwards and has a great way with clients."*

North East Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Newcastle and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
Sintons
Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Thompsons *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Davis John Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Maddocks Roger Irwin Mitchell *
Mayes Fran Irwin Mitchell *
Band 2
Brown Paul Burnetts (ORL) ◇
Davison Philip Sintons
Hall Trevor Thompsons
O'Donnell Roger Ward Hadaway LLP (ORL) ◇ *
Up-and-coming individuals
Pyrah Jane Irwin Mitchell *
Star associates
Nicklin Kate Slater and Gordon Lawyers *
Associates to watch
Crowther Emma Irwin Mitchell *
Maddock Rebecca Irwin Mitchell *
McIlduff Laura Irwin Mitchell *
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Band 1

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Outstanding firm with a specialism in asbestos-related disease claims, as well as brain, spinal and other serious injuries. Possesses expertise handling cases arising from RTAs and workplace injuries, while also dealing with sexual abuse-related claims. Provides ancillary services to clients in conjunction with other departments of the

firm, such as the Court of Protection, asset management and family teams.

Strengths Interviewees describe Irwin Mitchell's personal injury offering as *"a well-organised and well-resourced team that provides a very high-quality service."*

Commentators reveal that it is *"a really personable team that gets good results for clients."*

Notable practitioners

Roger Maddocks (see p.1061) is recognised as a leading practitioner in industrial disease cases. He frequently assists clients from the construction and manufacturing industries on matters concerning mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases, as well as handling a variety of other workplace injury claims. **Fran Mayes** (see p.1062) is the regional managing partner for personal injury and also leads the firm's serious injury team. She specialises in catastrophic brain and spinal injury claims as well as fatalities, often connected to RTAs. *"Fran is a very experienced solicitor. She has a good commercial approach to cases and is a good litigator."* **Jane Pyrah** (see p.1064) has a great deal of experience handling complex personal injury cases. She frequently assists with high-value brain and spinal injury claims arising from RTAs and workplace incidents. *"Jane is a very experienced lawyer who has an excellent grasp of the details on cases and gets good results."* *"Jane genuinely cares about the outcome of her cases and will do all that she can to assist."* **Emma Crowther** (see p.1055) is an associate who is particularly experienced in assisting with claims relating to sexual assault and historic sexual abuse concerning children. She also advises on asbestos-related personal injury matters. **Rebecca Maddock** (see p.1061) is a senior associate in the serious injury team at Irwin Mitchell. She has significant experience acting for claimants who have been injured as a result of RTAs and workplace accidents. *"She has a complete command of the details in cases."* *"Rebecca is very professional and has a caring touch that provides the perfect approach to cases in a sensitive area."* **Laura McIlduff** (see p.1062) is an associate with experience advising

on a range of high-value and complex personal injury claims, most often with regard to life-changing injuries sustained in RTAs. She is adept at handling cases concerning both adults and children. *"Laura is a rising star who has an excellent approach with clients and experts. She is an outstanding performer."*

Band 2

Sintons

What the team is known for An excellent choice for claimant personal injury mandates, often handling high-value and catastrophic injury claims. Broad offering spans occupational and industrial diseases, workplace injuries and road accidents, including expertise in brain and spinal cord injuries. Offers an all-round service through its Court of Protection department.

Strengths Interviewees remark that Sintons has *"a communicative and supportive team."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who suffered a neck injury and subsequent stroke as a result of an RTA.

Notable practitioners

Philip Davison leads the department and regularly represents clients who have suffered serious orthopaedic injuries, often sustained in the workplace or in RTAs. He also handles fatal accident claims.

Slater and Gordon Lawyers

See profile on p.1805

What the team is known for National firm offering with significant expertise in complex personal injury cases. Particularly adept at representing claimants who have suffered brain and spinal cord injuries as a result of road traffic and workplace accidents.

Notable practitioners

John Davis (see p.1056) is a consultant within the team and has great depth of experience in complex personal injury work. He frequently handles brain and spinal injury claims connected with catastrophic RTAs and workplace incidents. **Kate Nicklin** (see

p.1063) is a senior associate with considerable experience handling high-value personal injury mandates. She regularly acts on cases involving brain and spinal injuries following road traffic and workplace accidents. *"Kate is a first-class performer and a rising star."*

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Broad personal injury practice representing claimants who have suffered traumatic or catastrophic injuries in a variety of accidents. Offers notable experience in employers' liability claims, including those concerning the armed forces. Well known for working on behalf of trade union clients in industrial disease claims and workplace accidents, with particular strength in relation

to asbestos cases.

Strengths Interviewees commend the firm for its *"caring approach to clients."*

Work highlights Secured a settlement on behalf of a claimant who sustained significant brain injuries in an RTA and now requires 24-hour care.

Notable practitioners

Trevor Hall handles a broad range of high-value claims relating to serious and catastrophic injuries such as brain trauma and amputation. He often advises on cases concerning injury sustained in the workplace, with niche expertise in matters concerning military service. *"He is very knowledgeable, organised, personable and possesses good judgement."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Paul Brown often represents clients in personal injury claims connected with RTAs as well as those sustained at work. He is particularly knowledgeable with regard to severe brain injuries. *"Paul is incredibly knowledgeable, utterly committed and really good with clients. He has an impressive eye for detail and he gets results."* *"He has a wealth of knowledge and experience in helping claimants with brain injury claims."*

Roger O'Donnell (see p.1063) is the head of the personal injury team at Ward Hadaway. He has notable experience representing claimants who have been involved in RTAs and workplace accidents. *"Roger is a very diligent, determined and accomplished solicitor. He combines tremendous experience with in-depth legal knowledge and commercial acumen."*

Wales Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Leading Firms
Band 1
Hugh James *
JCP Solicitors
NewLaw Solicitors
Band 2
Simpson Millar LLP
Thompsons *
Watkins & Gunn *
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Thomas Keith JCP Solicitors
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Clement-Evans Cenric NewLaw Solicitors
Thomas Clive Watkins & Gunn *
Band 2
Gower Phillip Novum Law (ORL) ◇
Imperato Michael Watkins & Gunn *
Jones Amanda Thompsons
McCabe Ciaran Hugh James
Obery Hilton NewLaw Solicitors
Sowden-Taylor Cari Hugh James
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Hugh James

See profile on p.1662

What the team is known for Exceptional claimant practice with a large team specialising in high-profile catastrophic personal injury claims. Notable strength in brain and spinal injuries, often connected to RTAs. Further areas of focus include product liability and abuse cases.

Strengths One source says: *"Hugh James offers an excellent service and is a market leader for personal injury work."*

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who sustained a spinal cord injury and brain injury in a road traffic collision, resulting in a £15 million settlement.

Notable practitioners

Ciaran McCabe represents claimants involved in RTAs resulting in catastrophic injuries, including brain and spinal damage. *"Ciaran is highly experienced, very thorough and very conscientious."* **Cari Sowden-Taylor** is praised for her client-oriented approach and technical knowledge. She focuses on brain and spinal injury claims connected to RTAs. *"Cari is experienced, very pragmatic and really fights for her clients."*

JCP Solicitors

What the team is known for Top personal injury practice with a strong foothold in South West and East Wales. Focuses on catastrophic injury claims, with particular experience in brain injury mandates. Advises on high-value RTA and abuse cases as well as employers' liability.

Strengths One source comments: *"The firm is friendly, good to work with and has excellent local knowledge. I always enjoy working with JCP Solicitors and feel that the client is at the centre of everything they do."*

Another source describes the firm as *"efficient, easy to work with and quick to respond to queries."*

Notable practitioners

Keith Thomas's practice predominantly covers severe brain injuries caused by RTAs. He also offers expertise in spinal cord injury claims. *"Keith is knowledgeable, responsive and a clear thinker. He works collaboratively with all those involved to get excellent settlements completed within a good timeframe."* *"I am very impressed with his doggedness and willingness to fight for his clients."*

NewLaw Solicitors

What the team is known for Leading personal injury team known for its activity on high-value claims. Represents clients involved in RTAs, with a particular focus on motorcycle claims. Serious injuries practice advises on cases of amputations and fractures, as well as spinal, orthopaedic and brain injuries. Also assists with occupational disease cases and workplace injuries.

Strengths One interviewee describes NewLaw Solic-

itors as *"an extremely impressive firm that covers all aspects of personal injury claims."*

Another interviewee reveals that the firm is *"well organised and equipped to serve its clients' interests."*

Notable practitioners

Cenric Clement-Evans specialises in industrial disease cases, with notable expertise in respiratory illness-related claims. He also has experience in employers' liability mandates. *"Cenric has an encyclopaedic knowledge of personal injury law, which stands him in excellent stead to tackle the most complex of cases. His sensible and down-to-earth approach means he is respected by opponents and trusted by clients. Beneath a calm exterior lies a determined litigator who doggedly seeks to optimise outcomes for those who have sustained life-changing injuries."* **Hilton Obery** is the head of the spinal injuries team at NewLaw Solicitors. He regularly assists claimants who have sustained serious injuries as a result of RTAs and workplace incidents, alongside handling fatality cases. *"He has a very good reputation for handling high-value catastrophic injury claims."*

Band 2

Simpson Millar LLP

What the team is known for Well-regarded team specialising in employment liability cases. Handles industrial disease claims such as asbestos-related mandates, with particular strength in mesothelioma cases. Also assists with accidents at work, including those with fatal outcomes.

Notable practitioners

Gavin Evans is a key contact.

Thompsons

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Dedicated claimant firm with a broad UK-wide personal injury presence. Deep expertise and experience representing claimants who have sustained injuries arising from asbestos exposure. Handles numerous claims on behalf of individuals who have sustained physical injuries in the workplace and also those suffering from

post-traumatic stress disorder.

Strengths One source describes the team as “*experienced and effective*,” before adding: “*They have dealt with so many cases that they know what they are doing and have good relationships with experts.*”

Work highlights Acted for a claimant who was exposed to asbestos during the course of his employment as a firefighter and subsequently developed mesothelioma.

Notable practitioners

Amanda Jones is a specialist asbestos lawyer who has a strong reputation for handling industrial disease claims on behalf of clients who have developed mesothelioma during their career. “*Amanda is passionate about her clients and is very caring, tenacious and professional in her approach.*” “*She is very good at guiding clients through the process in a very unflinching way and gets good results.*”

Watkins & Gunn

See profile on p.1842

What the team is known for Regional firm with a strong presence in South Wales. Significant experience in employers’ liability claims, with a long-standing tradition of union representation. Also assists with personal injury claims arising from RTAs, including serious brain injury and fatal accident cases.

Strengths Interviewees remark that the lawyers “*provide immensely high-quality work and an excellent service for their clients.*”

Commentators say: “*The firm puts its clients front and centre and provides a first-class service.*”

Work highlights Acted for community union members who suffered significant psychiatric injuries as a result of the Port Talbot steelworks explosion in 2019.

Notable practitioners

Clive Thomas (see p.1066) has particular experience acting on serious and fatal RTA claims. He has

handled matters with complex witness situations, including cases which have none or those who reside outside the UK. **Michael Imperato** concentrates largely on trade union-related and industrial disease cases. He also has extensive experience acting for claimants who have been involved in RTAs. “*Michael is very easy to work with, very happy to speak on the phone and he keeps you up to date. The papers we get are always immaculately produced.*”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Phillip Gower is particularly recommended for claims concerning respiratory illness contracted in industrial settings. He mostly handles cases in which the patient has died or else has sustained lifelong injuries. “*Phillip is a very experienced lawyer who knows exactly what steps need to be taken in order to lead a case to success.*”

Wales Mainly Defendant

Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant
Leading Firms
Band 1
BLM
Dolmans
Band 2
Geldards LLP*
Hugh James*
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Cradick Simon BLM
Harrington Matthew BLM
Band 2
Bennett Peter Dolmans
Dale Kerris BLM
Evans Simon M Dolmans
Harris Justin Dolmans
Makin Donna Geldards LLP
Associates to watch
Lloyd Leon Hugh James
* Indicates firm with profile.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

agement in an accident at work case concerning a claimant who fell from a warehouse roof and sustained a spinal injury.

Notable practitioners

Simon Cradick is noted for his experience in public and employers’ liability mandates. His practice covers a wide range of instructions, from industrial disease cases to workplace accident claims involving spinal injuries. **Matthew Harrington** is particularly adept at industrial disease and workplace accident claims. He has experience defending steelyards against personal injury claims, including class actions pursued by hundreds of claimants. **Kerris Dale** is recommended for her experience defending claims involving amputations, paraplegia and psychiatric damages. She is particularly noted for her expertise in defending motor claims on behalf of leading insurers. “*Kerris is a very professional, friendly and knowledgeable solicitor. I put a lot of trust in her as I know that she will do the best for our company and respect our position.*” “*Kerris has an encyclopaedic knowledge of road traffic litigation and good tactical skills.*”

lent personal injury team.”

Work highlights Represented Tesco Underwriting in relation to a claim by the passenger in a single-vehicle accident who sustained significant head injuries.

Notable practitioners

Peter Bennett acts for insurance companies on high-value personal injury claims, with particular expertise in industrial disease and workplace accident claims. His experience covers fatal accident claims, post-traumatic stress disorder damages and cases involving hundreds of claimants. “*Once he gets his teeth into something, he doesn’t give up until he gets the result he thinks we should have.*” **Simon Evans** is best known for his handling of complex claims arising from RTAs concerning motorcycles and multi-vehicle motorway collisions. He frequently defends claims relating to brain, spinal and orthopaedic injuries. “*Simon is a thoughtful solicitor who gives measured and sound advice.*” **Justin Harris** assists insurance companies and local authorities with high-value, complex personal injury claims connected with the mistreatment of children. He also has experience in cases involving RTAs. “*He is a hugely knowledgeable, focused and tenacious lawyer who has good judgement about cases. I have yet to come across someone who is so on the ball.*” “*He is a shrewd tactician who gets cases to a settlement quickly and efficiently.*”

Band 1

BLM

What the team is known for Outstanding team for defending employers’ liability claims. Experienced acting for large companies and insurers. Also represents an array of regional public authorities in public liability claims. Frequently handles industrial disease mandates such as mesothelioma and asbestos-related cases. Knowledgeable in catastrophic injury cases, including brain and spinal injuries.

Strengths “*The firm has good strength and depth when it comes to handling personal injury and industrial disease cases,*” one interviewee remarks, adding: “*They are probably the best defendant personal injury firm in Wales.*”

Work highlights Acted for Velocity Claims Man-

Dolmans

What the team is known for Leading group best known for representing public authorities, most notably local councils. Also acts for insurers on public and employers’ liability claims. Offers expertise in occupational and industrial disease cases, as well as workplace accident claims. Additionally assists with claims of sexual abuse and mistreatment of children in education and care, as well as assault on employees. Further experience in catastrophic injury mandates connected with RTAs.

Strengths “*The firm is very professional and very knowledgeable,*” an impressed interviewee reveals, adding: “*The team has the ability to articulate legal matters in a way that a lay client can understand.*”

Another source adds: “*Dolmans is a well-resourced firm that has a well-organised and technically excel-*

Band 2

Geldards LLP

See profile on p.1625

What the team is known for Best known for its work on employers’ liability cases, covering a range of issues such as serious and fatal accidents, industrial diseases and noise-induced hearing loss. Also represents local authorities and public bodies in public liability claims. Wider clientele includes insurers and charities, as well as manufacturing, retail and con-

struction companies. Offers consultation services including investigations, audits and advice on risk management.

Strengths One source states: *"The firm provides detailed advice at short notice and produces high-quality work."*

Notable practitioners

Donna Makin is regularly sought out by insurers and large companies for her expert handling of personal injury claims. She assists with public and employers' liability cases, often connected with industrial disease and serious injury claims. *"Donna is great to*

work with. She is very thorough in her approach and keeps me up to date on all relevant matters."

Hugh James

See profile on p.1662

What the team is known for Well-established Cardiff firm acting for public sector clients and insurers. Advises on a range of public and employers' liability claims. Experienced in industrial disease cases as well as claims arising out of workplace accidents.

Strengths *"The firm is very modern in its thinking,"* one interviewee remarks, adding: *"Everything is well*

prepared – Hugh James treat their clients to a Rolls-Royce service."

Notable practitioners

Leon Lloyd is a senior associate in the personal injury team at Hugh James who primarily acts for policyholders and insurers. He regularly defends clients in cases involving amputation and paralysis, as well as industrial disease claims. *"Leon has got a keen sense of commercial awareness and is always thorough and well prepared."* *"Leon provides an excellent service and is a very effective and efficient lawyer."*

Northern Ireland Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Leading Firms
Band 1
McCartan Turkington Breen *
Thompsons NI *
Band 2
Edwards & Co *
Millar McCall Wylie *
Reid, Black & Co.
Leading Individuals
Band 1
McClure Oonagh Thompsons NI
Band 2
Clarke Stephen McCartan Turkington Breen *
Harty Viv McCartan Turkington Breen *
Reid Seamus Reid, Black & Co.
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

McCartan Turkington Breen

See profile on p.1718

What the team is known for Leading personal injury team that impresses with its breadth of coverage, including employers' liability claims involving physical and psychological injury, as well as RTAs. Frequently acts for private claimants on catastrophic claims, as well as handling lower-value cases.

Strengths One client comments: *"The team are professional, enthusiastic, conscientious and very effective."*

Notable practitioners

Stephen Clarke (see p.1055) assists with claims arising from RTAs, often on behalf of cyclists and

pedestrians. He often acts on cases involving orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries. *"Stephen Clarke is a pleasure to deal with from start to finish; nothing is too much trouble."* **Viv Harty** (see p.1058) is well regarded for personal injury claims spanning RTAs and workplace accidents. *"Viv Harty has the most astute legal mind and is someone who inspires confidence, even when dealing with the most difficult of cases."*

Thompsons NI

See profile on p.1824

What the team is known for Well placed to act on workplace injury claims, with experience in asbestos-related cases and other occupational health claims. Predominantly represents private individuals from the healthcare sector and members of trade unions. Demonstrates additional experience advising on claims arising from RTAs, as well as trips and slips.

Notable practitioners

Oonagh McClure offers broad experience representing healthcare sector clients in personal injury cases. She regularly advises on RTAs and falls at work. She is acknowledged by market commentators for her track record in industrial disease claims, including asbestos-linked cases. *"Oonagh McClure is always very well prepared and has good relationships and contact with clients."*

Band 2

Edwards & Co

See profile on p.1594

What the team is known for Solid offering in industrial injuries and illness, such as hearing loss claims.

Also maintains a broad personal injury caseload that includes high-profile RTAs, employers' liability and post-traumatic stress syndrome claims. Well reputed for its work on behalf of the Police Federation, and also advises both trade unions and private individuals.

Notable practitioners

Dorcas Crawford is a key contact.

Millar McCall Wylie

See profile on p.1728

What the team is known for Handles an array of claims spanning RTAs, accidents at work and equine injuries. Falls, trips and slips also serve as a source of instruction for the firm. Assists with a range of injuries, including orthopaedic and psychiatric damage.

Notable practitioners

Caroline Prunty is a key contact.

Reid, Black & Co.

What the team is known for Noted for its expertise in hearing loss claims, as well as demonstrating experience in areas such as cycling, motorcycle and employers' liability cases. Additional areas of focus include repetitive strain injuries and industrial disease claims.

Notable practitioners

Seamus Reid is well placed to assist with hearing loss actions for officers in the military, police force and prison service.

Northern Ireland Mainly Defendant

Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant
Leading Firms
Band 1
DAC Beachcroft LLP *
Johnsons Solicitors *
Tughans *
Band 2
BLM
Carson McDowell *
DWF *
Kennedys
Murphy & O'Rawe *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Chambers Kenny Johnsons Solicitors *
Craig David Johnsons Solicitors *
McGahan Sean DAC Beachcroft LLP
McGillie Kathy Tughans
Band 2
Burke Andrew Murphy & O'Rawe
Harmer Claire Carson McDowell
O'Hagan Kevin DAC Beachcroft LLP
Ritchie Chris Arthur Cox (ORL) ◇
Shevlin Kevin Murphy & O'Rawe
Smyth Neil Tughans
Wylie Amanda Kennedys
Band 3
Butler Louise DAC Beachcroft LLP
Campbell Peter DAC Beachcroft LLP
Mellon Aisling DAC Beachcroft LLP
Associates to watch
O'Neill Cathal Carson McDowell
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◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
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Band 1

DAC Beachcroft LLP

See profile on p.1571

What the team is known for Leading personal injury group that acts for prominent insurance and retail clients. Also noted for its representation of public authorities. Expertise extends to wide-ranging cases, including industrial disease, product liability and employers' liability claims. Frequently advises on motor claims and also offers counter-fraud capabilities.

Strengths One client comments: "The team is client-focused, proactive and very responsive."

Work highlights Represented MS Amlin on the defence of an RTA claim in which the claimant suffered soft tissue injuries, a chest injury and severe adjustment disorder with key features of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Notable practitioners

Sean McGahan leads the team in Belfast and is highly experienced in handling complex personal injury claims. He advises on employers' and public liability along with motor and catastrophic injury cases, including instances where there is the possibility of fraud. "Sean McGahan is a hugely experienced practitioner." **Kevin O'Hagan** has notable experience in personal injury cases and is frequently instructed by insurers as well as large companies in the retail and utilities sectors. He offers particular expertise in public liability claims. "Kevin O'Hagan is

proactive, helpful and efficient and understands our needs." **Louise Butler** handles complex injury claims arising from RTAs and workplace accidents. She also offers notable strength in public liability claims. "Louise Butler is very competent, very engaging and easy to work with." **Peter Campbell** acts for insurers on a wide array of catastrophic injury cases including spinal injuries, brain injuries and fatal accidents. "Peter Campbell is a very strong litigator." **Aisling Mellon's** practice encompasses a wide range of personal injury matters, including those relating to public, employers' and occupiers' liability. She also has particular strength in handling motor claims. "Aisling Mellon has an impressive technical grasp of the claims she brings in."

Johnsons Solicitors

See profile on p.1674

What the team is known for Outstanding team that frequently advises major insurers on large-loss personal injury claims. Experienced across a range of areas, including workplace injuries, claims arising from RTAs and childhood injuries. Also known for advising on product liability litigation. Maintains offices in both Belfast and Dublin to facilitate cross-border matters.

Strengths One client attests: "The lawyers at Johnsons are really good to work with, always willing to support us and go that extra mile in moving cases forward." Another source comments: "I would have no hesitation in recommending the firm for their technical strength, quality and speedy service on particularly challenging issues."

Work highlights Represented Aviva in a large-loss RTA claim in which the claimant suffered multiple injuries including to the head, back and legs. The claim was settled for £550,000 from a reserve of £1.1 million.

Notable practitioners

Kenny Chambers (see p.1054) is the firm's managing partner and also heads its defence insurance litigation group. He has a wide-ranging practice encompassing personal injury claims concerning workplace injuries, RTAs and product liability. "Kenny Chambers is a tremendously knowledgeable individual who fights for every inch on behalf of his clients." **David Craig** (see p.1055) is an experienced personal injury solicitor who heads the firm's large-loss team. His practice spans a range of substantial claims including injuries resulting from workplace accidents, RTAs and faulty products. "David Craig is an excellent practitioner."

Tughans

See profile on p.1832

What the team is known for Impressively versatile group that defends insurers against occupational disease and catastrophic injury claims. Frequently advises on concomitant fraud and policy coverage issues. Specialist focus on claims arising from credit hire and repair issues involving motor insurance companies. Also active in claims related to travel and accidents abroad.

Strengths One impressed client comments: "They offer the highest level of customer service with the personal touch, and are open and transparent in all areas of service."

Notable practitioners

Kathy McGillie leads the firm's personal injury defendant team and represents a number of leading insurers on complex cases. She has considerable experience in catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs and workplace accidents, as well as handling industrial disease matters. **Neil Smyth** has a wide-ranging personal injury practice that includes significant focus on cross-border cases. He handles complex catastrophic injury claims as well as those brought in relation to employers', public and occupiers' liability.

Band 2

BLM

What the team is known for Prominent personal injury practice with broad expertise including RTA and historic abuse cases. Regularly handles catastrophic injury claims and also reputed for advising on large loss and professional indemnity claims. Further experience includes fatal accident and employers' liability claims.

Strengths One client comments: "The firm is very client-focused and the solicitors go above and beyond." Another source notes: "BLM are reliable, deliver good results and are very technically competent."

Work highlights Advised Re-Gen Waste Holdings on an employer's liability claim concerning an employee whose foot and ankle was crushed by a forklift truck during working hours. The claim was valued at £1 million but was ultimately settled for £675,000.

Notable practitioners

Cormac Fitzpatrick is a key contact.

Carson McDowell

See profile on p.1548

What the team is known for Respected practice acting for a range of insurers and self-insured clients. Acts on claims related to employers', occupiers' and public liability, as well as RTAs. Further assists clients with industrial disease claims, in addition to cross-border cases involving the Republic of Ireland.

Strengths One client comments: "Carson McDowell provides a very good service on updates throughout the claim and the lawyers are always available when we have queries."

Another impressed client adds: "Carson McDowell provides excellent advice. We trust their advice implicitly and know they are always working with us in order to achieve the best outcome."

Work highlights Defended Northern Ireland Electricity Networks in defence of an employer's liability claim concerning a plaintiff who suffered a laceration to his face resulting in permanent visible scarring and a deviated septum when building an electricity shell that fell and struck him on the nose. Carson McDowell reduced quantum significantly, and the claim settled for £13,500 with a 10% reduction for contributory negligence.

Notable practitioners

Claire Harmer is head of the department and has wide-ranging expertise in the defence of personal injury cases. Her practice includes advising on a range of public, employers' and occupiers' liability claims, as well as assisting clients with cases arising from RTAs. "Claire Harmer has been excellent. She is able to understand the nuances of the cases we were

dealing with and how to deal with the plaintiff and their legal team." *"Claire is very responsive and detailed in her advice."* **Cathal O'Neill** has notable experience handling a range of public and employers' liability cases, with a particular proficiency in hearing loss cases. *"Cathal O'Neill is very knowledgeable and thorough."*

DWF

See profile on p.1589

What the team is known for Well-regarded personal injury practice fielding expertise across a broad range of claims. Regularly defends against industrial disease cases, as well as handling areas such as product liability, RTAs and employers' liability claims.

Strengths One source comments: *"They are friendly, efficient and responsive."*

Work highlights Defended a multi-claimant personal injury claim from an RTA. DWF conducted an investigation and discovered the accident was staged, saving the client £150,000.

Notable practitioners

Scott McCarroll and Claire Wylie are key contacts.

Kennedys

What the team is known for Fields extensive experience in defending a wide range of claims, including public liability, employers' liability and motor claims. Maintains a strong roster of major clients, including insurers and multinationals. Further assists with industrial disease claims, such as asbestos exposure and hearing loss, as well as advising on product liability litigation.

Notable practitioners

Amanda Wylie acts for clients including insurers, retailers and manufacturers on the defence of a wide range of personal injury cases. She offers significant experience in claims including catastrophic injuries and fatalities arising from RTAs and workplace incidents. *"She is very proficient and efficient."*

Murphy & O'Rawe

See profile on p.1741

What the team is known for Prominent firm acting on an impressive breadth of claims, including product liability, industrial disease and RTA cases. Also noted for its significant experience in advising on accidents

sustained abroad. Acts for a number of insurers and offers additional expertise in public liability claims.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Burke handles employers' and public liability claims, as well as cases concerning injuries sustained in RTAs. *"Andrew Burke is a very able practitioner who very much contributes to getting a solution."* **Kevin Shevlin** offers deep experience advising insurers on personal injury cases. He is particularly experienced in acting on occupational disease claims.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Chris Ritchie regularly advises prominent insurers on product and employers' liability claims, with notable experience in relation to cross-border group litigation.

Scotland Mainly Claimant

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant	Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds	Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds	Aberdeen and surrounds
Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople	Leading Firms
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	Band 1
Digby Brown LLP *	Carr Robert Anderson Strathern	Digby Brown LLP *
Band 2	Short David Balfour+Manson LLP *	Leading Individuals
Balfour+Manson LLP *	Leading Individuals	Band 1
Thompsons Solicitors Scotland *	Band 1	Davidson Neil Digby Brown LLP
Band 3	Armstrong David Lindsays *	Band 2
Anderson Strathern	Dalyell Gordon Digby Brown LLP	Clark-Spence Julie Balfour+Manson LLP *
Harper Macleod LLP *	McIntosh David S Balfour+Manson LLP *	Gregory Lisa Grant Smith Law (ORL) ◇
Irwin Mitchell *	Band 2	
Jackson Boyd LLP	Blane Laura Thompsons Solicitors Scotland	
Lindsays *	Cornwell Jonathan Lindsays *	
Thorntons Law LLP	Macpherson Clare Thorntons Law LLP	
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.	Marshall Tom Tom Marshall Law Limited (ORL) ◇	
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	Simpson Fraser Digby Brown LLP	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Band 3	
	Adam Michelle Thorntons Law LLP	
	Bell David Irwin Mitchell *	
	Calderwood Heather Harper Macleod LLP *	
	Macdonald Alan Jackson Boyd LLP	
	Milne Debbie Jackson Boyd LLP	
	Nicol Iain Lefevres (ORL) ◇	
	Stewart Chris Digby Brown LLP	
	Associates to watch	
	Berry Dave Jackson Boyd LLP	

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Anderson Strathern

What the team is known for Regularly deals with high-value personal injury cases, ranging from RTAs to employers' liability claims. Also adept at handling post-traumatic stress disorder cases and criminal injury compensation claims. Leverages the support of a highly regarded employment practice and possesses a longstanding relationship with the Royal College of Nursing.

Strengths A source notes: *"The team offers extremely good client service and communication."*

Notable practitioners

Robert Carr has notable strength in matters concerning workplace accidents and employers' liability actions.

Balfour+Manson LLP

See profile on p.1495

What the team is known for Impressive record of representing claimants in a broad range of personal injury cases, including catastrophic injury claims and fatal accidents. Possesses a particular specialism in RTAs and industrial disease matters. Adept at handling complex cases involving brain and psychological injury. Skilled at advising on major aviation accident cases brought under the Employers' Lia-

bility Act.

Strengths A client states: *"We have had excellent service with the team and have a very good relationship. They are very helpful, proactive and responsive to our needs."*

Notable practitioners

David Short (see p.1065) demonstrates particular expertise in aviation-related claims, with a focus on employers' liability and fatal accidents. He is also well versed in workplace injury claims. *"He is extremely knowledgeable and very personable, with excellent customer care expertise."* **David McIntosh** (see p.1062) handles high-value cases, advising on claims relating to brain and psychological injuries as a result of road traffic accidents. He also advises on workplace accidents. *"He is very strong and someone I would highly recommend. He is very bright and knows his stuff, and is good with clients."* **Julie Clark-Spence** (see p.1054) focuses on serious injury and fatal claims involving offshore, farming and fishing accidents. She also advises on RTA claims. *"She has been an absolute delight to work with. She has a genuine warmth and caring manner and keeps*

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
Dundee and surrounds
Leading Firms
Band 1
Thorntons Law LLP
Band 2
Digby Brown LLP*
Leading Individuals
Band 1
McBean Gordon Thorntons Law LLP
Band 2
Kelly Caroline Thorntons Law LLP
Kernaghan Robert Digby Brown LLP
* Indicates firm with profile.
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me updated on the case. She has a friendly yet professional approach and has been extremely efficient."

Digby Brown LLP

See profile on p.1582

What the team is known for Vast practice split into a series of specialist areas, ensuring it is able to provide clients with deep expertise across the full gamut of personal injury matters, including employers' liability, RTAs, industrial disease and offshore accidents. Draws upon its team of specialists in offices across Scotland. With its own bespoke 'Compensate' litigation funding product, the firm provides clients with flexibility in managing the risks and costs of litigation. Also handles cases concerning accidents at work and asbestos-related injury, with further strength acting on historic sex abuse claims.

Strengths A commentator notes: "Digby Brown stands out because it provides good service and does a thorough job for its clients. The lawyers are good and proactive, and treat each client as an individual."

Another adds: "They have strength, depth and national scale. They are head and shoulders above the others."

Work highlights Represented an individual in a claim against the Motor Insurers' Bureau following a hit-and-run road traffic accident that left him an amputee.

Notable practitioners

Gordon Dalyell covers a range of personal injury cases in his practice, including RTAs, accidents at work and fatal accident claims. "Gordon Dalyell is a highly experienced and able practitioner. He is level-headed, good with clients and gives balanced advice." **Neil Davidson** is highly regarded for his Aberdeen-based practice, advising clients on offshore and marine workplace accidents including fatal and serious injury claims. He also acts on RTA claims. "He is very approachable, pragmatic and easy to deal with." **Robert Kernaghan** has notable strength handling serious and fatal injury claims arising from workplace accidents and RTAs. He also has experience in cases involving historic abuse claims. **Fraser Simpson** heads the firm's industrial disease practice, offering particular strength in asbestos and occupational disease claims. He also advises on matters concerning employers' liability. **Chris Stewart** heads the serious injury department at the firm. He has a particular focus on spinal and brain injuries, including those stemming from RTAs.

Harper Macleod LLP

See profile on p.1644

What the team is known for Well-regarded team with considerable experience in employers' and public lia-

bility and industrial disease actions. Also noted for handling cases with cross-border elements. Office presence in the Central Belt and on the islands of Scotland, ensuring clients across the country can receive a full service to meet their needs. Experienced in dealing with fatal accident claims including RTAs and marine and workplace accidents.

Notable practitioners

Heather Calderwood (see p.1054) handles catastrophic injury and fatal claims following RTAs and workplace accidents. She also advises on employers' liability and occupational disease matters. "She is absolutely excellent and does a great job for her clients. Nothing is ever too much trouble for her."

Irwin Mitchell

See profile on p.1667

What the team is known for Specialises in high-value, complex personal injury claims. Frequently handles RTA, employers' and public liability, and industrial disease actions such as asbestos and Legionnaires' disease-related claims. Also experienced in cases involving military law, and regularly handles matters involving serious injuries and fatalities. Clients benefit from great depth of resources provided by the wider firm's network throughout the UK.

Strengths One client notes: "It is a very approachable team, very professional and down to earth."

Another adds: "It is an excellent firm to deal with, and very attentive in answering queries."

Notable practitioners

David Bell (see p.1052) handles complex personal injury matters including workplace accidents, RTAs and fatal injury claims. "David Bell is highly experienced, measured and hugely knowledgeable. He has excellent client skills." "He is very good with the client and is attuned to the needs of the individual and guides them through the case in a very helpful way."

Jackson Boyd LLP

What the team is known for Expertise in matters arising as a result of RTAs and workplace accidents, including fatal and catastrophic injury claims. Further experience in psychological injury claims, and has a growing practice in historic sexual abuse cases.

Strengths A client explains: "They provide good client service and are very knowledgeable."

Work highlights Acted for two individuals on claims for loss of society after their mother was killed in a road traffic accident.

Notable practitioners

Alan Macdonald heads the firm's litigation department. He is particularly active in serious injury and fatal claims stemming from RTAs. "He is pragmatic, professional and gets good deals for his clients."

Debbie Milne acts for clients suffering brain and spinal injuries as a result of workplace accidents and RTAs. She has further strength in fatal claims and cases involving industrial disease. **Dave Berry** has experience handling employer liability cases, including those involving brain and psychiatric injury. "He is a pragmatic, straightforward lawyer."

Lindsays

See profile on p.1700

What the team is known for Extensive offering split into specialist teams that handle claims relating to industrial disease, travel and accidents abroad. Offers a standalone personal injury website and an integrated case management system to provide clients with more streamlined guidance throughout the

life-cycle of a claim.

Work highlights Represented pursuer in a claim for £1 million following an RTA that left a three year old with serious physical and psychological injuries.

Notable practitioners

David Armstrong (see p.1052) handles high-value and complex personal injury claims involving RTAs, accidents abroad and workplace accidents. "He is very capable and straightforward in his approach." **Jonathan Cornwell** (see p.1055) handles catastrophic and psychological injury claims, including those stemming from RTAs and workplace environments.

Thompsons Solicitors Scotland

See profile on p.1825

What the team is known for Well known for personal injury work, most notably on industrial disease claims including asbestos-related matters. Houses in-depth knowledge of employment law, making the team a go-to choice in this category of claims. Also adept at handling serious injury and fatal accident claims.

Strengths A source comments: "They have a broad depth of knowledge and experience."

Notable practitioners

Laura Blane is noted for her expertise in asbestos-related disease claims, including advice on policy and legislative changes.

Thorntons Law LLP

What the team is known for Full-service firm with experience across the gamut of personal injury cases, including employers' and public liability, industrial disease and RTA claims. A clear market leader outside of the Central Belt with several offices located across Scotland, as well as an office in Edinburgh. Offers clients an integrated service including family, financial and private client support on matters involving brain injuries. Increasingly active in cases involving noise-induced hearing loss.

Strengths One client notes: "They are very knowledgeable, commercially minded and progressive. The team is very forward-thinking and easy to work with."

Another adds: "The team's client service is second to none."

Work highlights Acted on a workplace injury claim for an individual who lost functionality of their left hand following an accident.

Notable practitioners

Gordon McBean heads the firm's personal injury practice and frequently handles claims relating to workplace accidents and brain injuries. "Gordon McBean is easy to work with, extremely knowledgeable and has a real focus on client care." "He has kept us informed of the process and timescales involved and has explained the reasons for each step that he has taken. He has also conducted the entire process with sensitivity and compassion." **Caroline Kelly** has expertise in workplace accident claims involving severe brain injury. She also advises on RTA claims. "She is extremely knowledgeable, knows what she's doing and is calm and patient." **Clare Macpherson** advises on employers' liability and occupational disease claims, including noise-induced hearing loss. She also offers experience in brain injury cases stemming from RTAs. "She is organised, sensible and experienced." "She is very pragmatic and straightforward to deal with - firm but fair." Solicitor advocate **Michelle Adam** frequently represents clients in cases arising from workplace accidents and RTAs. She has notable strength in fatal accident and brain injury claims, with further experience of psychological impacts.

"She is very good – very experienced and pragmatic."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Lisa Gregory wins praise for her skill in high-value personal injury cases, including those stemming

from workplace accidents in the oil and gas, farming and fishing industries.

Tom Marshall undertakes industrial disease matters, with noted strength in asbestos-related claims.

Iain Nicol acts on high-value catastrophic injury and fatal accident claims, such as those arising from RTAs and workplace accidents.

Scotland Mainly Defendant

Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds	Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds	Personal Injury: Mainly Defendant Aberdeen and surrounds
Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople	Leading Firms
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	Band 1
Clyde & Co LLP *	Keyden Gordon Clyde & Co LLP	Clyde & Co LLP *
Band 2	Leading Individuals	Ledingham Chalmers LLP *
BLM	Band 1	Band 2
Brodies LLP *	Melville Vikki Clyde & Co LLP	Burness Paull *
BTO Solicitors LLP	Band 2	Mackinnons *
DAC Beachcroft Scotland *	Currie Catherine A BTO Solicitors LLP	Leading Individuals
Band 3	Graham Gilles Clyde & Co LLP	Band 1
Anderson Strathern	Tait David Clyde & Co LLP	Donaldson Mark Clyde & Co LLP
Burness Paull *	Band 3	Edward Graeme Ledingham Chalmers LLP *
DWF *	Constable Andrew Clyde & Co LLP	Band 2
Harper Macleod LLP *	Dance Karen BLM	Leslie Victoria Ledingham Chalmers LLP *
Kennedys	Dickson Jenny Morton Fraser	Sinclair Martin Mackinnons
Morton Fraser	Ferguson Garry BTO Solicitors LLP	Smith Neil Burness Paull
Weightmans *	Forrest Carly Brodies LLP *	Associates to watch
Band 4	Hughes Frank BLM	McLeod Kim Clyde & Co LLP
Keoghs LLP	Lothian Andrew DWF	
Ledingham Chalmers LLP *	Maillie John DAC Beachcroft Scotland	
* Indicates firm / individual with profile.	Rushbury Gillian DAC Beachcroft Scotland	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Band 4	

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Anderson Strathern

What the team is known for Handles a wide variety of cases on behalf of defenders, including catastrophic injury and employers' and public liability claims, as well as both high- and low-value RTA cases. Known for its work with the Scottish government and prison services, the firm has a client roster that also includes insurers and liability adjusters. Draws on expertise from other departments to offer clients a full-service approach. Experienced appearing before every level of court in Scotland, as well as the UK Supreme Court. Capable of providing post-compensation advice including personal injury trusts and guardianships.

Strengths An interviewee comments: "I have an excellent impression of the team; it is professional, gives clear instructions and answers questions and emails quickly."

A source adds: "They are good at managing the client, are prompt in responding to e-mails, and are quick to fight their client's case."

Work highlights Instructed by Co-op Insurance to defend a claim for damages following an RTA in which the pursuer sustained significant injuries requiring a total hip replacement and other orthopaedic injuries.

Notable practitioners

Sarah Phillips offers particular strength in workplace-related claims, including psychiatric injury and occupational disease. She also advises on cases

involving serious injury and fatalities arising from RTAs.

BLM

What the team is known for Outstanding personal injury practice with expertise in occupational disease, employers' liability, personal liability and RTAs. Active in low-speed impact cases, including cases with potentially fraudulent elements. Acts for a number of well-known international companies and insurers.

Strengths A source notes: "BLM are standout solicitors for defender disease work. They are pragmatic and geared towards the best outcome for clients."

An interviewee adds: "They are technical, thorough

and do in-depth investigations. Their advice is very on point and they provide efficient responses."

Work highlights Acted on the instruction of QBE for one of their insureds in defence of an HAVS claim, which was ultimately abandoned by the pursuer.

Notable practitioners

Karen Dance acts on employers' and public liability claims and offers particular strength in defended reparation cases. **Frank Hughes** has expertise in employers' and public liability matters, with claims stemming from workplace accidents and working conditions. He also advises on catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs and historic abuse claims.

Andrew Gilmour represents clients in occupational disease matters, such as claims involving asbestos and hand-arm vibration syndrome. "He has good attention to detail, excellent client focus and is quick at responding to queries." **Rachel Henry** is instructed by insurance companies to represent their clients in employers' liability and motor claims. She has notable experience in cases involving fatalities and brain injuries. "Rachel Henry always provides constructive and meaningful dialogue to progress cases." **Ian Leach** acts on public liability claims for local authorities involving psychiatric and fatal injuries. "He is very experienced and takes a pragmatic approach to cases."

Brodies LLP

See profile on p.1531

What the team is known for Provides a full service with particular expertise in RTAs, employers' liability and industrial disease actions. Clients include major multinational insurers, self-insured companies and public bodies. Adept at dealing with marine and offshore matters and cases that relate to environ-

mental and other forms of contamination. Noted for its in-house advocacy team and ability to draw upon expertise in areas such as housing, employment and tax for more complex claims.

Strengths One client states: *"I have a very good impression of the team: they are helpful, very approachable and ready to answer queries."*

An interviewee adds: *"They have been excellent."*

A commentator praises the team's *"good knowledge, experience and efficient work."*

Work highlights Instructed by Sunderland Marine Insurance and the owners of a shipping vessel after a crew member on board was seriously injured due to being struck by a steel pole.

Notable practitioners

Carly Forrest (see p.1057) handles claims concerning employers' and public liability and RTAs. She concentrates her practice on catastrophic injury matters, such as brain and spinal injuries, as well as psychological impact. She also handles fatal claims. *"She's just a fantastic lawyer. She is very knowledgeable but is very cool, calm and collected. She'll go above and beyond."*

BTO Solicitors LLP

What the team is known for Regularly handles a variety of RTA and employers' liability claims, alongside a range of other personal injury cases. Specialist teams have wide-ranging expertise in areas such as fraud and catastrophic injuries. Known for advising prominent insurance clients, including investigators and brokers. Experienced in handling all stages of litigation including pre-litigation and settlement advice. Supported by a strong team of solicitor advocates.

Strengths One client states: *"I am very happy with the level of service, they always have the right people on the cases. They provide all-round good knowledge that I can rely on."*

Work highlights Acted on a claim for loss of earnings and medical care after an employee of the client developed severe frostbite after working in extreme cold conditions for a sustained period of time.

Notable practitioners

Catherine A Currie acts for major insurance companies and their clients on the full gamut of personal injury matters. She offers particular strength in catastrophic injury claims arising from RTAs, with further experience of food contamination issues. *"She is vastly experienced, completely unflappable and meticulous."* **Garry Ferguson** is particularly active on serious injury and fatal RTA claims, with additional strength in employers' liability matters. *"He is a very competent and personable lawyer. He has the balance between traditional lawyering and good customer service."*

Burness Paul

See profile on p.1539

What the team is known for Acts for corporate, public sector and insurance clients on high-value personal injury claims. Noted for its expertise in industrial disease and workplace accident claims within the construction, aviation and maritime sectors. Experienced in employers', occupiers' and public liability matters, with further strength handling fatal accident claims.

Strengths One source states: *"They provided great detail and are very professional to deal with on personal injury matters. They are very knowledgeable and always on top of things, providing strong support."*

Work highlights Represented a utilities company on

a claim for noise-induced hearing loss.

Notable practitioners

Neil Smith is known for his expertise in marine and offshore personal injury work, advising on employers' liability claims involving offshore accidents and industrial disease. *"He is an excellent solicitor."*

Clyde & Co LLP

See profile on p.1557

What the team is known for Market-leading personal injury practice with a formidable reputation for defence work. Highly regarded for its expertise in catastrophic injury and disease claims, as well as RTAs and employment liability. Noted for its strong track record on abuse claims. A favoured firm for a number of well-known insurers, especially in cases of high complexity. Appointed to a large number of Scottish insurance panels, the firm remains a go-to for exceptional service on high-volume claims.

Strengths An interviewee notes: *"It's a very professional and practical firm. They give our clients comfort that matters are being handled very well and in a pragmatic manner."*

One commentator adds: *"They act in the best interest of the client and are straightforward in their approach."*

Notable practitioners

Gordon Keyden offers clients the benefit of his longstanding experience in the personal injury field, with a focus on fatal injuries, motor accidents, employers' liability and occupational diseases. **Mark Donaldson** is often instructed by insurers on employers' and public liability claims, with further strength in RTA cases. *"He is very dedicated and enthusiastic."* *"He is absolutely fantastic, down to earth and knows his stuff."* **Vikki Melville** is adept at handling complex fatal accident and catastrophic injury matters following RTAs. She also acts on employers' and public liability claims. *"She is very good – very responsive, knowledgeable and direct in her advice."*

Gilles Graham acts on RTAs and employers' and public liability mandates. He offers particular strength in industrial disease cases, including asbestos-related and HAVS claims. **David Tait** focuses on occupational disease matters, with particular expertise in asbestos-related litigation. **Andrew Constable** is particularly active on catastrophic injury and fatal claims arising from RTAs. He also advises on employers' and public liability matters. *"He has a pragmatic approach."* **Toni Ashby** acts for insurers and their clients on occupational disease matters, with a particular focus on claims arising from exposure to asbestos. **Tanya Gordon** acts for clients on a variety of matters, including claims for employers' and public liability. She has notable strength in RTA cases, with further experience handling claims of historic abuse. *"She is knowledgeable, deals with issues proactively and provides good customer service."* **Kim McLeod** is particularly active in employers' liability claims, with a focus on those arising from the oil and gas and offshore industries. She also assists with RTA claims. *"She is fantastic."*

DAC Beachcroft Scotland

See profile on p.1571

What the team is known for Highly esteemed personal injury practice, admired in particular for its work on catastrophic injury, disease and fraudulent claims. Acts for a number of prominent insurers, particularly within the motor industry, on large loss claims. Coordinates with teams across the UK to provide a seamless service to national clients. Invested

in digital and technological platforms to tackle problem areas in insurance.

Strengths One interviewee notes: *"Overall they are very helpful and approachable, able to drop everything and deal with clients' needs in a timely fashion."*

A commentator describes the firm as *"impressive, competent, thorough, reliable and straightforward."*

Work highlights Represented Ageas Insurance in a fatal motorcycle accident claim, worth £2.5 million.

Notable practitioners

John Maillie acts for insurers on claims for catastrophic injuries arising as a result of RTAs and workplace injuries. **Gillian Rushbury** advises on RTA and employers' and public liability matters in claims for catastrophic injury. *"She is a very good and formidable solicitor."* **Louise Gallagher** frequently handles public liability claims against social care organisations for fatalities, psychiatric harm and infection control.

Andrew Ireland acts on liability issues and complex loss claims, with experience of contamination and psychiatric injury matters. **Rachel Rough** advises insurers on serious and catastrophic injury claims, with a focus on brain and spinal injury. She offers particular strength in cases involving children. *"She is extremely thorough and also gives good, clear and concise advice."* *"She was clear and practical in what was an unusual and complex case."*

DWF

See profile on p.1589

What the team is known for Draws on expertise from offices around the UK to offer clients a full-service approach. Acts for a number of prominent insurers on fatal accident inquiries. Specialises in a wide variety of areas including catastrophic injury, motor and accident abroad claims. Established counter-fraud team equipped to deal with dubious claims.

Work highlights Acted for RSA and its insured client on a claim for loss of society and support made by family members of a man who was killed in a traffic collision.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Lothian handles high-value fatal accidents and catastrophic injury claims, often involving issues of employers' liability. He also offers experience in accident abroad claims. *"He's a very shrewd, capable operator."*

Harper Macleod LLP

See profile on p.1644

What the team is known for Team of dedicated personal injury specialists experienced in dealing with a number of different cases, including employers' and public liability and disease claims. RTAs are a notable area of focus. Demonstrates considerable aptitude for handling matters across the spectrum of claim values. Provides pre- and post-litigation advice for major insurers, brokers, transportation companies and private individuals.

Strengths A client notes: *"Their approach to customer service is excellent. They are prompt and professional and are strong communicators."*

Work highlights Successfully defended the owner of a hair salon on the instruction of Covea Insurance against a claim alleging a neck injury in the salon caused a stroke.

Notable practitioners

Heather Calderwood (see p.1054) is particularly active on claims stemming from RTAs involving head, spinal and psychological injuries. She also advises on cases following accidents at work and abroad.

Suzanne McGarrigle (see p.1062) is particularly active on claims stemming from workplace accidents and industrial disease. *"Suzanne McGarrigle is very dedicated to her clients, is easy to get on with and is a good solicitor."*

Kennedys

What the team is known for Undertakes an array of personal injury matters, with significant expertise in catastrophic injury and fatal accident claims, particularly in relation to RTAs. Further experience handling claims in the marine and agriculture sector, as well as those with cross-border aspects. Also acts on claims alleging historic abuse.

Strengths One client says: *"They are very forward-thinking and innovative lawyers who are able to present complicated advice in a manageable and pragmatic manner in pressured situations."*

Work highlights Successfully represented the client in a serious injury claim in which the pursuer fell from a horse while on a beach hack. The pursuer alleged that the defender's supervising employee had ridden too close to her horse.

Notable practitioners

Peter Demick advises on public and employers' liability claims, with strength in catastrophic and fatal injury matters. He has further experience of psychiatric injury claims. **Rory Jackson** handles a wide range of personal injury matters including catastrophic injuries and secondary victim claims. He also advises on occupational disease matters, as well as claims in the offshore and agriculture sectors. *"I think he is very straight-talking and looks at matters pragmatically. He is very approachable and happy to give advice."*

Keoghs LLP

What the team is known for Experienced in handling claims stemming from RTAs and catastrophic injuries, including fatalities, with further strength in historic abuse cases. Also advises on employers' liability claims. Acts for insurers as well as local authority and retail clients.

Strengths One interviewee says: *"They are very well organised and resourced. They have a very commercial attitude and they are very responsive to how you want the work done and are very collaborative."*

Work highlights Represented Liverpool Victoria Insurance and its insured client in a damages claim following an RTA in which the pursuer's bicycle and the defendant's car collided.

Notable practitioners

Douglas Cowan is a key contact.

Ledingham Chalmers LLP

See profile on p.1693

What the team is known for Leading personal injury team in Aberdeen with other offices located throughout Scotland. Handles a wide variety of matters, including disease, employers' and public liability, property damage and RTA claims. Also noted for its extensive expertise in stress at work cases. Experienced in catastrophic and fraudulent cases, frequently representing high-profile insurers. The Edinburgh office offers a specialist service, capable of dealing with liability and subrogation claims.

Strengths An interviewee comments: *"The team delivers excellence at all times to clients."*

One commentator adds: *"They are really good, they get excellent results for the clients. We instruct them with confidence."*

Work highlights Advised Gallagher Bassett on a pleural plaques claim brought by an employee working at a site with a history of asbestos problems.

Notable practitioners

Graeme Edward (see p.1056) handles big-ticket catastrophic and fatal accident claims, particularly those relating to RTAs, as well as having experience in advising on historic abuse matters. *"He has excellent knowledge."* **Victoria Leslie** (see p.1060) represents clients in public and employers' liability matters involving industrial disease, psychological injury and sexual assault. *"Victoria Leslie is an excellent lawyer and delivers 100% at all times."* **Sarah Morris** (see p.1063) acts for insurers and local authorities on fatal accident, historic abuse and contamination claims. *"She is a really solid litigator and is really approachable."* *"She is incredibly organised and effective."*

Mackinnons

See profile on p.1709

What the team is known for Noted for its expertise in the maritime sector. Handles a range of personal injury matters covering serious injury and fatalities stemming from workplace accidents and exposure to asbestos. Acts on claims with international aspects. Further experience of fatality claims arising from RTAs.

Strengths A source notes: *"They have a specialist practice area in marine cases, where they are excellent."*

Notable practitioners

Martin Sinclair demonstrates notable expertise handling cases in the marine sector. He handles

employers' liability claims stemming from serious workplace injury and industrial disease. He offers further experience of RTA matters. *"He really fights for his client."*

Morton Fraser

What the team is known for Defends large public and private sector clients in complex personal injury cases. Regularly instructed by public sector bodies such as the Ministry of Defence and Glasgow City Council. Highly regarded for its work in disease actions, with significant experience handling RTA and employers' and public liability claims.

Strengths A source notes: *"Morton Fraser has an excellent reputation which is well deserved. Their client relations are a particular strength."*

Work highlights Defended against a damages claim brought by an employee for psychiatric injury following alleged bullying and harassment from colleagues.

Notable practitioners

Jenny Dickson acts on brain, spinal and psychiatric injury claims, often involving RTAs. She also advises on workplace accidents and industrial disease claims. *"Her advice has been clear, she has a good grasp on the subject matter, is always quick to respond to us and is helpful and practical."*

Weightmans

See profile on p.1845

What the team is known for Broad practice that covers the full range of both employers' and public liability cases. Regularly handles catastrophic and fatal claims, acting on behalf of many of the UK's top insurers and adjusters. Highly active on RTAs, with increasing experience in motor fraud claims and a solid track record in disease claims, including asbestos-related cases. A strong presence south of the border facilitates UK-wide assistance for clients. Skilled at handling marine disputes and cross-border matters.

Work highlights Represented AIG and its insured client on an industrial disease claim in which the pursuer alleged spilt diesel oil penetrated their safety boots causing irritant dermatitis and cellulitis.

Notable practitioners

Pamela Stevenson (see p.1066) is particularly active on industrial disease claims, including those leading to fatalities. She offers further experience in handling abuse claims.

Leaders' Profiles in Personal Injury

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Cheryl is a partner at Bolt Burdon Kemp Solicitors. Cheryl has worked in the field of personal injury since 2004 and has many years experience in acting for clients who suffer life changing injuries. She has always been particularly passionate about cases involving acquired brain injury. Cheryl joined the child brain injury team at Bolt Burdon Kemp in January 2015, and now acts exclusively for children with acquired brain injury. Cheryl has particular expertise in acting for child pedestrians where contributory negligence is alleged. Her clients have described having "absolute faith from the word go" and being "treated with dignity and respect". To complement her work on behalf of brain injured children, Cheryl works closely with The Child Brain Injury Trust.

Career: Cheryl qualified as a solicitor in 2003 with East London Firm, Edwards Duthie. She moved to Bolt Burdon Kemp in 2004 as an assistant solicitor, and was promoted to partner in 2011.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (Senior Litigator); Child Brain Injury Trust Special Ambassador

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Ahmed is Head of the Military Claims Team and a Partner and Solicitor-Advocate, representing armed forces personnel. Ahmed manages high value personal injury and clinical negligence claims. He ensures that his clients are seen promptly by medical experts, so their injuries can be fully investigated, an assessment made of their future needs and a strategy agreed for the successful progression of their claims. He specialises in defending the rights of service personnel in the workplace against poor conditions, discrimination and harassment. He represents claimants in the employment tribunal and the civil courts who have suffered from stress and depression. He had conduct of the first ever settlement in England and Wales relating to injuries caused by the wrongful prescription of Larium (mefloquine), the anti-malarial drug. He has authored "A Practical Guide to Military Claims", the first legal guide for practitioners which deals exclusively with this specialist field.

Career: Trained in a general practice in the City of London; qualified on 15 May 2007; appointed as Partner at Bolt Burdon Kemp in September 2016.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); Employment Lawyers Association (ELA); Forces Law (Vice Chair 2016/17, Chair 2017/18); Appointed to Advisory Board for the Centre for Military Justice.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Patrick qualified as a solicitor in 1977 when he founded Hodge Jones & Allen in Camden with Henry Hodge and Peter Jones. He has now been the firm's Managing Partner for 44 years becoming senior partner following Henry's retirement in 1998. Patrick specialises in complex personal injury and multi-party cases. He led the HJA team that managed Gulf War illness claims for UK veterans and the New Cross Fire inquest. He also managed the MMR and Sheep Dip multi-party actions and played a lead role in the King's Cross Fire and Marchioness Litigation on behalf of claimants. He assisted a number of women sent to Magdalene Laundries to claim compensation. He acted for Leigh Day in the initial stages of the claims brought against them by the SRA. He is a member of the HJA team working on Hillsborough and Grenfell claims, the enquiry into the death of a construction worker in Qatar and the leading case of Al Najar v Cumberland Hotel. Patrick acts as a deputy and trustee for brain injured clients. Patrick received the 2017 Solicitors Journal Lifetime Achievement Award for his services to the legal profession and access to justice over forty years.

Career: Articles Offenbach & Co 1974-76. Qualified 1977 and founded Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors, Senior Partner. Founder and Chair of the Progressive Economy Forum

Professional Memberships: President of APIL 2002-03; Senior Fellow, APIL; Law Society Council 2002-06, Law Society Civil Justice Committee 2002 to 2017; Forum of Claimant Injury Solicitors (FoCIS); Deputy District Judge 1997-2014.

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Featured in Clinical Negligence (Cambridge and surrounds), Personal Injury (Cambridge and surrounds)

See under Clinical Negligence for profile.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Sheffield and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I head up one of three serious injury teams in the Sheffield office, and am head of spinal injuries for the Sheffield office. I run a team of solicitors specialising in brain and spinal cord injury work for all work types, such as road traffic collisions, work place accidents and occupiers and public liability cases.

Career: Trained Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors, Shropshire; qualified 2001; serious injury team specialising in brain and spinal cord injury Irwin Mitchell LLP 2002 to date; associate solicitor 2007; partner 2013.

Professional Memberships: Law Society; accredited senior litigator APIL, special accreditation by APIL as a brain in-

jury specialist and a spinal cord injury specialist – the only lawyer in South Yorkshire to do so; a trustee and company secretary of Headway Rotherham from 2003-13.

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Featured in Clinical Negligence (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds), Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Practice Areas: A solicitor advocate and head of Lindsays' personal injury team, David has a wealth of experience in litigation. He specialises in commercial disputes, libel law, reparation and health & safety legislation. He deals with high-value and difficult cases in both the Sheriff Court and Court of Session in Scotland, and is widely praised by clients for his rationality and experience.

Career: Although he trained and has long practiced in Scotland, David has also worked in London. He joined Lindsays as partner in 2017.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers; Motor Accident Solicitors Society; Changing the Chemistry

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: I am a partner based in the London office and lead the Workplace Illness and Disease team. The team provides specialist legal advice and obtains compensation for those people who have become seriously ill principally as a consequence of exposure to asbestos. I have acted for many hundreds of clients suffering from terminal asbestos diseases who have been exposed to the substance at work, or those who have lived close to factories producing asbestos products including the infamous J.W. Roberts factory in Leeds.

Career: Trained Irwin Mitchell; qualified 1994; partner 2001.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers; Court Liaison Group; The Law Society.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: She has a formidable reputation as one of the country's leading litigators having taken several cases successfully to the Supreme Court. The most recent being Cape Intermediate Holdings Limited v Dring [2019] UKSC38 regarding disclosure to a non-party; Dryden & Ors v Johnson Matthey Plc [2018] UKSC18 a landmark case which redefined what constitutes an injury. She was instructed by the leading charity on behalf of asbestos victims in the renowned cases: Coventry v Lawrence [2015] UKSC 50; Judicial Review where she successfully challenged enhanced court fees [CO/2097/2015]; Judicial Review preventing mesothelioma sufferers paying 25% of compensation for legal costs [2014] EWHC 3044. Her cases

have set precedents: Zambarda v Ship-breaking [2013] EWHC 2263; Baker v Tate & Lyle Sept 2012 Westlaw & Lawtel; Najib v John Laing [2011] EWHC 1016; Beesley v New Century Group [2008] EWHC3033; Goldstone v Witton 2016 Westlaw & Lawtel; Andreou v S. Booth Horricks & Sons Limited [2017] EWHC 174/QB. In addition she was instructed by Dr. Robin Rudd the leading medical consultant in his claim to obtain information from an asbestos lobbyist.

Career: Qualified as a Legal Executive 1993; partner at Field Fisher Waterhouse 2010; partner at Leigh Day 2012.

Professional Memberships: APIL, Fellowship status

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Career: As a seasoned Serious Injury Practitioner, I have represented victims of road crashes, accidents at work, accidents in public places and aviation disasters for over 20 years. I have particular expertise in representing lower limb amputees and brain injured individuals, ensuring they receive the specialist rehabilitation and support they need. I represent the Official Solicitor in claims where she acts as Litigation Friend to the Claimant. I have built a strong general aviation practice, covering both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. I have represented individuals who suffered injury whilst acting as pilots under instruction, as well as the families of individuals who suffered fatal injuries arising out of domestic air crashes. I also have experience representing bereaved families in military aircraft crashes. I am currently representing victims of the Westminster Bridge Terrorist Attack and the Finsbury Park Mosque Attack in claims for damages against the insurers of the vehicles involved. I am a highly commended lawyer. I am ranked in Chambers and Partners 2019 for Personal Injury, and I recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of my outstanding service to both CILEx (the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives) and the wider legal community.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Our associated firm, Irwin Mitchell Scotland LLP was established on 26 April 2011. At Irwin Mitchell Scotland LLP, I am involved in a variety of personal injury claims including employment related accidents, industrial diseases such as vibration white finger, industrial deafness and asbestos related conditions and a wide range of cases ranging from straightforward falls to cases with complex legal issues and significant injuries. I assess the cases coming into the Personal Injury department in Glasgow and advise clients on their prospects. I have extensive experience of instructing and preparing cases in the Court of Session, the senior civil court in Scotland, and also of

conducting personal injury cases in sheriff courts throughout Scotland.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: Jordan is a Principal Lawyer and Head of Slater and Gordon's and Industrial Disease team. He represents individuals diagnosed with mesothelioma, lung cancer, pleural thickening and asbestosis, and also for bereaved families. Jordan acts for clients based throughout the UK and abroad and has specialised in the field of asbestos litigation since qualifying as a solicitor. He prides himself on thoroughly investigating the most complex of cases and has successfully concluded many cases previously turned down by other solicitors. In addition to his asbestos claims practice, Jordan acts on behalf of individuals who have developed other industrial diseases and has brought successful claims for occupational stress, asthma, silicosis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis and other respiratory injuries, dermatitis, work-related upper limb disorders, noise-induced hearing loss and lead poisoning.

Professional Memberships: Jordan is a member of the Law Society and of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). He is accredited by APIL as a Senior Litigator and recognised by APIL as a specialist in the fields of asbestos claims specifically and industrial disease claims generally. He has also been appointed as an assessor by APIL and considers applications from lawyers seeking specialist accreditations.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Tracey is a principal lawyer and head of the serious injury department in the South of England. Tracey has extensive experience surrounding all types of workplace accidents but handles all types of serious injury cases including road traffic collisions, public liability and sporting accidents. She also deals with fatal accidents. She has an interest in sports injuries and has handled notable cases on behalf of professional footballers and other sporting accidents which have attracted media coverage. She's been instructed by the Professional Footballers Association to represent their members. She represents clients with severe acquired brain injuries, spinal injuries, injuries resulting in amputation (both traumatic and elective), severe burns and other multiple injuries and psychiatric injuries. She also undertakes pro bono work mostly relating to Inquest representation. Tracey regularly appears on the radio and television. She's appeared on Good Morning Britain, BBC

news, London Live and regularly appear on national radio stations. Many of her settlements have reached the national press. She has a reputation as a keen litigator and have a number of articles published in the legal press.

Career: Tracey is a member of the Law Society, the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and the Association of Women Solicitors.

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Practice Areas: Angela is a Principal Lawyer at Slater and Gordon in Cambridge. She specialises in serious injury claims with a particular emphasis on adult and child brain injury claims. She is a strong advocate of rehabilitation and care packages funded by the defendants under the Rehabilitation Code. When that is not possible, she always tries to obtain the maximum interim payment to help meet the immediate and ongoing needs of her clients. She is an outstanding lawyer whose calm, sympathetic and reassuring manner makes clients with serious injuries know they are in good hands.

Career: Angela qualified as a solicitor in 1998, joined Taylor Vintners in 1999 and became a Principal Lawyer at Slater and Gordon in 2013.

Professional Memberships: Angela is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), the Eastern Region Brain Injury Forum and the Eastern Child Head Injury Network. Angela is a trustee and secretary of Headway Hertfordshire, a charity which supports adults with an acquired brain injury. She also works closely with the Child Brain Injury Trust, a charity for children who have acquired a brain injury and which offers support to their families.

BETTS, Jonathan

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I manage the Serious Injury team in the Manchester office. I'm passionate about getting our clients the rehabilitation and compensation awards they need after they have sustained serious injuries in an accident. I've recovered tens of millions of pounds of compensation for my clients during my career, over a wide range of complex serious injury cases representing clients with brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputations and complex orthopaedic injuries. I have expertise in securing substantial interim payments, some in excess of £1m for the purpose of providing accommodation, establishing case-managed care and rehabilitation schemes for my seriously injured. I also handle professional negligence cases against other solicitors arising from badly handled personal injury claims. I regularly present on the topic of rehabilitation and quantification of damages to health care professionals. My team were shortlisted for the Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence Team of the Year at the Manchester Law Society Legal Awards in 2010. We also won

Claimant Solicitor of the Year in the 2016 Post Magazine Rehabilitation First Awards.

BIBI, Sana

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Sana Bibi is a partner in the personal injury team of Anthony Gold. She has a particular interest in representing those who have suffered an accident at work. Sana specialises in traumatic brain injury and complex orthopaedic injuries including amputations. Having practised personal injury law for many years, she is an expert on managing the needs of clients and their families who are psychologically impacted by major trauma. **Career:** Trained with Jockelson and Kibbler (later Jockelson, McNulty Solicitors) before joining Anthony Gold in 2003. Made a partner in 2010.

Professional Memberships: Sana is a member of APIL; The Law Society Personal Injury Panel and the Society of Asian Lawyers. She is an accredited mediator of the Alternate Dispute Resolutions Group. **Publications:** Sana is also a contributor to the APIL Personal Injury Law, Practice and Precedents produced by LexisNexis.

Personal: When she is not walking on hot coal or glass, Sana likes spending quality time with family and friends. She has interest in current affairs, keeping fit, cooking, baking, gardening, decorating and sewing.

BIGGS, Richard

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Practice Areas: I am a senior associate in the Manchester Irwin Mitchell office. My expertise lies in the following: Brain Injury Spinal and complex orthopaedic injuries Spinal Injury Spinal Injuries Enquiries CICA Claims (Criminal Injuries) Road traffic accidents MIB and CICA claims Employer liability claims

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Practice Areas: Bethany is a Partner in the Insurance and Regulatory Team. She deals with all aspects of personal injury law, acting for UK and European insurers, businesses and individuals, including high value and complex cases. Bethany's work predominantly involves defending motor claims, however, she also handles employers' liability and public liability claims for domestic insurers. She is appointed to the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel.

Professional Memberships: Law Society's Personal Injury Panel

BOOY, Ruth

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Practice Areas: I am a partner in the Serious Injury department, based in Irwin Mitchell's Cambridge Office. I have over 20 years' post qualification experience and

specialise in cases concerning complex high value catastrophic injury. I have written and presented training programmes for hospital consultants, case managers, police liaison officers, victim support and bereavement volunteers and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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Practice Areas: Rachel works predominantly on personal injury cases involving cyclists and pedestrians who have been involved in serious road traffic collisions. She works on a range of complex life changing injury claims including brain and spinal injury, serious orthopaedic injury and also acts for bereaved families in fatal accident claims. She only acts for claimants and has represented many individuals who have sustained life-changing injuries or lost loved ones. She has extensive experience of claims involving complex liability issues and contributory negligence allegations, particularly in relation to cyclists and heavy goods vehicles. Rachel is a passionate advocate for the rights of vulnerable road users and has been involved in various road safety campaigns over the years.

Career: Rachel trained at Leigh Day, qualifying into the Personal Injury Department in 2013. She became an Associate in 2017.

Professional Memberships: Rachel is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and is an APIL Accredited Litigator.

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Practice Areas: James is a Partner in Trethowans' Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence team, leading the team in the Poole and Bournemouth offices. He specialises in complex and catastrophic cases. James often acts for clients who have suffered life changing injuries, including brain injuries and severe spinal injuries. He uses his knowledge and experience to ensure that clients get the best possible outcome from their claim. James also specialises in clinical negligence claims and have considerable experience dealing with birth injury cases, instances of delay in diagnosis, claims involving incorrect / sub standard treatment and issues involving consent. In addition, James has considerable experience in pursuing personal injury claims involving cross border and jurisdictional issues, bringing claims to the English courts for injuries suffered in road accidents in other EU countries. James has obtained successful outcomes in a wide variety of cases including claims and compensation for accidents at work, road traffic accidents, product liability incidents, public liability accidents and medical negligence cases, often on a no win no fee basis.

BREEN, Paul

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Practice Areas: Paul is head of the catastrophic team at JMW having joined them in July 2017. He has extensive experience of dealing with cases of the upmost severity involving spinal cord injuries, brain injuries and complex orthopaedic injuries. Paul has several sources of work from both charities and an insurance broker. He has a specialist interest in claims for motorcyclists. Examples of settlements pedestrian ran into road, sustained significant brain injury settled for sum of £2.8 million on a split liability basis, paraplegic case for a motorcyclist, settled at 5.2 million and has several cases in his current case load worth in excess of £10 million. **Career:** Joined JMW in 2017 as a partner. **Personal:** Born 1963, educated in Ormskirk, proud Dad and Grandfather of one daughter and one granddaughter loves spending time on the golf course when he is not with his family.

BRIDGE, Jonathan

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Practice Areas: Jonathan is a Partner and Head of the Abuse and Inquests team at Farleys. He has over 20 years experience acting for victims of abuse and is recognised as a national specialist in this area of law, receiving referrals from fellow professionals, charities and instructions from The Official Solicitor. Jonathan has a national client base, representing clients with claims against social services, historic abuse claims and claims to the CICA following abuse. Furthermore, he also represents clients who have been abused at the hands of the Catholic Church, youth organisations and victims of revenge pornography. He has also been praised for his work in securing substantial damages for the victims of abuse in the Rochdale sex rings, and has advised the BBC with regards to a drama covering the victims' true stories of grooming and sexual abuse. As a specialist in this area, Jonathan is assisting with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA); has advised members of the Professional Footballers Association and other high profile players following the latest football child abuse scandal, and has been asked to speak at various events on the topic, including the Association of Personal Injury Lawyer (APIL) Abuse Special Interest group.

BROWN, Matthew

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Practice Areas: I have practiced exclusively in the field of catastrophic injury litigation since qualification, and head a team of dedicated lawyers who act for clients with serious injuries caused as a result of accidents, in particular head and spinal cord injuries resulting in permanent disability. I have a proven track record of taking on and winning complex, difficult and unusual cases.

Career: Trained Irwin Mitchell 1997, qualified 1999; associate 2004; moved to Manchester 2008; partner 2010. **Professional Memberships:** APIL; Law Society Personal Injury Panel member.

BUCHANAN, Jennifer

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Career: Having trained and qualified at Fieldfisher, I quickly rose to Partner. Along with a law degree, I also have a Master's in biomedical sciences. I work exclusively for Claimants in high-value, catastrophic personal injury and fatal accident cases. My focus is on fully understanding a person's injuries, the impact on their lives and their long-term prognosis to be able to quickly access funds to provide financial support and rehabilitation. I carry a caseload of complex cases, including brain injury and serious orthopaedic injuries, including amputees. A keen competitive cyclist, I am able to advise on and run cycling claims with passion and expertise. My reputation attracts work, receiving huge trust and respect from my clients. I have been described as hard working, empathetic, dedicated and a great deal of skill and energy goes into ensuring clients receive what they are due. A client said: 'a lovely, kind and compassionate woman who immediately puts you at ease...She clearly is very good at her job and cares about her clients.' Having also been referred to as a 'Next Generation Lawyer', 'meticulous', with 'a superb eye for detail' and as an 'aggressive and effective litigator'.

CALDERWOOD, Heather

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Practice Areas: Heather has experience in a variety of civil litigation including road traffic, medical negligence, credit hire, employer liability, public liability and beauty claims. Heather specialises in complex personal injury reparation involving catastrophic injuries, fatalities, fraudulent claims, indemnity disputes, liability disputes and medical negligence. In this role, Heather acts for a variety of insurance companies, private individuals and private companies in connection with litigated and non-litigated claims and regularly appears in Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland and handles a wide range of cases in the Court of Session. Heather regularly provides training for clients' on a variety of issues including developments in case law and aspects of Scottish court procedure. Heather is accredited by the Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in Personal Injury.

Professional Memberships: Heather is a member of the Chartered Insurance Institute, the world's largest professional body dedicated to insurance and financial services. Within this role, Heather is also a member of her local Institute, the Insurance and Actuarial Society of Glasgow.

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Practice Areas: Partner in JMW Solicitors' catastrophic injury department, and a Special Ambassador for the Child Brain Injury Trust. Gordon has expertise in brain injury and amputation cases, with particular interest in paediatric brain injury claims. Gordon regularly secures seven figure settlements on behalf of his clients. Recent examples include settlements of £5m and £2.73m for children who suffered brain injuries in road traffic accidents; in excess of £1.5m for a claimant who suffered an above the elbow amputation as a result of an accident at work; and £1.4m for a claimant who was deliberately knocked over by a motorist. A dedicated, passionate advocate for his clients, Gordon is fully engaged with ensuring that injury victims of catastrophic accidents get the best possible rehabilitation as soon as possible after an accident and receive a quality standard of care for the remainder of their lives. He has links with several charitable organisations that focus on helping head and brain injury victims. **Career:** Joined JMW in 2001. Qualified in 2003. Became a partner in 2009. **Personal:** Born in 1979. Studied Law at MMU. Gordon is a proud Dad of two and loves spending his free time with his family, walking his dogs and watching Man Utd.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Northern Ireland)

Practice Areas: Defence Insurance Litigation

Career: Kenny is the firm's Managing Partner and is also Head of Defence Insurance Litigation. He joined Johnsons in 1991 as a newly qualified solicitor and has 25 years' experience in defence litigation with particular expertise in EL/PL personal injury work and product liability claims. He is an active member of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers and a former FOIL regional representative for Northern Ireland. He is admitted as a solicitor in the jurisdictions of Northern Ireland and England and Wales. He is regularly asked to address professional bodies on topical legal issues, having a working knowledge of practice and procedure in both jurisdictions.

Professional Memberships: Law Society of Northern Ireland and the Law Society of England & Wales

CHANDLER, Pauline

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Practice Areas: Pauline is a principal lawyer at Slater and Gordon in Manchester. She has specialised in industrial accident and disease claims for more than

40 years. During her career she has helped thousands of clients recover compensation for mesothelioma, asbestos and other industrial diseases. These have included bladder cancer from chemicals, nasal cancer from wood dust and other skin and lung diseases caused by chemicals and irritant dusts at work. Pauline has pursued some high profile and important and ground-breaking industrial disease cases, such as Knox & Others-v-Cammell Laird known as the "Welders Lung" case and several other Court of Appeal cases that have changed the law for asbestos victims and are frequently relied on and referred to as precedents in other disease claim judgements. Such judgements include: Owen-v-IMI Yorkshire Copper Tube; Jeromson-v-Shell Tankers; Furness-v-Massey; McCamley-v-Cammell Laird; Johnson-v-Reed Corrugated Cases; Sabin-v-British Rail; Cookson-v-Novartis Grimsby; and Spillett-v-Carillion. In addition she has successfully pursued numerous nasal cancer and asbestos cases that other solicitors abandoned because they could not find the relevant employers' liability insurers.

Career: Pauline began her legal career in 1973 and joined Pannone Solicitors in 1999. She became a principal lawyer with Slater and Gordon in 2014.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Kent)

Practice Areas: Oliver has specialised in clinical negligence and personal injury litigation since 2009. His personal injury work includes all aspects of occupiers' and employers' liability, road traffic accidents, highway, sports injury and Animals Act cases and harassment in the workplace. The majority of his clients have suffered brain and/or serious orthopaedic and/or psychiatric injuries. Oliver is part of the firm's asbestos team and specialises in mesothelioma claims. His clinical negligence experience involves a wide range of areas including accident and emergency, care of the elderly, dentistry, general practice, general surgery, gynaecology, obstetrics, ophthalmology, orthopaedic and spinal surgery, nephrology, nursing and urology.

Career: Oliver joined Thomson Snell & Passmore in 2007 and qualified as a solicitor in 2009. He was made a partner in 2019. Before joining Thomson Snell & Passmore, Oliver spent several years working as a carer for both children and adults with special needs. Having spent a year as a live-in carer for a young man with cerebral palsy, he gained valuable insight into the care, equipment and accommodation elements of high-value cases.

Professional Memberships: Oliver is a member of the Law Society's prestigious personal injury accreditation scheme and acknowledged by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) as a "senior litigator".

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Featured in Personal Injury (Aberdeen and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Partner with over 14 years' experience of personal injury and clinical negligence litigation, specialising in pursuing personal injury and clinical negligence claims on behalf of individuals. She has resolved many cases for claimants in areas including road traffic accidents, accidents offshore, agricultural accidents and also surgical, GP and dental cases, as well as related health professions. Extensive experience in high value, catastrophic injury claims.

Career: Qualified 2004; joined Bal-four+Manson in 2007

Professional Memberships: Accredited Senior Litigator and by Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Stephanie has extensive knowledge and a wide breadth of experience in all areas of catastrophic personal injury claims, but with a particular focus on rehabilitation as a priority. She takes a pragmatic, effective and proactive approach to the early resolution of claims and enjoys good working relationships with her opponents. Stephanie has particular expertise in all manner of complex brain injury cases, having had an extensive background in employers' and public liability as well as road traffic cases. She is a highly knowledgeable advocate with an emphasis on timely settlements in a wide range of serious injury claims.

Career: Stephanie joined Stewarts in 2012. She previously spent time at Irwin Mitchell and Shoosmiths.

Professional Memberships: Membership APIL: Fellow Law Society Member Headway Spinal Injuries Association

Personal: Stephanie enjoys all forms of socialising, keeping her teenage children in check, skiing and when time permits, binge box set watching.

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Practice Areas: Criminal Law Personal Injury Claims

Career: Stephen graduated from Queen's University, Belfast in 1999 with an Honours Degree in Law and joined McCartan Turkington Breen shortly after. He was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Northern Ireland in 2002 and appointed Partner in 2011.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Birmingham and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I head up the Midlands workplace illness team, which is the largest and most experienced specialist team in the area. I have only ever worked for injured claimants and have over 20 years' experience recovering compensation in the asbestos disease arena, having worked as part of the team that won the first environmental asbestos exposure case (Hancock) in 1995. Since that time, my team and I have worked tirelessly to obtain

justice for victims exposed to asbestos who have developed asbestos illnesses (mesothelioma, lung cancer, pleural thickening and asbestosis) both through their employment and through environmental exposure. Obtained one of the highest awards during lifetime for a mesothelioma sufferer (£1.5m) and engaged the services of experts to assist families to engage carers to help with practical care needs caused by these illnesses. The emphasis of the team is to make a difference to the quality of life of their clients as quickly as possible. Our team also has a proven track record in securing compensation for those affected by other workplace illnesses, including (but not limited to) asthma, VWF, NIHL, carpal tunnel and RSI.

Career: Trainee with IM, Qualified 1996, partner 2005.

Professional Memberships: Trustee of Mesothelioma UK.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Sam is a partner at Osbornes Law specialising in high value and complex catastrophic injury claims, including brain and spinal cord injuries, loss of limbs, fatalities, and severe psychiatric harm.

Career: Sam joined Osbornes as a trainee in 2009 and qualified as a Solicitor in 2011, before becoming an Associate in 2016, building up a wealth of experience acting for Claimants in Employers' Liability, Public Liability and Road Traffic Accident cases. Sam also enjoys productive relationships with many of the leading Personal Injury barristers in London. Sam runs his own case load of high value claims including several valued at in excess of £1million. He believes in seeking justice for his clients by offering clear and concise legal advice. Sam is an Accredited Senior Litigator by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Warren, a Solicitor-Advocate with higher rights of audience in all civil courts, has specialised in handling catastrophic injury cases arising out of accidents, medical malpractice, assaults and product liability for over 25 years. His expertise is widely recognised by his peers and he is endorsed as a leader in his field in the legal directories. He has won multiple awards including the Eclipse Proclaim Catastrophic Injury Lawyer of the Year (2018), Claimant Injury Lawyer of the Year (2013), UK Acquired Brain Injury Forum (UKABIF) Award for Inspiration in Brain Injury (2013) and the Spinal Injuries Association Rebuilding Lives Award in Legal Excellence (2015). Warren also has significant international experience in personal injury claims, having conducted cases across Europe, Asia, Australia and the Caribbean. He has particular expertise with US claims and is a leading member of the AAJ. He is the only UK solicitor mem-

ber of the Melvin Belli Society (pre-eminent personal injury lawyers of America).

Professional Memberships: Chief Assessor of the Law Society Personal Injury Accreditation Panel Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) APIL's Spinal Cord Injury Specialist Panel and Brain Injury Specialist Panel American Association for Justice (AAJ) National Crime Victim Bar Association of America

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Featured in Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Practice Areas: A solicitor advocate and Accredited Specialist in personal injury, Jonathan has considerable experience of pursuing and defending claims in the Sheriff Courts, the All Scotland Personal Injury Court and the Court of Session. Jonathan specialises in complex and high-value cases (including fatal claims) and excels at representing clients who have suffered catastrophic, life-changing injuries. He regularly advises clients suffering industrial disease, and has a particular interest in medical negligence, brain injury and spinal injury claims.

Career: Jonathan joined Lindsays in 2017 from Brodies LLP, where he was also a partner.

Professional Memberships: Society of Solicitor Advocates; Association of Personal Injury Lawyers; Motor Accident Solicitors Society

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Practice Areas: Dave specialises in catastrophic injury cases including brain injury, spinal injury and amputation. He deals with motor, employers' liability and highways cases. He acts for a large number of local authorities on maximum severity claims. He is a member of the Law Society and FOIL. He was an assistant solicitor at Eking Manning, and appointed to partner in 1994. Dave joined Weightmans in 1999.

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Practice Areas: Defence Insurance Litigation/ Large Loss/ Commercial Litigation
Career: David is qualified to act in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland jurisdictions. David is experienced in commercial litigation and also heads up Johnsons' Large Loss team with particular expertise in catastrophic injury claims, product liability, professional indemnity and those involving indemnity disputes. David acts on behalf of a number of major insurance companies in Ireland. In addition, David is known for his specialism in media and sports law with a particular emphasis on defamation.

Professional Memberships: Law Society of Northern Ireland, Law Society of England & Wales and the Law Society of Ireland

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Practice Areas: I am a Senior Associate Solicitor in the Newcastle office. I specialise in dealing with claims on behalf of people who have been abused in childhood and/or have been sexually assaulted. I also deal with complex industrial disease matters, in particular mesothelioma cases. I am former winner of Rising Star of the Year (Young Lawyer) at the Northern Law Awards (2017) and in July 2019 I was named as Lawyer in the News following the settlement of the first UK cases against Uber in respect of two sexual assault cases.

Career: I qualified as a solicitor in September 2011 after having spent two years dealing with various types of personal injury claims, including catastrophic brain injury cases, various types of industrial accidents and clinical negligence matters.

Professional Memberships: I'm an accredited APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) Senior Litigator and am also on the panel of the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL). I am also APIL accredited as an Occupational Disease Specialist, an Asbestos Disease Specialist and a Fatal Accidents Act Specialist. I am Trustee and Secretary of Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland.

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Practice Areas: Rhiannon is an Associate in the Spinal Injury team. She specialises in acting for people who have sustained a Spinal Cord Injury as a result of accidents or medical errors. She has achieved substantial settlements for her clients with care packages that will support them in their daily lives now and in the future, providing peace of mind for them and their families. She has achieved spinal injury settlements of £5m in relation to an accident at work after a client fell through a ceiling void and £1.3m for a client who underwent an operation without proper consent. Rhiannon is passionate about her work and committed to working closely with her clients, advising and supporting them throughout the litigation process. She fights hard to obtain early admissions of liability to secure her clients access to interim damages to help fund immediate needs. She has a proven track record of achieving high value settlements and prides herself on delivering excellent client satisfaction.

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Practice Areas: I am a Partner in the Medical Negligence team in Birmingham. I specialise in a range of medical law work including cases against hospitals, GPs and other health professionals. I have dealt with numerous cases involving children

and mothers injured at birth and have also handled many fatal cases in which I represent family members at coroner's inquests. My team also specialise in representing the families of mental health patients where there are questions regarding the quality of care provided. Throughout the past 12 months I have recovered in excess of £8 million in damages for clients injured through medical accidents. In addition I lead a team in the Birmingham office which specialises in child abuse cases. I represent individuals who have experienced sexual and physical abuse and neglect. I have acted for clients in cases against local authorities, schools, religious organisations and children's homes. I was the first lawyer in the country to recover in excess of £1m in damages for a family in a claim against their local authority for failing to remove them in to care and I was named the Birmingham Law Society Solicitor of the Year for my work in the field of child abuse.

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Practice Areas: I am the Managing Partner of the Southampton office at Irwin Mitchell, which acts exclusively for victims of both personal injury and asbestos related diseases throughout the South East. I have particular expertise in representing mesothelioma patients and their families in obtaining welfare benefits, access to other support services and financial compensation.

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Practice Areas: I'm head of the Serious Injury team at Irwin Mitchell's Bristol office. I specialise in representing children and adults who have suffered catastrophic brain and/or spinal cord injuries, amputations or multiple trauma. Notable cases: MNO v Poole £9.35 million for a young man who suffered a brain injury in a RTA; ST v VB £7.9 million for an 18 year old with tetraplegia following a road traffic accident; Goodwin v Roper £6.3m for a pedestrian who suffered paraplegia after being knocked down by a car; Smith v St Regis £4m for a young man who suffered paraplegia, hip disarticulation, brachial plexus and severe internal injuries in an industrial accident; C v W £3.9m for a 15 year old boy who suffered severe brain damage when he was knocked down by a car on his way home from school; C v W & DL £3.3m for young man with incomplete tetraplegia sustained in a road traffic accident;

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Featured in Personal Injury (Newcastle and surrounds)

Practice Areas: John has been representing clients who have suffered serious injuries, particularly those who

have suffered life-changing neurological conditions, for over 30 years, and has considerable experience in the field of complex personal injury litigation. Clients are at the centre of what he does. He is fully committed to getting to know his clients and their needs and to obtaining funding at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure that they are able to receive the rehabilitation required to meet their life-long needs and to reach their best possible outcome and quality of life. During his career he has acted for hundreds of clients and helped to achieve awards of damages totalling over £200 million. In addition, John has also worked with a number of charities which support individuals who have sustained serious neurological injuries and in 2012 he was recognised for this work by being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Professional Memberships: John is accredited by the Association for Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) with three areas of specialism, as a Spinal Cord Injury Specialist, a Brain Injury Specialist and as a Personal Injury Specialist.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: I lead and manage a Serious Injury team in the London office. I specialise in complex serious injury cases representing clients with brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, and complex orthopaedic injuries. I also deal with high profile fatal claims and have a specialist interest in insurance indemnity and MIB issues. I have built a reputation of handling difficult cases and getting results. I am passionate about helping our clients get the best rehabilitation after suffering life changing injuries. I have expertise in securing substantial interim payments for the purpose of providing rehabilitation, private care packages and accommodation. I trained at Irwin Mitchell and qualified into the Serious Injury team. I am responsible for a team of solicitors specialising in a wide range of complex serious injury cases.

Career: I have worked for the firm since I left law school. I am surrounded by pioneering lawyers who are not afraid to push the boundaries of the law.

Personal: I am a family man with two young children. I try to spend as much free time I have with them. I enjoy watching football and cricket. I like to travel and meet new people.

DINSMORE, Andrew
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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: For over 20 years, Andrew has specialised in acting for indi-

viduals who have suffered life-changing injuries. Andrew has particular expertise in acting for individuals who have sustained spinal cord and brain injuries and is dedicated to achieving excellent outcomes for his clients. Andrew specialises in complex and high-value personal injury claims. Over his 20-year career he has recovered damages for clients well in excess of £100m. Andrew has a range of experience in relation to liability scenarios, from public liability to road traffic accidents and employer liability claims. Andrew also has experience of litigating sporting accidents. He adopts a pragmatic and consensual approach to his cases.

Career: Andrew was educated at St Columba's College, St Albans and Woodhouse Sixth Form College, Finchley. Andrew obtained a law degree at the University of Nottingham and completed the Legal Practice Course at Store Street, London. Andrew qualified in 1996, specialising in claimant personal injury with a regional firm. Andrew joined Stewarts in 1997.

Professional Memberships: APIL Member

Publications: Andrew has given presentations to peers and medical clinicians on a wide range of subjects including mental capacity and the Motor Insurers Bureau. Andrew has also co-published several articles in medical journals on the Stewarts Legal Service.

DONOGHUE, Rose
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Practice Areas: Rose is a personal injury lawyer in Shoosmiths with over 28 years experience acting for individuals who have sustained serious injuries that have had a significant impact on their quality of life and a lasting impact on their families. Specialising in catastrophic brain and spinal cord injuries as a result of road traffic accidents and accidents at work, Rose's role is multifaceted and includes supporting clients in the early stages of their injury, making sure that they get the right rehabilitation to maximise their recovery and source the right expert who can recommend the appropriate aids and equipment to improve their quality of life. An important aspect is to provide the moral and psychological support during a client's transition to a new life, sometimes with disabilities, so that they can look forward to a new life, purpose and future. The majority of Rose's work comes from referrals from existing clients or professionals who she has worked with in the past. She works hard to build relationships and trust with her clients, their families and the rehab team and takes pride in being available to support them through the different milestones of recovery and independence, and through the litigation process.

EASTON, Daniel
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Practice Areas: Dan jointly heads the industrial disease and asbestos team. His work includes the following: - S v

Circaprint - highest (then) award for mesothelioma PSLA and established award for loss of husband's affection - Frith v DECC - successful limitation trial for British Coal 'post-cut off claim'; - Chandler v Cape PLC - successful (on appeal) against parent company for asbestos exposure at a subsidiary factory - £900,000 mesothelioma claim: gave rise to an Metropolitan Police investigation. Catastrophic personal injury claims, include: - £4.235million for RTA including novel quantum issue on the increased cost of living between South Africa and UK - £2million + settlement for lower limb amputation including 6 different prosthesis. - Fatal accidents include claim for young man killed by a falling shop sign (£600,000) and claim against NHS trust for young man asphyxiated by nitrogen oxide. - £2.5 million for man crushed under JCB - £2.7million settlement plus PPO for paraplegic victim.

Career: Trained with Lawfords, qualified in 2003. Made partner at Leigh Day in 2008.

Professional Memberships: APIL fellow and accredited Asbestos Disease and Occupational Disease Specialist. He was secretary of APIL's Occupational Health Special Interest Group for several years before being elected co-ordinator in 2014.

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Featured in Clinical Negligence (London), Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: I am managing partner of the London office. I specialise in claimant clinical negligence and serious personal injury claims. I have particular experience and interest in claims for adults and children who have suffered lasting brain or neurological damage. My clinical negligence team has extensive experience in clinical negligence claims arising from obstetric, neonatal, anaesthetic, neurosurgical, cardiac and psychiatric care. Recent cases include claims arising from spinal surgery in private hospitals and failings in obstetric care resulting in significant periodical payments. I have also recovered substantial damages and put in place early rehabilitation for claimants with severe brain damage arising from road traffic collisions.

Career: Partner Thompsons; partner Irwin Mitchell (opened London office) 1995.

Professional Memberships: Law Society Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Panels; Association of Personal Injury Lawyers; AvMA referral solicitors panel.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Aberdeen and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Graeme is a solicitor-advocate with extended rights of audience to appear in the Court of Session and the UK Supreme Court. He is accredited by The Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in Personal Injury Law. Specialises in defending personal injury claims in both the Court of Session and in Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland. He advises some

of the UK's largest general insurers as well as local authorities, public sector bodies, loss adjusters and other insurance intermediaries. His main areas of expertise are in employer's liability, public liability disease claims, professional negligence and motor claims. His experience also extends to advising and representing clients on issues relating to health & safety law. He provides advice to clients generally on health and safety issues and represents companies and public bodies following criminal prosecution under Health & Safety Legislation and at Fatal Accident Inquiries.

Career: Qualified 1996. Partner at Led-ingham Chalmers since 2005.

Professional Memberships: Law Society of Scotland. Society of Solicitor-Advocates. Forum of Insurance Lawyers (FOIL) and The Health & Safety Lawyers' Association (HSLA).

Personal: Family – father of three. Enjoys travelling and reading. Playing tennis, golf and skiing.

EDWARDS, Charles

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Charles is an experienced, collaborative practitioner specialising in the highest value and most complex value personal injury claims. He has experience in dealing with a variety of types of claims, covering road traffic accidents, accidents at work and accidents in public places. Over the past 13 years of his career at Stewarts, Charles has settled claims for clients totalling in excess of £100 million. These include high-level spinal cord injury cases, brain injury cases involving minimally aware clients, high-earning City workers, and claims with an international element.

Career: After obtaining a law degree, Charles obtained a masters in International Business Litigation from King's College London. His training took place at a regional firm where he gained experience to specialise in civil litigation, before moving to a large national firm to focus on personal injury. He joined Stewarts in 2003 and now specialises in only the most severe and complex claims.

Professional Memberships: Membership of APIL Senior Litigator (APIL)

Publications: Charles is a strong believer in collaboration between parties in order to achieve the best outcome for his client. He has given presentations to both insurers and defendant solicitors about the benefits to all parties of a transparent and proactive approach to claims.

FARMANER, Kelvin

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Practice Areas: Kelvin is an experienced Litigation Lawyer, Advocate (Higher Courts Civil Proceedings), and has a niche expertise and understanding of the insurance sector. Kelvin acts for Domestic and European Insurance companies, mainly in connection with defending motor claims cases. Kelvin has also established a niche practice in relation to claims involving animals, having acted for the successful

party in the leading case of *Mirvahedy v Henley*, which was decided in 2003 in the House of Lords (the case in which the court defined the responsibilities of keepers of animals under Section 2 of the Animals Act 1971).

Professional Memberships: Member of the Law Society Specialist Personal Injury Panel Member of FOIL (Forum of Insurance Lawyers) Member of the Equine and Animals Lawyers Association Vice President of the Southampton Insurance Institute Council Vice Chair of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Professional Services Forum

FLASHMAN, Caroline

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Practice Areas: Caroline specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence claims for clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries in the following areas; brain damage (including cerebral palsy,) ophthalmic, spinal and amputation cases. She also acts as Court of Protection Deputy for clients who have lost capacity to deal with their financial affairs. She is an accredited PI Panel member at the Law Society and a Senior Litigator with the association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

Publications: Caroline is also listed in the directories of charities at Headway, Child Brain Injury trust (CBIT) and the Spinal Injury Association.

FORREST, Carly

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Featured in Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Career: Ranked by both Chambers & Legal 500 Carly is a Partner and Solicitor Advocate who has worked exclusively in the personal injury field for over 15 years handling a full range of EL, PL and motor claims. Her specialty is in catastrophic injury claims involving head/brain injuries, severe spinal conditions and amputations as well as psychiatric and psychological disorders. Carly is also extremely experienced at handling fatal claims having defended a case which reaffirmed the law in relation to secondary victim claims and having represented her insurer clients in the UK Supreme Court. Carly routinely assists insurers and their policyholders in the immediate aftermath to coordinate post-accident investigations as well as their internal and external communication strategy and approach. She is often instructed at the outset of a claim, well before any litigation has commenced to assist drawing a clear defence strategy. Carly also frequently assists clients negotiate and conclude any claim/s well in advance of any court proceedings being raised.

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Practice Areas: Richard is a Principal Lawyer in the personal injury team at Slater and Gordon's office in Cambridge.

He specialises in claims involving catastrophic and serious injuries. Richard has significant experience in claims involving head injury, multiple orthopaedic, amputation and fatal accident claims. He spent 10 years in the armed forces before becoming a lawyer so has particular experience in dealing with military accident claims. Richard is also Slater and Gordon's Principal Lawyer for Cycling UK, the UK's national cycling charity.

Career: Richard qualified as a solicitor in 2000 and joined Slater and Gordon in 2013.

Professional Memberships: Richard provides regular training sessions for interested groups including consultant surgeons and doctors, physiotherapists, osteopaths and chiropractors, etc. Richard is also a member of APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) and a member of one of the few teams that are nationally accredited as specialist solicitors by both the Spinal Injuries Association and Headway, brain injury association. Additionally, Richard is an accredited member of the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: Vijay is a partner with over 14 years experience of industrial disease (mainly asbestos and mesothelioma) and complex injury cases. He has achieved success in difficult cases here and overseas having negotiating settlements for various Australian residents. His most notable success was in *Chandler v Cape plc* [2012] EWCA 525 CA, a landmark case that set a new precedent in tort and company law for holding parent company liable. He also specialises in child brain injury cases and has obtained successful outcomes in other varied injury cases.

Career: Vijay read law at King's College London and trained as both a barrister and solicitor. He undertook his training contract at Hodge Jones & Allen before joining Leigh Day in 2007.

Professional Memberships: Vijay is accredited as a Senior Litigator and holds specialist accreditation for Occupational and Asbestos Disease claims with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers ('APIL'). He is also an APIL assessor for other solicitors seeking specialist accreditation. He sits on the Asbestos Sub-Committee in Parliament.

Publications: Vijay regularly gives talks at universities, specialist hospital teams and charity support group meetings. He has also written quarterly updates for the Solicitors Journal for over 10 years and now writes for the New Law Journal.

GARSON, Matthew

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a senior associate solicitor and have acted for clients in the field of serious injury for over 13 years. I handle a wide range of serious injury cases. These include brain and spinal injuries, amputation and fatal accident claims. I also act for clients who have

suffered complex orthopaedic injuries, including children and the elderly. I've also worked on professional negligence cases against other solicitors. These arise from badly handled personal injury claims. I am part of the leading personal injury team in Manchester which has secured excellent results for many clients over the years.

GERAGHTY, Richard

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: I have over 20 years of experience in serious injury litigation. I specialise in complex and high value personal injury claims, having an established practice in spinal cord, brain and amputation injuries.

Professional Memberships: On the editorial board of the Journal of Personal Injury Litigation and a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers.

GILL, Navdip

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Featured in Personal Injury (Milton Keynes and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Navdip specialises in complex and catastrophic brain injuries involving multi-million pound claims, many of which commence in the High Court. He has a reputation for representing clients in the UK and overseas, taking on challenging cases with impressive results, including children with permanent brain injuries. Experienced in dealing with the issues involving clients under surveillance and fundamental dishonesty. He is known for rigorously defending clients against allegations for not wearing seat belts, passengers getting into vehicles where the driver is intoxicated and for pedestrians running into the road and sustaining life changing injuries. He has built up a formidable reputation working with leading medical experts in their fields of neurosurgical and neurological care, neuropsychiatric and neurological aspects of brain injury.

Career: He has spent over 20 years as a Personal Injury solicitor and has been head of the Personal Injury department since 2017.

Professional Memberships: Member of APIL, Brain Injury Group & Headway

Personal: England and Wales Cricket Board Level 2 qualified coach and plays for Chenies & Latimer Cricket Club. A keen cyclist and marathon runner.

GOATLEY, Helen

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Practice Areas: Helen has been the Chairman of Moore Barlow since December 2016. Her specialist area is representing people with an acquired brain injury in civil litigation claims. She is also a professional Court of Protection Deputy.

Professional Memberships: Helen is Chair of the Surrey Acquired Brain Injury Network. Helen is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and is accredited as a specialist in Clinical

Negligence by the Law Society and as a brain injury specialist by APIL.

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Practice Areas: Nick is a Principal Lawyer leading his committed team in London acting on behalf of clients affected by life-altering accidents, usually caused by RTCs or accidents at work and in public spaces. He's recognised for undertaking the most complex and challenging cases, usually brain and spinal trauma, often resulting in seven figure settlements and securing PPOs for the most vulnerable clients. He's passionate about securing early and ongoing rehabilitation and financial support helping clients get their lives back on track, enabling them to lead as full and active lives as possible. Nick acted for the claimant at first instance in *Sabir vs. Nana Osei-Kwabana* [2015] EWCA Civ1213 successfully obtaining judgment in a hard fought case. That judgment is now a leading authority on causative potency and respective blameworthiness. In the last few years alone Nick has helped clients recover over £25M including £8M gross for a young man who suffered a head injury after being hit by a bus.

Career: Qualified: 2001; RPC 2003-2010; Partner at Fentons Solicitors, now Slater and Gordon Lawyers; 2012.

Professional Memberships: Nick is a member of APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) and is a member of the Law Society.

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GREENFIELD, Jill

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Career: I am a leading serious injury lawyer and head of the catastrophic injury team, representing clients in the UK and internationally. I am one of a handful of UK lawyers recognised by Chambers as a 'Star Individual' and was included in in *The Lawyer* Hot 100 2019. In 2018, I was shortlisted as Woman Lawyer of the Year at the Law Society Excellence Awards. My team won the Solicitors Journal Personal Injury team of the Year in 2017. My experience covers brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, serious orthopaedic injury and fatal injury following accidents on the roads and at work. I also represent victims of sexual assault, terrorist attack & Ecoli 0157 outbreaks. I have successfully campaigned to introduce new legislation that now provides financial support for UK victims of terrorism, wherever in the world that attack occurs. I currently represent victims of the Westminster Bridge, London Bridge and the Finsbury Park Mosque terrorist atrocities. I am currently running the UK cases against Harvey Weinstein for alleged historic sexual assaults. I have taken a civil rape case to trial and won – one

of only a handful of cases that have ever reached trial without a criminal conviction.

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Practice Areas: Tristan is a partner in the clinical negligence and personal injury team, based in the London office. He advises on all types of maximum severity personal injury work including road traffic and aviation accidents, employers' and public liability claims and high value spinal, head and amputation injury claims. He has a special interest in marine accident work and a long track record of litigating in the Admiralty Court. With many years' experience of acting for both private clients and a range of associations, Tristan has represented the Police Federation on numerous occasions, in particular acting for officers at risk under the Winsor reforms and where injuries prevent them from returning to front line or non-adjusted duties. He is recognised as a leader in his field and has been singled out by clients for being 'very shrewd and extremely calm, with a great sense of perspective in a case'.

Career: Tristan joined Penningtons Manches Cooper in 2017 from another City law firm where he was a personal injury partner for over 10 years.

Professional Memberships: British-German Jurists' Association

HARDACRE, Michael

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Michael is a Principal Lawyer and heads the Occupiers and Public liability team. He has been acting for Claimants dealing with very high value personal injury cases for over 20 years, during which time he has secured numerous multi-million pound awards of compensation, particularly in cases involving fatal and catastrophic injury. His practice has been across the full spectrum of personal injury, more recently specialising in occupiers' liability claims, particularly sports and adventure activity related accidents.

Career: Michael qualified as a solicitor in 1997 when he joined Pannone Solicitors. He has been with Slater and Gordon since the acquisition in 2014.

Professional Memberships: Michael is a former president of the Manchester Law Society and is accredited as a Senior Litigator by APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers).

HARRINGTON, Simon

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Featured in Personal Injury (Cambridge and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a Partner in the Ministry of Defence team in Cambridge acting exclusively for service personnel for more than ten years. I was one of the first lawyers to settle a claim arising out of Gulf War 2 (Op Tellic) and was one of a select group of lawyers invited to make

representations to the Secretary of State in relation to the inception of the AFCS. I have a particular interest in non-freezing cold weather injury claims, assisting several hundred clients and recovering over £10m in compensation. Through my cold injury work I have gained considerable experience in assisting Commonwealth soldiers in claims for compensation and, specifically, recovering losses which stem from their deprivation of British residency following medical discharge. In addition to my personal injury work, I also regularly assist with claims being brought under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

Career: Trained Lorimer Longhurst and Lees; qualified 2004; MPH 2005-2011; partner MPH 2011-2013; partner Irwin Mitchell (after its acquisition of MPH) 2013 to date.

Professional Memberships: APIL Military SIG member; RBL Solicitor Referral Group Panel.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Kim Harrison is a principal lawyer and head of operations for the abuse department at Slater and Gordon. She acts for clients in civil claims against organisations and institutions where abuse has taken place including religious organisations, the Scouts, the military, the NHS, schools, care homes and sports clubs of all kinds. She has particular expertise in advising clients in suing in both negligence and human rights for 'failure to protect' cases representing children in cases against Local Authorities. She has acted for a large number of clients abused by the football coach Barry Bannell. Alongside her civil work she has also developed significant Inquiries and Inquests expertise, having advised and represented clients at a number of Article 2 Inquests and also in the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). In addition, Kim is also representing the bereaved families of the Manchester Arena Bombing Inquiry.

Career: Kim qualified as a solicitor in 2005.

Professional Memberships: Kim is an APIL accredited Senior Litigator, an Executive Committee Member of the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL), on the Executive Committee of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and also a member of the JPIL (Journal of Personal Injury Law) Editorial Board.

HARTY, Viv

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Practice Areas: Personal Injury Claims Professional Negligence Commercial Dispute Resolution Employment Law

Career: Viv graduated from Queen's University, Belfast in 1984 with an Honours Degree in Law. He was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Northern Ireland in 1987 and subsequently to the Roll of Solicitors in the Republic of Ireland in 2002. Viv joined McCartan Turkington Breen in 1985 and went on to serve as the Senior

Partner before stepping into a consultancy position.

HARWOOD, Jason

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Practice Areas: Jason is a Partner in the personal injury department specialising in catastrophic injury claims. He has a particular interest in brain injury, amputation, serious orthopaedic injury and fatal accident claims. Jason's recent success stories include a settlement of £1.275million for a motorcyclist who suffered a severe brachial plexus injury when knocked off his motorbike on the way to work, £1million for a client who was knocked off her pedal bike resulting in a below knee amputation and £750,000 for a client who eventually had to have a below knee amputation following an accident in November 2011. He is currently instructed in several 7 figure claims.

Career: Qualified in 2003, joined JMW Solicitors in 2007, made partner in 2013.

Personal: Loving husband and busy father of three, keen golfer and football fan.

HASSAN, Eman

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Practice Areas: Eman handles a wide range of personal injury claims related to health and social care cases. She specialises in major trauma claims and supports clients who are victims of a major trauma and suffered with amputations, brain injuries and complex musculoskeletal injuries. She specialises obtaining rehabilitation for her clients to maximise their recovery throughout their journey. She has been involved in high-profile cases including the Croydon Tram Crash and Westminster Terror Attack. In 2020, Eman received the Rising Star Lawyer of the Year at the We Are The City Awards.

Professional Memberships: Trustee of Headway of South West London

Publications: Legal Check | How I used the Equivalent Means route to qualify as a solicitor without doing a training contract | Eman Hassan It's a tough way in, but for those who want it enough this new way into the profession is a great opportunity, writes newly qualified solicitor Eman Hassan. View article: <https://www.legalcheek.com/2018/08/how-i-used-the-equivalent-means-route-to-qualify-as-a-solicitor-without-doing-a-training-contract/>

HEALY, Deirdre

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a brain injury specialist in the Serious Injury team at Irwin Mitchell's Manchester Office. My role is to ensure that clients have access to the best possible treatment and rehabilitation following their injuries, and to obtain damages to secure their future. I have specialised in complex injury cases for 17 years and recovered more than £100 million on behalf of my clients.

HEATON, Carolyn

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Featured in Personal Injury (Leeds, Bradford and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a partner in the Leeds serious injury team specialising in high-value and complex adult and paediatric brain, spinal and amputee claims. I frequently recover multimillion-pound settlements for clients and have extensive experience of PPOs. Despite the large sums of money involved, my emphasis is always on rehabilitation and restoring quality of life to clients and their families with interim payments for accommodation, care and therapies being obtained wherever possible in order to maximise the potential for successful rehabilitation. Some cases have contributed towards the firm's success in achieving rehabilitation awards. I am increasingly asked to take over cases from other solicitors who fail to recognise the complexity of brain injury and who have struggled to get interim payments for clients. I represented the claimant in *Rhodes v Ford* which dealt with interim payments and statutory services funding.

Career: Trained DAC Beachcroft; Irwin Mitchell LLP 1994; partner Irwin Mitchell 2010.

Professional Memberships: Former committee member of YABIF (Yorkshire Acquired Brain Injury Forum); Headway Bradford and Headway Sheffield; fellow APIL.

HERBERT, Gary

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Partner and senior member of the personal injury department in representing Claimants with catastrophic brain and spinal injuries with a particular expertise in acting for Children and Young Adults who have sustained brain injuries.

Career: Qualified in 2002 at Irwin Mitchell. Joined Fentons (now part of Slater and Gordon) in 2005, becoming a Partner in 2012. Joined Potter Rees Dolan as a Senior Solicitor in 2015, becoming Partner in 2017.

Professional Memberships: Gary is Secretary for Headway Salford and Trafford, having previously volunteered for Headway Leeds and the Manchester branch of the Child Brain Injury Trust.

Personal: Resides in Cheshire with his wife and two children.

HERBERT, Jonathan

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Featured in Personal Injury (Kent)

Practice Areas: Jonathan is a specialist in the fields of clinical negligence, personal injury and asbestos-related industrial diseases, and has a wealth of knowledge, in these areas acting for claimants. He has practised in all areas of personal injury since 1987 eventually working exclusively in this area of law since 2004. Jonathan's

caseload is wide ranging and has included injuries of the utmost severity caused both in traumatic and medical accidents. Many of Jonathan's cases also involve psychiatric injuries. Jonathan's personal injury cases have included road traffic accidents, employer's liability claims, product liability claims and occupier's liability claims. Jonathan assists our Dispute Resolution department where we act for clients suing solicitors who have failed to handle injury claims satisfactorily.

Career: Jonathan joined Thomson Snell & Passmore in 2004 and qualified as a chartered legal executive in 2007. Before joining Thomson Snell & Passmore, Jonathan spent seventeen years working as a civil litigator for solicitors based in Kent and Central London, gaining wide ranging practical experience.

Professional Memberships: Jonathan is a member of the Law Society's personal injury accreditation scheme and acknowledged by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) as a "senior litigator". He is also the coordinator of APIL's south east region group.

HERMAN, Daniel

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Featured in Personal Injury (Leeds, Bradford and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Daniel acts for clients who have sustained serious life-changing injuries, and has done since 1999. Most of his clients have sustained a spinal cord injury or a brain injury. He has particular expertise in cross-border cases: acting on behalf of British clients injured overseas or foreign nationals injured in the UK. Daniel has been involved in more than 50 cases in which the claimant has received compensation in excess of £1 million.

Career: Daniel joined Stewarts in 2000. He has been a partner and head of the Leeds office since 2003.

Professional Memberships: –Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) –APIL accredited specialist spinal cord injury solicitor –Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) panel solicitor –Headway panel solicitor

Publications: Daniel has spoken at many conferences relating to spinal cord injury and brain injury. He has appeared on television and radio, both to talk about cases in which he has acted, and also to discuss personal injury law in more general terms.

Personal: Daniel is a football fan: as well as being a Manchester United season ticket holder, he also coaches a junior football team. When given the chance, he relaxes in Cornwall and Croatia.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: Madelene is the senior practice director for the national specialist injury practice and also runs a caseload of industrial disease and military specialist claims, in particular claims for asbestos related diseases. She's based in Manchester but represents clients Nationally. Her specific areas of expertise are claims for asbestos victims, occupational asthma, work related stress, dermatitis, chemical

poisoning and noise induced hearing loss cases, particularly on behalf of Armed Forces personnel. She also has experience in complex accident at work cases and catastrophic military cases. Additionally, she has a highly specialised and unique expertise in carbon monoxide poisoning claims and is one of the UK's foremost legal experts in this area, being involved in several high-profile carbon monoxide poisoning claims and speaking at the House of Lords on this topic previously. She's been described by clients as "tenacious, practical and very dogged". She thrives on litigating difficult cases, is not afraid of running them and can explain tricky legal arguments to clients and colleagues in a clear, concise way.

Professional Memberships: Madelene is a member of the Law Society and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). She's accredited by APIL as a Senior Litigator, an Asbestos Specialist and an Occupational Disease Specialist.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: David is technical lead for large loss, cross border and technical motor claims, having headed up our large loss and technical team for over 20 years. He specialises in catastrophic injury claims and in MIB claims, cross border claims and non-indemnity insurance work advising insurers on policy wording and on liabilities to third parties under both the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Art 75. He has dealt with the full range of catastrophic injury claims including claims of the utmost severity, spinal injuries (paraplegics/tetraplegics), amputations and serious head injuries. David has lectured widely on technical issues and on large loss issues. He was lead lawyer for MIB in relation to the latest Uninsured and Untraced Drivers Agreements. He represented in the Supreme Court case of *Moreno* (2016) and on the judicial review action brought by RoadPeace challenging various aspects of the Agreements and the 1988 Act as being contrary to European law. He has been involved in many leading cases including the cases of *Wigley Foster*, *McCall v Poulton*, *Nemeti v Sabre*, *Winrow v Hemphill*, *Jacobs v MIB*, *Howe v MIB* and *Marshall/Pickard v MIB* and others.

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Practice Areas: Damian is the firm's senior partner and head of personal injury. He is regarded as one of the UK's leading catastrophic personal injury lawyers, with particular interest in severe brain injury and spinal cord injury. He also has overall responsibility for the firm's litigation service. Damian has two key areas of practice which he is passionate about – he helps people with severe brain injuries and spinal cord injuries secure fair compensation for what can be life changing injuries. Clients with spinal cord injuries are helped through the award-winning *Aspire Law* – www.aspirelaw.co.uk – a law firm Damian created with leading spinal cord injury charity, *Aspire*. Through *Moore Barlow*,

Damian supports adults and children who have suffered severe and life changing brain injuries as a result of someone else's negligence. He works closely with brain injury charities, most notably *Headway* and the *Child Brain Injury Trust*.

Professional Memberships: Court of Protection approved Deputy

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Featured in Personal Injury (Southampton and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am head of the Serious Injury team in Southampton and specialise in claims for adults and children who have suffered life-changing injuries, which may include brain or spinal injury. These injuries can result from road accidents, accidents at work, falls from height, defective products or chemical exposure. I have over 20 years of experience and have acted on behalf of accident victims throughout that time. I am client-focused from the outset. I always ensure that clients receive the rehabilitation they need via co-operation with the defendant insurer, issuing proceedings early and securing court ordered payments or, if liability is disputed, ensuring the NHS provide all available support.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Shrewsbury and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Louise has two areas of special interest: representing claimant's injured abroad and representing members of the Armed Forces Community. An experienced solicitor in serious injury cases, particularly those involving psychiatric injury. Louise works with clients who have sustained life changing injuries and is firm believer in early rehabilitation.

Career: Louise has been with the firm since 2007, starting her career as a legal support assistant she completing her training contract with the firm qualifying in 2011 and became an associate in 2017.

Professional Memberships: APIL and PEOPL member.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Shrewsbury and surrounds)

Practice Areas: A senior solicitor, and partner and head of the personal injury department, who specialises in serious and catastrophic, brain and spinal injuries arising from RTA and accidents at work resulting in damages in excess of six figures. She has a number of high profile work related stress cases, including specialist military post traumatic stress, and secondary victim claims occurring both within the UK and during tours of duty overseas. She is committed to using mediation as an alternative in dispute resolution to trial, an advocate of early interim payments for rehabilitation, case management, care accommodation, aids and equipment and vocational support.

Career: Lanyon Bowdler November 1998 to date

Professional Memberships: A member of the Law Society Panel of Personal Injury Solicitors, Senior Litigator with Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), Headway (the Brain Injury Association Head Injury Solicitors List), Spinal Injuries Association (SIA).

Publications: Case Profile published in Kemp and Kemp Quantum of Damages

Personal: LLB (Hons) University of Birmingham. Enjoys running, figure skating and plays the piano

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Featured in Personal Injury (Sheffield and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I have more than 20 years of experience in acting for clients who have sustained serious brain and spinal cord injury and other complex injuries. I lead the Serious Injury team in the Sheffield Irwin Mitchell office comprising of over 50 team members. My cases have won the Post Magazine's Rehabilitation First Award on a number of occasions (claimant's solicitor category).

Career: Trained Irwin Mitchell; qualified 1999; partner since 2011.

Professional Memberships: APIL senior litigator; regional secretary for Headway; co-secretary for South Yorkshire Acquired Brain Injury Forum (SYABIF) and steering group member.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide), Personal Injury (Liverpool and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Partner in industrial disease department based in Liverpool and Manchester, has specialised in asbestos disease claims for over 20 years. Acts for claimants in the UK and ex-pats who now reside in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. Reported cases include Dowdall v William Kenyon & Sons Limited [2014]. Involved in several high profile and leading asbestos test cases including Rice and Thompson v Secretary of State for Trade & Industry (2007) which created a precedent that allowed dockworkers to sue the government for asbestos disease. Acted in several recent cases where he recovered substantial damages on behalf of mesothelioma sufferers who incurred private medical costs for treatments not currently available on the NHS, including immunotherapy.

Career: Joined Leigh Day in December 2016. Previously at John Pickering and Partners (now Slater & Gordon) since 1999.

Professional Memberships: Accredited member of the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel. Fellow of the Association of

Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and APIL Accredited Occupational Disease Specialist and Asbestos Disease Specialist. Assessor in applications to APIL for PI accreditation.

Publications: Lectures and has chaired conferences on asbestos litigation. Spoke on mesothelioma damages reform at the Asbestos Sub-Committee of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Occupational Health and Safety.

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Featured in Clinical Negligence (London), Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Jenny Kennedy is a Partner on Anthony Gold's Injury and Medical Claims team. A complex brain, spinal and amputation expert, Jenny is well known for representing foreign national clients injured in the UK as well as British nationals injured abroad. She settled the first reported case involving indexation of periodical payments to a foreign jurisdiction and secured a verdict of unlawful killing before a UK Coroner for the family of a mother killed whilst on holiday in South America. Described as "one of the most respected PI claimant lawyers in the country" her expertise includes dealing with all the associated elements of catastrophic injury litigation and managing the needs of clients with issues associated with significant head injury. She has a medical background, having qualified as a psychiatric nurse, and her clinical negligence expertise includes a wide range of claims of complexities with a special interest in psychiatric and orthopaedic injury cases.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) member Law Society Personal Injury panel member Law Society Clinical Negligence panel member

Publications: On the Editorial Board of Kemp & Kemp: Personal Injury Law, Practice and Procedure Co-author of Personal Injury Practice (Bloomsbury Professional) Co-author of Litigating Psychiatric Injury Claims (Bloomsbury Professional)

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Stuart is head of the personal injury department at Osbornes Law and has over 25 years of experience in helping clients who have suffered life-changing injuries. Stuart specialises in complex brain injury cases and is a highly experienced trial lawyer. Stuart leads the department's cycling team and has developed a niche practice in cycling claims. The firm is the exclusive legal partner to the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) of which Stuart serves as a trustee.

Career: Since joining Osbornes in 1994 Stuart has built a heavyweight injury litigation practice, specialising in brain and complex injury cases. He has also grown the department into one of the UK's leading PI teams, noted for its "exceptional service, great knowledge and understanding of the law, excellent client care and tactical nous."

Professional Memberships: Stuart was elected to the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers' National Executive Committee in 2007 and served for nine years, including three years as APIL's elected company secretary He is an approved solicitor for Headway and The Brain Injury Group He is a Fellow of APIL, as well as an appointed member of the Forum of Complex Injury Solicitors (FOCIS) Trustee of the LCC

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Featured in Personal Injury (Guildford and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Charlene is an associate CILEX lawyer in the personal injury team, based in the Guildford office. Acting for clients across a range of serious injury cases, including road traffic accidents, occupiers' liability, employers' liability and public liability, Charlene also has a specialist interest in cases involving animal attacks, cosmetic injury and product liability. She is responsible for her own caseload of complex personal injury claims, and also assists more senior members of the team. Her recent work includes handling a number of successful claims for clients who were the victims of lower limb amputations following road traffic accidents, and assisting on extremely high value and complex catastrophic brain injury cases, which have culminated in multi-million pound settlements.

Career: Charlene joined Penningtons Manches Cooper in 2013, and qualified as a chartered legal executive lawyer in 2014. She also has over five years

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Practice Areas: Since qualifying as a Solicitor in 1991, Gavin has specialised in personal injury and clinical negligence cases and brings experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to his work. Having first joined Trethowans in 1997 and rejoined (after a brief spell away) in 2003, he became a Partner in 2007. Gavin specialises in a wide variety of complex employers' liability cases and clinical negligence claims, but particularly catastrophic injury cases including brain injury, spinal injury, amputee cases and Claimants suffering multiple fractures. He has a reputation as somebody who will go the extra mile and fight the hard fight on behalf of his clients. A large proportion of Gavin's cases are referred to him by solicitors from other firms, which is testament to his knowledge and expertise. Gavin is committed to ensuring maximum compensation and the best rehabilitation possible for his clients, to ensure a good quality of life. Gavin has been appointed by the Court of Protection to act as a Professional Deputy to manage the property and financial affairs of vulnerable adults.

Professional Memberships: Law Society's Personal Injury Panel Accreditation Scheme Association of Personal Injury

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a solicitor specialising in claims for people who have had all manner of serious injuries, especially brain and spinal cord injuries.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Aberdeen and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Victoria is a partner and heads up the litigation team in the firm's Inverness office. Since 2004 she has acted principally for the public sector and insurance companies handling personal injury cases involving physical and psychiatric injury arising from employers' and public liability; road traffic accidents involving fatality and catastrophic injury and common law claims including bullying and defamation in the sheriff court, ASPIC and Court of Session. Victoria also pursues personal injury actions on behalf of individuals largely relating to fatal road traffic accidents and occupational stress.

Career: Victoria qualified in 2003 and worked for Clyde & Co (formerly Simpson & Marwick) until she joined the firm in 2007. Victoria has been a partner since 2015.

Professional Memberships: Accredited Specialist in personal injury by the Law Society of Scotland since 2014.

Personal: Dean of the Faculty of Solicitors of the Highlands and member of the Sheriff Court Advisory Committee. Enjoys cooking, travelling and family time.

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Practice Areas: Andrew is head of the industrial disease team and is responsible for marketing, supervision and training. He also runs a caseload of challenging brain and spinal injury cases and has recovered over 20 million pounds for claimants in difficult cases that transferred to him from other firms of Solicitors. He is committed to ensuring that his clients receive the very best early rehabilitation a support and obtain the maximum possible settlement. Andrew works closely with the Child Brain representative for Headway and the Spinal Injuries Association. In 2017 he was appointed a Trustee of Headway Preston and Chorley and has contributed to the charity's significant expansion in the last 12 months.

Career: Qualified in 1994, joined JMW Solicitors in 1999, made partner in 2004.

Personal: Born in 1970, loving husband and father of three. Once keen runner ... slower by the year.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Shrewsbury and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Neil has a special interest in acting for claimants who have suffered serious injuries including brain injury and amputations, recovering in excess of £1million in many cases. He has a wide-ranging accidents abroad practice.

Career: Manchester University graduate; Admitted 1989; Attained partner in Lanyon Bowdler 1995; Department Head 2003–2021. 2009 winner of 'Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year (Claimant)-the Judges commented "He is known for his excellent command of the law and a meticulous, thoughtful approach, he has an intimidating reputation as an astute tactician. He is respected by his colleagues and highly regarded by his clients. He is also known for his professional competence as well as being a down to earth, likeable person." Shortlisted for Private Client Solicitor of the Year in the Birmingham Law Society Awards 2010.

Professional Memberships: Law Society's Personal Injury Panel; Senior Litigator at APIL; APIL Accredited Brain Injury Specialist, Headway – the Brain Injury Association Head Injury Solicitors List; PEOPI.

Publications: Reported and notable cases: http://www.lblaw.co.uk/files/2514/2911/3806/Neil_Lorimer_Reported_Notable_Cases_Nov_2012.pdf

Personal: Family, cricket and golf.

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: Isobel, a Partner and Head of the Industrial Disease Team has, for over 20 years, specialised in asbestos disease cases for claimants. Consequently, she has vast experience in this specialist litigation. Isobel's work includes securing high value settlements for mesothelioma sufferers, enabling her clients to access novel, non-NHS funded treatments paid for by defendants' insurers. Her clients' lives have thereby been extended and they have the security of having approved treatment paid for by the defendants' insurers for the rest of their lives. Isobel's recent successes include settling two mesothelioma claims by members of the same family: the first a six-figure settlement in a living mesothelioma case which was settled at court and included payment for non-NHS funded treatment, which her client continues to receive. The second, a fatal mesothelioma claim in which limitation had expired in 2016, where Isobel secured a five-figure settlement for the Deceased's widow. In another noteworthy asbestos-related lung cancer case, Isobel obtained a five-figure sum of damages and agreement from the Defendant's insurers that they would fund any recommended private medical treatment needed in future, something which is not often included in these cases as immunotherapy is NHS funded. Isobel has also successfully handled asbestos product liability claims and advises and assists clients in bringing claims in the US for mesothelioma caused by asbestos contaminated talc in powder and make-up. Isobel does not shy away from difficult cases. She achieved success early in her career in asbestos litigation in the

case of Cox v Industrial Power (India) Ltd CA 2007, the first in a series of defining so-called "low exposure" cases in which Defendants have sought to test causation in mesothelioma cases by reference to exposure levels. The Claimant had worked seasonally in power stations and for the Defendant for a matter of weeks. Despite the Defendant arguing that any exposure he had would have been de minimis and therefore, not actionable, the Court held that the exposure was not minimal and found for the Claimant's widow, the Claimant, having sadly succumbed to his illness by the time of the trial. The judgment was upheld by the Court of Appeal on appeal by the Defendant. The case is still referred to in other similar cases today. Isobel takes a holistic approach to client care: not only does he help her clients to obtain compensation and treatment, but she also ensures they obtain their full state benefit entitlement and has helped put care regimes in place, where needed. She works closely with medical professionals, local support groups and related charities to ensure the support needs of victims of mesothelioma and other asbestos diseases are met. She is known for being tremendously calm, reassuring, helpful and supportive of her clients and their families, as well as a tenacious and skilled litigator and negotiator. Isobel's commitment to supporting asbestos victims means she has been involved with many support groups over the years, her involvement culminating in her working to establish the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group, a charity covering London and the South East. She has also fundraised for research into treatment for mesothelioma over the years. Isobel's expertise is recognised by those she works with and through independent accreditation by The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers of which she is a Fellow and Asbestos and Occupational Disease specialist. She also assesses others seeking this accreditation. Whilst specialising in asbestos disease work, Isobel has past experience of other industrial diseases, particularly other occupational respiratory conditions and work-related cancers.

Career: Isobel trained and worked in a number of firms in Sheffield before being appointed Associate at Irwin Mitchell's Newcastle office between 2009-15. She has been a Partner at Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors since June 2015.

Professional Memberships: • APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) • Fellow and Accredited Asbestos and Occupational Disease Specialist and assessor

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Practice Areas: Philippa heads the firm's personal injury team and the clinical negligence team based in the Guildford office. She also works out of London and has clients nationwide, particularly in the South East and West. She and the personal injury and clinical negligence teams are

recognised as leaders in their field by the legal directories and she is particularly recognised for serious brain and spinal injury and fatal accident cases. She deals with road traffic and workplace accidents as well as public liability cases. Her clinical negligence practice focuses on brain and spinal injury cases – particularly Cauda Equina cases and surgical incidents – and on cases involving delayed diagnosis – particularly cancer and meningitis. Philippa regularly provides comment for legal journals and the press on current issues relating to personal injury and clinical negligence.

Career: Philippa has been with the firm since training and qualified in 1998, becoming a partner in 2006.

Professional Memberships: Law Society Clinical Negligence Specialist Solicitor Panel Personal Injury Specialist Solicitor Panel AvMA's recommended specialist solicitor panel APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) Senior Accredited Litigator and Accredited Clinical Negligence Specialist

Publications: Contributing editor for Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Newcastle and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I work as part of a team in Newcastle and Middlesbrough who act for people who have sustained brain injuries or spinal cord injuries. I have been working with adults and children with brain and spinal injuries for 13 years, helping them to obtain financial compensation for their injuries. I qualified as a solicitor in 2012.

Career: I'm passionate about helping clients secure early interim payments, so they can access rehabilitation that will help improve their quality of life. Rehabilitation includes things such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, psychological therapy, assistance from support workers and vocational training to help people to return to work.

Professional Memberships: I am a Council member of the Tees Valley Law Society. I'm also an accredited Senior Litigator and Brain Injury Specialist with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), and the North East Regional Coordinator of APIL.

Personal: I love spending time with my friends and family. I also like travelling, reading and walking my dog. I also enjoy working with various different charities in the community and helping to fundraise for a range of different charities whenever I can.

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Practice Areas: For over 35 years, I've specialised in compensation claims for individuals who've suffered injury in an accident at work or developed an occupational illness. I've dealt with claims for accidents across a wide range of indus-

tries as diverse as mining, construction, manufacturing and the health service. I have a particular interest in dealing with occupational disease claims, particularly for respiratory conditions including mesothelioma and other asbestos related disease claims. I've dealt with claims for occupational asthma and have extensive experience dealing with claims for other diseases like VWF and RSI.

Career: I also have considerable experience of dealing with group litigation. I played a leading role in the Claimants' Solicitors Coordinating Group in the British Coal Vibration White Finger Litigation. After the successful litigation, negotiations took place which led to the establishment of a Claims Handling Arrangement (CHA), that successfully resolved over 175,000 cases.

Professional Memberships: I was also one of a small number of solicitors forming the Claimants' Solicitors Coordinating Group in the British Coal Respiratory Disease Litigation. I am accredited by the APIL as a Fellow and as an Asbestos Disease Specialist, as an Occupational Disease Specialist and as a Fatal Accident Specialist. Member of the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: The firm's Managing Partner since 1997, David is a very experienced solicitor and an expert at handling high value complex brain and psychiatric injury cases. He also represents clients in commercial matters as well as employment law cases involving stress at work. He is highly respected by his peers and clients alike. In 2021 David successfully settled a long standing and high profile matter, where he represented claimant Jem Stansfield in his widely reported claim against the BBC.

Career: Qualified as a solicitor 1987 Partner Anthony Gold in 1989 Managing Partner Anthony Gold from 1997 to present day

Professional Memberships: Member of the Civil Procedure Rules Committee Member and past chair of the Law Society's Civil Justice Committee Past President of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) Solicitor member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee (CPRC) Member of Civil Justice Council's Cost Committee Chair of the Law Society's Civil Justice Committee Trustee Headway South East London North West Kent.

Publications: Author of Compensation for Stress at Work Author of APIL Guide to Costs and Funding Co-author of Litigating Psychiatric Injury Claims Contributor to APIL Clinical Negligence 2nd Edition Edits Jordan's Law Practice and Precedents

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Featured in Personal Injury (Leeds, Bradford and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Warren represents claimants in high-value and complex personal injury claims arising from road traffic collisions, accidents at work, equine and sporting accidents. Before training as a solicitor, Warren served in the HM Forces and has a particular understanding of claims brought by HM Forces personnel. Warren has particular experience in acting for claimants who have suffered injuries of the utmost severity, particularly brain, spinal cord and complex orthopaedic injuries. He recently recovered in excess of £6.1m for a 20-year-old female who sustained a T5 complete spinal cord injury in a motorcycle accident. He acted for the claimant in *Housley v Christiansen LTLPI 6/1/2010* where damages to pay for a light aircraft and associated costs, (including the cost of renting accommodation with attached airstrip), were recovered by a flying instructor who was unable to continue teaching as a result of his injuries.

Career: Warren first served in the Coldstream Guards, then started his legal career in the legal department of the GMB Trade Union in 1993. He joined Stewarts in 2007 and made partner in 2014.

Professional Memberships: APIL accredited Senior Litigator. Member of the APIL Military Claims Special Interest Group. Trustee of Headway County Durham. Secretary Headway Forces Support Group.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Newcastle and surrounds)

Practice Areas: A partner in the Newcastle office, I specialise in helping people who have sustained serious and life changing injuries, particularly assisting individuals who have suffered brain and spinal cord injuries and multiple orthopaedic injuries in claiming compensation following injury. I have a particular interest in complex liability issues arising out of accidents in the workplace, and road traffic collisions particularly involving pedestrians, and have dealt with a number of claims which other solicitors have considered too difficult to pursue. I have obtained many substantial interim payments to fund rehabilitation packages, the purchase of accommodation and care to improve my clients' quality of life and to maximise their recovery.

Career: Trained Irwin Mitchell; qualified 1997; partner 2007 to date.

Professional Memberships: Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers –member of Spinal Injury and Brain Injury Special Interest Groups.

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Practice Areas: National head of military claims. Since qualifying in 1985, I've spent

my career working for victims of personal injury specialising in product liability, aviation and military claims. I've been involved in many high-profile cases, including Piper Alpha, Lockerbie, Chinook Mull of Kintyre Crash and the British Midland Crash at Kegworth. I'm Vice Chair of the Royal British Legion Solicitors Group, a former Mediator in the Court of Appeal (pro-bono) and former Chairman of the National Young Solicitors Group. In Manchester, I'm a former Chair of the Trainee Solicitors Group, Young Solicitors Group and was President of the Manchester Law Society in 2002 – the Commonwealth Games Year. I regularly appear at inquests, including those of Corporal of the Horse Matty Hull, who was killed by A10 friendly fire and Sergeant Steve Roberts, who was the first soldier fatality of the Iraq war.

Career: Trained James Chapman & Co; qualified 1985; Leigh Day & Co (Manchester) 1994-2004; MPH Solicitors 2004-2013; Irwin Mitchell 2013 to date.

Publications: 'Multi-Party Actions' (1995 Legal Action Group); Personal Injury/ Know How Serious (1993 and 1997); 'Civil Litigation' (2001 The Law Society); author of Litigation column for the Law Society Gazette (1992-1995).

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Featured in Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Suzanne specialises in defender personal injury work, covering the full range from employer liability to public liability claims, RTA work as well as some product liability cases. A particular area of her practice is related to industrial disease claims and the particular challenges associated with these types of claims. These include a large amount of claims arising from alleged asbestos exposure resulting in a whole range of medical conditions from pleural plaques through to mesothelioma and also an increasing number of noise induced hearing loss claims. Suzanne's clients range from self-insured companies to loss adjusters, insurers and public sector bodies. She has experience of dealing with claims in both the Sheriff Court and the Court of Session. Her focus is on being proactive and developing a strategy as soon as possible, being aware of each client's needs and communicating effectively so the legal process is clear and her clients feel comfortable making decisions. Suzanne particularly enjoys developing an understanding of a defender's operation and what they do. Suzanne is also a Solicitor Advocate, which permits her to represent clients in the civil courts at all levels.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Newcastle and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am an Associate Solicitor in the Serious Injury department at Irwin Mitchell's Newcastle office. I work with children and adults who have sustained serious brain, spinal and orthopaedic injuries. As a serious injury solicitor,

I often support clients who do not have capacity to deal with litigation or manage their property and financial affairs. I work closely with family members and a variety of professionals including case managers, support workers and treating therapists in order to ensure our clients receive a tailored rehabilitation package as early as possible. My team work hard to obtain early interim payments and maximum compensation for all of our clients. Prior to qualifying as a solicitor in September 2013, I worked as a trainee solicitor in the Court of Protection and workplace injury departments. I therefore also have experience in dealing with vulnerable clients and clients who have suffered from accidents at work/industrial diseases.

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Practice Areas: A partner in the litigation department, specialising in pursuing personal injury and medical negligence claims, David is also one of the firm's Risk Assessment Partners for speculative actions. He has successfully resolved a significant number of claims acting for injured claimants with damages recovered ranging from several thousand pounds to 7 figure settlements. He acts for the largest teachers union in Scotland, the EIS, and regularly advises their members who have been involved in workplace accidents or have suffered from stress as a result of working conditions. He has raised a number of actions for stress claims which have been successfully litigated and clients have recovered damages after lengthy court proceedings.

Career: Trained Gilruth Pollock and Smith and qualified 1985; Bennett and Robertson, then MacBeth Currie before being assumed as a partner at Balfour+Manson in 1999.

Professional Memberships: In House Risk Assessment Panel for PI Speculative Scheme; Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); accredited by Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in personal injury law.

Personal: Enjoys motorsport, football and sailing.

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Practice Areas: I have been undertaking personal injury claims for more than 30 years and only act for the victims of accidents. I act for individuals who have suffered life changing injuries. I provide support to my clients and their families from my first instruction to the end of their claim making sure I am available and accessible to them and to promote and maximise their recovery by arranging suitable rehabilitation and treatment. Most of my instructions come from personal referrals from existing and former clients and other professionals. I adopt a sensible, realistic and pragmatic approach in my dealings with other parties and will engage with them to ensure individual claims are progressed to early settlement.

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Career: I specialise in complex, high-value personal injury claims representing people injured in accidents in the UK and abroad, including: Brain Injury Serious Orthopaedic Injury Fatal Accident Claims Psychiatric Injury Industrial Disease Victims of Terrorism My focus is to secure immediate, vital medical and financial support for clients to enable their rehabilitation. I also represent the families of those killed in accidents. I have an excellent reputation for achieving substantial settlements for clients suffering asbestos-related disease. I am recognised in legal directories for my results and specifically for my client handling skills. My notable cases include: Acting for victims of the Finsbury Park and Westminster Bridge terrorist attacks. Seven figure settlement for a guard assaulted at a Youth Offenders Institute, causing severe head injury. Significant settlement for an aspiring boxer who suffered extreme anaphylactic shock after being served a milk shake containing nuts. Multi-million pound settlement against a large car manufacturer for an employee who suffered severe brain injury as a result of falling off a ladder. £1m recovered for an academic involved in a road traffic accident which prevented him from working. I have been interviewed on BBC Radio 4, BBC London Radio and BBC London News.

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Practice Areas: Kim Milan leads Boyes Turner's highly regarded personal injury team. A specialist in catastrophic injury cases, Kim acts for clients with acquired brain damage, spinal injuries and serious orthopaedic injuries. Brain injury cases are complex and require specialist knowledge and expertise. Kim's experience of using the claims process to help seriously brain-injured children and adults regain their independence after the aftermath of an accident has led her to recognise the critical importance of timely rehabilitation for optimum recovery.

Career: Kim graduated from Essex University and Guildford Law School, before qualifying in 1994 at Brain and Brain. She subsequently moved to a Surrey law firm where she became a Partner and joined Boyes Turner as a Partner in 1999.

Professional Memberships: Law Society's Personal Injury Panel and an accredited senior litigator and brain injury specialist with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) Associate member of the Child Brain Injury Trust, member of the Brain Injury Social Work Group, Headway and Spinal Injuries Panel Solicitors. Headway Life Member, a trustee of Headway Thames Valley.

Personal: Kim enjoys long walks, running –having run Reading Half Marathon and

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Sally is head of Leigh Day's personal injury department, dealing with high value personal injury and fatal accident claims. She specialises in brain, spinal, amputation and fatal accident claims. Cases have included an award equivalent to £9million for an injured pedestrian and £7.8million for a brain injured cyclist, both with complex lifelong care and therapy needs; £5.8million for a pedestrian who sustained brain and psychological injuries; £3million lump sum and annual payments for life of £200,000 for a cyclist who suffered a spinal cord injury; £3.1million for a brain injured passenger in a car who developed post-traumatic epilepsy 3 years post-accident; £2.5million for another cyclist who spent 3 years in private rehabilitation after sustaining a severe brain injury, with annual payments of £160,000 for life; £1.1 million plus annual payments for life for a client who suffered a high level arm amputation, and several multi-million pound fatal accident settlements. She has represented several families in high profile inquests including cyclists killed and injured by left turning HGV's.

Professional Memberships: Fellow of Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) (and specialist in brain injury), Chair of Headway West London – the Brain Injury Association.

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Career: I am a partner in Fieldfisher's asbestos and personal injury departments. I have been specialising in work related injuries including mesothelioma, industrial diseases and workplace accidents for over 25 years. I specialise in work accident and disease claims that are complex or display novel features such as overseas claims, psychiatric injury claims and cases that are difficult on causation or liability. I have a developing international practice. I have recently recovered damages in England for a South African asbestos engineer (Beeslaar v Cape) and have been instructed by an Estonian lorry driver who sustained an injury at work in England, and an Italian cyclist who was in a collision with a lorry in London. I am presently instructed by a Romanian family following the father's death on a construction site in London. Previously I have recovered damages following an accident in Antarctica (Langton v Raytheon). Sources describe me as "very experienced and very knowledgeable with fantastic attention to detail," adding: "He doesn't shy away from the difficult cases." Legal 500 describe me as an "exceptional lawyer" with "excellent client-handling skills". I am an APIL Fellow and Assessor and have written and edited the annual Butterworths Personal Injury Damages Statistics handbook.

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Practice Areas: Sarah Morris is a partner in Ledingham Chalmers' Edinburgh office, focusing on work for public sector clients and major insurers. Her work includes the defence of high value and complex personal injury and other reparation claims in both the Sheriff Courts and Court of Session. Sarah also handles property related disputes including subrogated claims for insurers seeking to recover their outlays. **Career:** Having qualified in 2004 with Ledingham Chalmers Sarah has remained at the firm, becoming a partner with Ledingham Chalmers in 2013.

Professional Memberships: Accredited as a specialist in Personal Injury by the Law Society of Scotland.

Personal: Enjoys family time, the theatre and skiing.

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Career: I am a Senior Associate in the Asbestos Disease Team and I have been representing asbestos exposure victims for more than 10 years. I act on behalf of people who have been diagnosed with mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases and I am experienced in all aspects of the claims and litigation process. I am listed as a "key lawyer" in the Legal 500 and I am an APIL Senior Litigator, Asbestos Disease Specialist and Occupational Disease Specialist. I have recovered millions of pounds for clients. I strive to provide excellent client care and ensure that the claims process is as stress free as possible for my clients. I do all I can and go the extra mile to achieve the best results for my clients. I pride myself on the feedback I receive from my clients which includes: "Shaheen makes you feel that not only is she a very competent solicitor but that she genuinely cares." "Shaheen kept us fully informed at all times of the progress and helped us understand where we were with the claim. She visited us and listened to the affect that my father's death had on us and was very patient and understanding throughout."

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Practice Areas: Partner, Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury. Alla has extensive experience of acting for people who have suffered catastrophic injuries, and also for those who have had more minor injuries, but with nevertheless devastating consequences to their lives and livelihoods. She has particular expertise in claims arising from accidents at work, notably on construction sites. Alla has an exceptional record for maximizing the compensation paid to her clients; not just immediate settlements, but robust allocations for long-term aftercare and proper financial planning for possible future complications. She has also worked

on quantifying claims for those injured in the criminal justice system.

Career: Alla trained at Fisher Meredith and qualified in 1992, she joined Bindmans LLP in 2005.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

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Featured in Personal Injury (Newcastle and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Kate is a Senior Associate Solicitor who specialises in representing seriously injured clients, both adults and children, who have suffered life changing injuries including brain and / or spinal cord injuries. Kate is focused upon achieving the best possible outcome for her clients in addition to securing interim payments at an early stage to fund specialist rehabilitation, accommodation, support and care. She works alongside specialist neurorehabilitation professionals (such as case managers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, neurorehabilitation consultants and speech and language therapists). This enables Kate to ensure that her clients' chances of recovery and future independence are maximised. Kate strives to provide individuals with straightforward legal advice and seeks to obtain compensation to meet their significant needs and provide them with financial security for their future. Kate has held various trustee roles including with regional Headway and Citizens Advice Bureau charities. Kate is always looking for opportunities to give back to the community.

Career: Kate has acting on behalf of clients whom have sustained life-changing serious injuries since 2008 and is highly specialised in this area of law.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Birmingham and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am the lead partner of the Birmingham serious injury team and represent clients who have sustained brain and spinal cord injuries, polytrauma and amputations. I deal with all aspects of claimant catastrophic injury work arising from road traffic accidents, accidents at work, public and occupier liability claims, sport injuries and product liability claims. My recent cases include a settlement on behalf of a young man rendered tetraplegic in a car accident client in the sum of £9.5m; a settlement of £1m for a woman with severe lower limb fractures after a motorbike accident; a settlement of £1.75m plus annual payments for care costs for life on behalf of a young woman who sustained a below knee amputation in a collision with a police vehicle; and a

settlement of £2.75m for a man who sustained a brain injury in an accident at work.

Career: Trainee solicitor 1996-98, general high street practice; assistant solicitor Rich and Can, Leicester 1998-2000; Irwin Mitchell, Birmingham, assistant solicitor 2000-04, associate 2004-10, partner 2010.

Professional Memberships: APIL; APIL accredited senior litigator; APIL accreditation for spinal cord injury; APIL accreditation for brain injury; Law Society PI Panel.

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Practice Areas: Roger heads the Personal Injury team at Ward Hadaway. He has around 29 years' experience in personal injury work and has been instrumental in building a specialist team at the firm. He specialises in dealing with complex and high value claims, including those involving brain injuries, road traffic accidents, accidents at work, industrial disease, employers' liability, occupiers' liability and public liability. Roger has acted for a number of clients who have sustained extensive trauma injuries that result in multi-million pound settlements. He is accredited under the Law Society Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme. The team has been recognised by national charity Headway for our legal expertise and commitment to improving the lives of survivors of brain injury and have been appointed as one of a select number of providers to be included in the Headway Head Injury Solicitors Directory 2020. Roger is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and is also a Deputy District Judge.

PAXTON, Paul

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Paul specialises in complex and catastrophic brain and spinal cord injury claims and has been involved in numerous high-profile cases including Alton Towers, Agnes Collier, Callum Cross and Isobel Sale. Paul's experience includes: – A number of record court approved spinal injuries settlements (Callum Cross £8.1 million, Agnes Collier £15 million, Isobel Sale £12.5 million) – Acting on the Alton Towers amputee cases – Acting in a record criminal injuries award in 2002 (Dadi £4.75 million) – Acting for victims of the murderer Beverley Allitt **Career:** Paul began his legal career at Evill & Coleman, specialising in trade union employers' liability claims. He then practised trade union employment law, commercial litigation and personal injury litigation at Rowley Ashworth before becoming head of the personal injury department at Shoosmiths. He joined Stewarts in December 1997.

Professional Memberships: Middle Temple Law Society; Fellow of APIL; CEDR accredited mediator

Publications: Articles written by Paul include: – Banged Up (published by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and PI Focus in July 2017) – All the Fun of the Fair? (published by APIL and PI Focus

in March 2017) – Suicide – the ultimate ethical dilemma? (published by MASCIIP in November 2016)

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Partner Ian Peters is an international law specialist who acts for British nationals injured abroad as well as foreign nationals injured whilst visiting the UK. He handles a complex caseload of high value, multi-track cases (mostly over £1 million), acting for those who have suffered multiple trauma injuries. Ian is well known in the sector for his extensive legal knowledge and expertise and regularly has excellent referee and peer feedback. He has had a prominent role in several leading matters consistently throughout his career. He is regularly instructed on some of the largest and most complex matters in the UK where damages will likely run into the millions.

Career: Qualified in March 2008 Assistant solicitor Hodge Jones and Allen – March 2008 to October 2009 Assistant solicitor Anthony Gold – November 2009 to April 2016 Partner Anthony Gold – May 2016

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) member Law Society Personal Injury panel member

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Practice Areas: Simon Pimlott is a senior solicitor in the personal injury and clinical negligence team, representing claimants who have suffered serious and life-changing injuries. Simon has a particular interest in representing clients who have suffered spinal injury, long-term head injury, chronic pain conditions and severe psychological conditions. He regularly deals with complex liability disputes arising from road traffic accident, incidents in the workplace and claims against organisations where a public liability exists. He is an experienced litigator and advocate, and has run many cases successfully to trial. Simon also has experience in representing victims of clinical negligence, clients who have suffered injuries abroad, and acting on behalf of insurers in high-value insurance litigation.

Personal: He has successfully completed an academic course to enhance his knowledge of the physiology of the brain and the effects of injury, as well as rehabilitation. The Certificate in Brain Injury Studies was awarded by Headway, the brain injury charity, who ran the course in partnership with Northampton University.

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Practice Areas: Ben is head of catastrophic injuries and a partner at Osbornes Law, and for many years has been recommended in the leading client directories. He acts for individuals who have sustained injuries of the utmost se-

verity, including all types of neuro-trauma, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, injuries involving cauda equina syndrome, brachial plexus injuries, amputations, fatalities and other injuries including those caused by clinical negligence. Ben has a special interest in early rehabilitation and adapted accommodation issues, and a reputation for fighting and winning complex claims, including accidents at work, road traffic collisions, and claims against multiple defendants. He regularly contributes to the national media on issues such as workplace safety, is an assessor for the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Fatality and Brain Injury Accreditation Schemes.

Career: Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in 2002, Ben is an equity partner at Osbornes (& risk management partner) & Head of Catastrophic Injury since 2013. Previous firms include Lyons Davidson, Shoosmiths, Prolegal & Stewarts.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (Accredited Fellow); APIL accredited specialist in Brain Injuries & Fatalities; APIL elected national secretary of the Damages Special Interest Group; Law Society of England and Wales, Kent Law Society, American Association for Justice.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Managing Partner and head of the personal injury department. Specialises in brain and spinal cord personal injury cases of the utmost severity, including professional negligence cases. Acted for the Claimant in Wilkinson v Churchill Insurance referred by the Court of Appeal to the ECJ. Settlements include the case of MM with settlement on full liability basis of £25 million and TTT of £30 million.

Professional Memberships: Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and Secretary of Forum of Complex Injury Lawyers (FOCIS).

Personal: Born 1962, resides Stockport.

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Practice Areas: I am a Partner working in the Serious Injury team based in our Newcastle office. Since 2004 I have represented adults and children who have suffered serious and life changing injuries, in particular head injuries, spinal cord injuries and amputation. The cases our team pursues are often very complex and high value. I aim to secure interim payments for my clients at the earliest possible opportunity to provide funding for such

things as rehabilitation, support packages, accommodation and equipment needs.

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Practice Areas: Peregrine specialises in representing claimants in catastrophic injury claims involving traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries as well as amputations. He maximises awards in claims involving road traffic accidents and those arising out of unsafe premises, but has a special interest in liability work involving complex accident at work claims. Timely and comprehensive rehabilitation for his clients is always at the forefront of his mind. In early 2017 Peregrine secured record breaking compensation for a young girl who sustained a severe traumatic brain injury in 2012 (JDF (a child) v Hampshire County Council). The Claimant received a lump sum of over £9.1m together with annual payments for life for her care and case management (periodical payments) totalling the equivalent sum of £28m capitalised to assist her in securing the necessary care, case management, therapy, professional deputyship and accommodation needs to ensure her quality of life. Interim payments of £1.3m were obtained to cover her considerable care and therapy needs throughout the running of the claim, as well as purchase a suitable property for her.

Career: Peregrine initially worked at Blake Laphorn before joining Stewarts in 2010. He was promoted to partner in 2017.

Professional Memberships: – APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers).

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Practice Areas: As a partner in Boyes Turner's personal injury team, Claire acts for clients with life-changing injuries, such as brain and spinal injury, amputation, severe burns, complex orthopaedic/musculoskeletal injury, chronic pain and PTSD. Claire's experience with seriously injured clients has given invaluable insight into the power of rehabilitation to restore mobility, independence, assisting with supported return to work and participation in family and social activity, giving a sense of purpose and self-worth which helps maximise recovery after life-changing injury.

Career: Claire qualified at Listers in 1997. Claire moved to head up the PI team at David Yablon, then moved to Colemans-ctts where she set up and headed the Serious Personal Injury team and made partner. She has been a trustee for Headway South West London and Cycle Smart Foundation. She is a Co-founder and director of the Major Trauma Group, a collaboration of law firms and clinicians providing a national service committed to assisting major trauma victims to achieve the best outcome on their rehabilitation and recovery journey, as well as ensuring their financial security in the future.

Professional Memberships: Law Society's PI Panel, APIL accredited Senior Litigator and Brain Injury Specialist.

Publications: The psychological impact of major trauma injuries" Solicitors Journal March 2021 Edition.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Lucy has experience of handling a range of complex and high-value claims. She has specialised in cases involving tetraplegia, paraplegia, brain injury and amputations. Lucy represents claimants only, predominately specialising in cases involving brain injury, spinal cord injury (resulting in tetraplegia or paraplegia), and amputations. Lucy acts on behalf of claimants who have sustained serious injury as a result of road traffic accidents, and accidents at work and in public spaces. Lucy recently achieved a settlement of £4.5m for a claimant who had an accident at work involving a 10-metre fall resulting in a spinal cord injury and below the knee amputation. Lucy currently acts on behalf of a number of claimants who have been involved in road traffic accidents and sustained a spinal cord injury or a brain injury as a result

Career: Lucy trained at Bolt Burdon in Islington, qualifying into the personal injury department in 2000. She continued to work at Bolt Burdon until she joined Stewarts in 2003. Lucy was made a partner in 2008.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) – Senior Litigator Status; APIL Special Interest Groups – brain injury and spinal cord injury

Personal: Lucy enjoys spending time with her family and outdoor pursuits.

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Practice Areas: Ben specialises in acting for claimants in catastrophic personal injury claims, and has particular expertise in spinal cord, brain, complex orthopaedic, amputee and burns injuries. He has a particular interest in technology and was the first lawyer to secure landmark awards of damages for the purchase and replacement of REX and Ekso GT exoskeletons. Ben has a proven record of successfully litigating complex liability and quantum claims arising from road traffic accidents, employers' liability, occupiers' liability and military claims and is recognised for maximising damages recovery for technological advances.

Career: Ben was educated at St Joseph's College, Ipswich and Colchester Royal Grammar School. He obtained a Law degree from the University of Bristol before completing the Legal Practice Course (with commendation) from Nottingham Trent University. Ben qualified in 1999, specialising in claimant personal injury with a well-respected east London firm before moving to Stewarts at the beginning of 2006. He became a partner in May 2010.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) APIL Special Interest Groups – brain injury, spinal cord injury, damages, costs & funding and military APIL Senior Litigator
Publications: Ben gives regular presentations on exoskeleton technology, including at Therapy Expo at the NEC at the end of 2016.

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Practice Areas: I specialise in personal injury law and work in the Serious Injury team, representing people who have sustained life changing injuries in accidents. I act for people who have suffered serious orthopaedic injuries as well as brain and spinal injuries. I work to get them the support and rehabilitation they need to return, as far as possible, to the life they had before the accident. I also act for clients who suffer from chronic pain and CRPS usually developed as a result of other injuries received in accidents. I specialise in understanding the treatment and management of this condition and in ensuring that each client receives the necessary rehabilitation and input they need to help with this.

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Practice Areas: Industrial disease and personal injury compensation claims. Neille has a wide portfolio which includes acting for claimants and defendants. He handles road traffic accidents, slips and trips, work accidents and diseases, injuries involving animals, product liability, occupiers liability and accidents at sea and claimant clinical negligence claims. His cases range in value from a few thousand pounds to multi-million pound catastrophic injury claims.

Career: Neille Ryan has practised almost exclusively in mainly Claimant but also some Defendant personal injury law since he qualified as a solicitor in 1990. His portfolio includes brain injury accident claims, psychiatric injuries, child injury claims, industrial disease including deafness and asbestos related illness, as well as a wide range of road traffic accident claims, accidents at work and public liability claims.

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Practice Areas: Clare specialises in catastrophic personal injury claims for claimants involving injuries to the brain, spinal cord and brachial plexus, as well as dealing with fatal accident claims. These injuries have often arisen from road traffic collisions, accidents at work or in public spaces. Since joining Stewarts Clare has secured over £92 million in compensation for her clients since joining Stewarts.
Career: Clare trained at Thrings in Swindon qualifying in 2002 before continuing her injury claims work at Boyes Turner

in Reading from 2003 until 2005. Clare joined Stewarts in 2005 before being made Partner in 2010, supervising a team of lawyers in the department.

Professional Memberships: Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) – Senior Litigator Status APIL Special Interest Groups – brain injury and spinal cord injury

Publications: Clare has provided radio and television interviews locally and nationally in relation to some of her work as well as being a regular speaker at industry and in house conferences, including hosting our Inhouse annual Case Managers Training Seminar.

Personal: In her spare time Clare enjoys spending time with her young family, music and trying out new cookery dishes. She especially loves to explore new cuisines and restaurants during holidays abroad.

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Practice Areas: Bethany specialises in high value serious injury claims, including brain and spinal injury, amputee claims and fatal accidents. She only acts for claimants and has represented many individuals who have sustained life-changing injuries, working with them to ensure rehabilitation is in place as soon as possible. Bethany has extensive experience of representing clients whose injuries arise from road traffic collisions, such as pedestrians and cyclists, as well as accidents at work and public/occupiers liability claims. She has worked on numerous cases where there are complex liability issues or contributory negligence allegations. She also has significant experience of representing clients who lack mental capacity or where capacity is in issue and works closely with deputies and professional trustees where appointed.

Career: Upon qualification in July 2008 Bethany worked at Irwin Mitchell before joining Leigh Day in November 2013. She became an Associate in 2016 and a Partner in 2020.

Professional Memberships: Bethany is an accredited Senior Litigator with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and is also an APIL accredited Brain Injury Specialist.

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Practice Areas: Richard is a Principal Lawyer and head of abuse law with many years' experience acting for victims of serious injury and child abuse in high profile cases. He has particular expertise in cases involving religious organisations including Catholic and Anglican churches and minority religious groups. He acts for a large number of clients in the independent inquiry into child sex abuse, has achieved many landmark settlements and has litigated cases through to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.

Career: Richard qualified as a solicitor in 1994; joined Pannone Solicitors in 1992 (during which time he spent five years as

head of serious injury; and moved to Slater and Gordon in 2014.

Professional Memberships: Richard is a founder and former executive committee member of ACAL (the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers) and a Fellow of APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers).

Publications: Richard's book 'Betrayed: The English Catholic Church and the Sex Abuse Crisis' was published in 2014 and he co-authored the 'APIL Guide to Child Abuse Compensation Claims' published in 2011. In 2019 he contributed to the book of essays 'Letters to a Broken Church' concerning the abuse scandal in the Church of England. He writes regularly for the legal press.

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Practice Areas: Partner and head of litigation. Extensive practice acting on behalf of individuals, trade unions and professional associations. Main areas of practice include aviation accidents, work related accidents, disease cases and complex injury cases. Has represented the Pilots Union, BALPA for over 30 years. Past Steering Committee member of Piper Alpha and Brent Spar disasters. Has represented clients throughout the world in twenty-three air crash cases. Currently working with the Steering Committee of Malaysian Airlines MH17. He has recently represented clients in the Shoreham air crash, the Sumburgh helicopter crash and was lead negotiator in the Norwegian helicopter accident at Tuoy which settled this year. David is currently representing Kenyan tea pickers who have been injured on tea plantations in Kenya owned by a Scottish company. Appointed as Chairman to the War Pensions Appeals Tribunal, Scotland in 2019.

Career: Dundee and Strathclyde Universities, partner at Lawford Kidd until 2012. Currently partner at Balfour+Manson LLP. Qualified 1984.

Professional Memberships: Law Society of Scotland; Writer to the Signet; Past Executive Councillor – Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, Scottish Secretary for APIL; Member of PEOPIL (Pan European Association of Personal Injury Lawyers); Notary Public.

Personal: One son. Enjoys hill walking, cycling and travel.

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Practice Areas: Chris deals with cases involving a wide range of catastrophic injuries including spinal injury, brain injury and amputation arising from complex road traffic accidents, accidents at work and public liability claims.

Career: Chris joined Stewarts in 2014 and acts in complex and high-value personal injury cases for adults, children and protected parties. Prior to qualifying as a solicitor, Chris was called to the Bar in 2008. Since joining Stewarts, Chris has recovered damages in excess of £40m for

his clients. Recent settlements include: – a complex catastrophic brain injury case on behalf of a protected party who was injured more than 10 years ago in a road traffic accident when eight years old – a settlement on behalf of a 19-year-old man who was injured in a road traffic accident in 2014 and rendered tetraplegic. This was valued on a conventional lump sum basis at just over £16.25m

Professional Memberships: Chris is Chair of the Yorkshire Acquired Brain Injury Forum, and a member of APIL and the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

Personal: Chris is currently learning to fly a microlight aeroplane. He plays the drums and takes part in a mix of sports, and also likes to cook and experiment with fusion foods.

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Practice Areas: Partner Jackie Spinks is an expert in dealing with catastrophic injury matters, with extensive experience in the most complex of claims, particularly traumatic brain injury. Renowned for her expertise in child brain injury, she is regularly recommended by barristers and medical experts in this field.

Career: Qualified 1996 Joined Anthony Gold 1998 Partner May 2001

Professional Memberships: APIL Member Accredited Headway Brain Injury solicitor Law Society Accreditation in Personal Injury

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Practice Areas: Trevor handles a wide range of personal injury claims related to health and social care cases, and has considerable experience managing inquests and inquiries. With over thirty years' experience in the legal profession, his clients are those who have suffered serious injury or disability through no fault of their own. Trevor helps clients with a wide range of personal injury claims and has a special interest in major trauma cases, particularly brain injury, spinal injury and amputations. He has considerable experience handling inquests and inquiries and was commended by Chambers UK guide for having a "significant reputation" as an "extremely polished performer" offering "high levels of expertise". He has been involved in a number of serious and highly publicised investigations that have had substantial national significance. In 2008, he received the Bar and Law Society's 'Rising Star: Advocate In The Face Of Adversity' award following success in a landmark employer's liability suicide, heard in the House of Lords.

Professional Memberships: Ex-region secretary for Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Trustee of Headway South West London Currently on the International Underwriting Association of London Rehabilitation Committee, undertaking a review of the Rehabilitation Code

STEVENSON, Pamela

Weightmans, Glasgow

Featured in Personal Injury (Glasgow, Edinburgh and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Pamela's in depth technical knowledge and pragmatic approach has resulted in her being viewed by a number of clients as their "first port of call" both for dealing with claims and providing ad hoc advice. Pamela has been involved in a number of high profile cases, including *Amanda Chinn v Cyclacel* (2013) where she successfully defended a preliminary proof on time bar in a WRULD claim, and *Mair v Amey* (2013), where she obtained judgement for her client in an action arising from alleged defects in the road and the defenders failure to inspect and repair. She also recently obtained abandonment for her insurance clients in a Lyme Disease and COPD claims. The Lyme Disease abandonment was a significant result as liability had been admitted and an interim damages payment had been made pre litigation. Pamela is also an active member of FOIL Scotland.

STOREY, Tracey

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: I lead the Serious Injury national team and specialise in a range of personal injury cases including brain injury and spinal cord injury cases. I also have undertaken fatal, polytrauma and amputation cases. I have extensive experience in cases involving deliberate assault and child abuse. I represent children, vulnerable adults and adult survivors of historical child abuse.

Career: Trained Cozens Hardy & Jewson, qualified 1994, associate 1994-99; senior solicitor Russell Jones & Walker, London 1999-2003; associate Irwin Mitchell, London 2003, partner 2006. APIL-accredited fellow.

Professional Memberships: Personal injury panel of the Law Society; executive committee of the Association of Child Abuse; co-ordinator of APIL's child abuse special interest group; accredited brain injury specialist with APIL.

TAPNER, Paul

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Featured in Personal Injury (Cambridge and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Paul is a Principal Lawyer at Slater and Gordon's office in Cambridge and specialises in serious injury cases including spinal injuries, head injuries, amputation injuries and fatal injury claims. Paul is part of a high quality team of serious injury solicitors who fight complex, difficult cases that most other lawyers wouldn't touch. Paul excels in creative thinking, always looking to push the boundaries of what can and can't be claimed. Paul gives clear and incisive second opinions on cases handled by other lawyers.

Career: Paul qualified as a solicitor in 1988 and joined Taylor Vinters Solicitors in 1985. He became a Principal Lawyer with Slater and Gordon in 2013 following the acquisition.

Professional Memberships: Paul and the team is one of a very few teams nationally to be accredited as specialist solicitors by both the Spinal Injuries Association and Headway, the brain injury association. Paul is also a specialist in the Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme, a panel member of the Brain Injury Group and is a member of APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) and the Eastern Region Brain Injury Forum.

THACKER, Siobhan

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Featured in Personal Injury (Ipswich and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Siobhan is a Senior Associate Solicitor at CFG Law, after joining the team in 2021. She has vast experience supporting clients and their families after catastrophic injury, including spinal injuries, brain injuries, amputations and complex multiple fractures. As well as supporting people after serious injury, Siobhan also helps people who have sadly been bereaved in a fatal incident. She has particular expertise in helping families with children to bring a dependency claim. Although Siobhan understands she can't change what has happened, she works hard to make a difference in what happens next and provides real support and assistance to help clients to get their lives back on track.

Career: 2021-present, Senior Associate Solicitor CFG Law 2019-2021, Senior Associate Solicitor, Ashtons Legal 2018-2019, Associate Solicitor, Kester Cunningham John/ Ashtons Legal 2011-2018, Solicitor, Kester Cunningham John/ Ashtons Legal 2009-2011 Trainee Solicitor, Kester Cunningham John 2007-2009 Paralegal, Kester Cunningham John

THOMAS, Clive

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Featured in Personal Injury (Wales)

Practice Areas: Managing Director and Head of Personal Injury Team and an experienced employment lawyer. As a personal injury lawyer he deals with complex high value matters, particularly employers liability (mainly through Trade Union clients) and brain injury and fatal accident cases. In his employment practice he advises Trade Union clients and deals with executive severance packages.

Career: A solicitor at Watkins and Gunn since he qualified in 1991 and now Managing Director. Won the Leading Wales Award for Leadership in the Private Sector 2011. He is a Past President of the Monmouthshire Incorporated Law Society, Cardiff & District Law Society the Association of South Western Law Societies.

Professional Memberships: Clive is a member of the Law Society's Wales Committee and Law Management Committee. He chairs the Cardiff & District Law Society Law Tech Group. He is a Member of the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel and a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and a member of the Swansea University Legal Innovation Lab Advisory Board.

Personal: Married and lives in Barry, enjoys rugby, golf and sailing. Clive is a member of the Wales Committee of

Wooden Spoon, the Children's Charity of Rugby, and a Business Ambassador for City Hospice.

TOMLINSON, Matthew

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Matthew is Head of Serious Injury North and Wales and is based at our Manchester office. Matthew specialises in serious and often catastrophic injury claims arising through accidents at work, on the roads or via military service and acts solely for injured claimants. Matthew has specialised in personal injury for many years, with specific expertise in accident at work and military claims. Matthew also delivers an annual programme of in-house training to lawyers on procedure, liability and assessment of quantum. His expertise has helped claimants secure substantial compensation payments and rehabilitation for a range of devastating accidents, many resulting in fatal or serious life changing injuries including spinal cord, brain injury, amputation and psychiatric injury. Matthew regularly speaks at health and safety conferences and provides bespoke lectures on issues involving mental wellbeing and health and safety within the workplace. He also manages relationships with a number of the organisation and member services who work with Slater and Gordon.

Career: Matthew qualified as a solicitor in 2004 and joined Russell Jones and Walker, now Slater and Gordon, in January 1998.

Professional Memberships: Matthew is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) with Senior Litigator accreditation.

TOWNSEND, Ben

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Featured in Personal Injury (Leeds, Bradford and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Ben specialises in brain and spinal cord injury claims, including accidents abroad. He advises on high-value personal injury claims, particularly brain and spinal cord injuries, including claims with an international element. He has experience of equestrian cases, as well as burn and amputation injuries. His highlights include achieving multimillion pound settlements resulting from a range of types of accidents, including road traffic accidents and accidents at work.

Career: Ben previously worked for Armstrong Foulkes in Middlesbrough before joining Stewarts in 2004. He was made an associate in 2005 and a partner in 2006.

Professional Memberships: Ben is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. He is a founding assessor for their brain and spinal cord injury panels.

Publications: Ben has given many talks about personal injury and related topics to organisations such as Headway UK, the Office of the Official Solicitor, BIRT and Barchester Homes. He has been published in the Solicitors Journal.

Personal: Ben enjoys playing guitar in his band, Legacy. He also enjoys reading (including Greg Bear and Clive Barker) and spending time with his triplets.

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Practice Areas: Malcolm is a partner and head of the personal injury and clinical negligence team. He focuses on high-value and complex cases, particularly serious and long-term brain injury, and child abuse. Malcolm delivers training through the APIL to other solicitors on the Law of Damages. He is an Accredited Brain Injury Specialist (APIL). He deals with multi-million-pound compensation cases and is one of a limited number of brain injury assessors approved by the Association of Personal Injury Specialists. He is also an assessor for the Law Society's Catastrophic Injury Accreditation scheme.

Career: Malcolm started his career with Prudential Assurance before joining Prince Evans in 1993. This was followed by partnership at Vizards Wyeth before joining IBB as a partner in 2003.

Professional Memberships: Malcolm is on The Law Society Personal Injury Panel; he is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute. He is a member of the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers; Headway (the brain injury association); an Accredited Brain Injury Specialist (APIL) and The Spinal Injuries Association.

Publications:

WALSH, Patrick

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Featured in Personal Injury (UK-wide)

Practice Areas: Patrick is a Partner in the industrial diseases team at Leigh Day. He has specialised in industrial disease claims, with principal emphasis on mesothelioma and asbestos related illness, since 1987. He acts only on behalf of claimants and their families and has handled a number of the lead cases in disease litigation. As an expert in his field, Patrick is frequently asked to provide media commentary in relation to asbestos disease and mesothelioma issues. He has also lectured on a number of professionally accredited courses including those for APIL, LexisNexis, and the Expert Witness Institute.

Career: Patrick joined John Pickering Solicitors in 1987, becoming a partner in 1992 before joining Pannone Solicitors as a partner in 2005. He became a Principal Lawyer at Slater & Gordon in 2014 when Pannone merged with them. Patrick joined Leigh Day as a partner in August 2018.

Professional Memberships: Patrick is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury lawyers (APIL); an APIL accredited asbestos disease specialist; an APIL accredited occupational disease specialist; and an assessor for APIL accreditation for occupational and asbestos disease specialisms.

WETHERELL, Hilary

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Featured in Personal Injury (Birmingham and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I am a partner in the serious injury team in the Birmingham of-

fice at Irwin Mitchell, specialising in cases involving all types of head injury, head and brain trauma and brain damage involving adults and older children. I have extensive experience and expertise in the role of the clinical case manager within litigation and in issues relating to capacity to litigate and provisional damages for epilepsy risk.

Career: Trained Donns; qualified 1999; Irwin Mitchell 2000 to date (associate 2006, partner 2011).

Professional Memberships: APIL senior litigator accreditation and brain injury accreditation; Birmingham Medico-Legal Society.

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Featured in Personal Injury (London)

Practice Areas: Jonathan is the Managing Partner at Bolt Burdon Kemp. In 2006 he was named one of the 'Hot 100' lawyers of the year by The Lawyer magazine, recognising his campaigning work for survivors of child abuse, work which continues today. He appeared alongside Sir Kier Starmer who was similarly honoured in the same issue! Jonathan went on to represent two claimants in the landmark House of Lords case *A v Hoare & others* (2008) changing the law to extend the time limits for anyone wishing to bring a child abuse claim. He now has an over-arching role developing and approving the strategy for all personal injury cases handled by the firm.

Career: Qualified 1993, joined Bolt Burdon Kemp 1998, partner 2003, managing partner 2017. Notable cases include *A v Hoare* and related appeals [2008] 1 AC 844 – landmark case on limitation which changed the time limits for historical abuse and assault cases, subsequently allowing many to be brought successfully out of time (House of Lords).

Professional Memberships: Fellow and Past President (2015-16) of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. Member of The Law Society's LGBT+ and Civil Justice Committees, and the Forum of Complex Injury Solicitors.

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Featured in Personal Injury (Southampton and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Chris is a Senior Partner in the Accidents & Injuries team at Trethowans. Chris undertakes work specialising in catastrophic head and spinal injury cases, as well as birth related injuries of maximum severity. He has been accredited by the Law Society as a member of their specialist personal injury and clinical negligence panels. Chris has also been appointed by the Court of Protection to act as a professional deputy to manage the property and financial affairs of vulnerable adults, and also sits as a Deputy District Judge in London. Chris was Managing Partner of Trethowans from April 2013 to March 2021.

WILLIAMS, Peter

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Career: I have 25 years' experience acting for victims of illnesses and accidents, particularly for people suffering from mesothelioma following exposure to asbestos at work and by dust brought into the home. Chambers 2019 describes me as 'a brilliant industrial disease lawyer who gets superb results'. I am recognised by the Legal 500 as 'a leading individual'. It is a privilege to meet families, hear their stories, to be their advocate and provide financial security needed in times of crisis. I lead a team determined to achieve the highest compensation for people with asbestos disease in the shortest possible time, at no cost. We are described by Chambers as a 'market-leading industrial disease practice, with an outstanding reputation for handling mesothelioma and asbestos disease litigation.' My cases include: Mesothelioma and asbestos claims Personal injury claims Work accident claims Road traffic accident claims I regularly settle mesothelioma claims within three months of instruction. Many cases now include provision for developing immunotherapies. I regularly speak at the Central Law Training conferences on asbestos disease and fatal accident claims.

Professional Memberships: I am a member of APIL. I also sit on The Forum of Complex Injury Solicitors (FOCIS).

WITHERS, David

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Featured in Personal Injury (Sheffield and surrounds)

Practice Areas: I'm a Partner and lead a large team specialising in catastrophic

injury cases, mostly involving; Traumatic brain injury Spinal cord injury Amputation Very significant orthopaedic injuries.

Career: I became a partner in 2019.

Professional Memberships: I am the Secretary for the Association of Personal Injury Lawyer's (APIL) Brain Injury Group. I am accredited by APIL as a Fellow and Brain Injury specialist. I assess aspiring lawyers who wish to become brain injury accredited on behalf of APIL.

Publications: I have been published in the Journal of Personal Injury Lawyers, PI Focus, and NR Times. I provide technical guidance to the National Serious Injury Team as part a national role.

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Practice Areas: Riffat Yaqub is a Partner in the Personal Injury team, specialising in high-value claims involving spinal cord injury, brain damage and serious orthopaedic injuries resulting in amputations and fatalities. Throughout her career of 25 years, Riffat has developed a formidable reputation for consistently achieving strong results for claimants who have suffered serious life changing injuries arising from road traffic accidents, workplace accidents, accidents in public places and medical accidents. Riffat has pursued a number of high-profile cases involving foreign nationals who have been injured in the UK, including three UAE nationals who were viciously attacked whilst staying at a London hotel and a French national who suffered devastating life-changing injuries after being thrown from a viewing gallery. Riffat is known for adopting a client-focussed, holistic approach whilst being committed and a fierce litigator. She is not afraid to take cases to trial when necessary. She acts for vulnerable clients and is a strong advocate for securing early rehabilitation, ensuring her clients can get their lives back on track as quickly as possible. Riffat works closely with charities including CBIT, SIA and Headway.

Professional Memberships: Law Society Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme Accredited Senior Litigator of Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)

ZAJAC, Andrew

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Featured in Personal Injury (Manchester and surrounds)

Practice Areas: Andrew is a Partner within the serious injury team in our Manchester office. He specialises in cases involving catastrophic injuries such as brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, chronic pain and polytrauma, and acts on behalf of adults and children. Andrew is known for delivering clear legal advice in a way that clients understand. He goes above and beyond expectations to provide exceptional client care and demonstrates outstanding attention to detail. Case successes include seven-figure settlements in a complex brain injury case in which liability was contested and on behalf of a client who sustained significant injury to his leg resulting in an amputation, and substantial settlements for clients where there was an interplay between physical and psychological symptoms.

Career: Andrew completed his training with Taylor Vinters and qualified as a solicitor into the personal injury team there in 2006. In 2013 he moved with the team to Slater and Gordon, first in Cambridge and then to Manchester. He joined Leigh Day as a Partner in the Manchester personal injury team in May 2021.

Professional Memberships: Andrew is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and until his move to Manchester in early 2019 was company secretary of Headway Hertfordshire.