

## Stephen Grime

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Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
Wrekin College	Professional Negligence Bar Association	Recorder 1988 – 2007
Trinity College, Oxford (Scholar), MA (Oxon)	Personal Injury Bar Association	Technology & Construction Court Recorder 1997 - 2007
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	AVMA	Head of Deans Court Chambers - 2000 – 2005

Areas of Specialism
Mediation
Arbitration

## Profile

Until retirement from the Bar in March 2024 I had practised as King's Counsel at Deans Court Chambers in Manchester and Old Square Chambers in London. I took Silk in 1987 and have appeared in many high profile and substantial cases.

I served as a Recorder of the Crown Court and a Recorder of the Technology Court over a total period of 15 years. For more than 30 years I have had a keen interest in ADR in all its forms and was founding Chairman of the Northern Arbitration Association. I am an accredited Mediator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. I have acted as Arbitrator and Mediator and undertaken Early Neutral Evaluations and Mini-Trials.

My practice at the Bar involved complex civil litigation and has included almost all forms of civil work including contractual, insurance, personal injury, professional negligence, construction and environmental cases. I have been arbitrator or mediator in matters concerning:-

- Technical disputes between motor insurers and / or the Motor Insurers' Bureau
- Umbrella costs agreements in disease litigation (3 mediations)
- Development joint venture agreement
- Construction disputes
- Computer software
- Partnership
- Entitlement under legal expenses policies
- Quantum of fire insurance I business interruption claim
- Local authority equipment supply;
- Water supply infrastructure;
- Replacement of H/V system in financial institution HQ building;

For further information as to availability and charges please contact:- *Pete Conwell, Tel: 0161 214 6008 /*

## Notable Cases

### **Mitchell & Ors v United Co-Operatives Ltd [2012]**

#### **Practice Area: Personal Injury**

EWCA Civ 348 Claim by shop workers for stress caused by assaults at work.

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### **Furmedge & Ors v Chester-Le-Street District Council [2011]**

#### **Practice Area: Professional Liabilities**

EWHC 1226 (QB) (16 May 2011) Dispute as to responsibility for Dreamspace v disaster on Co Durham.

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### **Conan v Williams [2010]**

#### **Practice Area: Clinical Negligence**

EWHC 758 (QB) [2010] EWHC 758 (QB), [2010] Med LR 255 Claim against GP in relation to ante-natal care.

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### **Roult v North West Strategic Health Authority [2009]**

#### **Practice Area: Clinical Negligence**

EWCA Civ 444 (20 May 2009) [2009] PIQR P18, [2009] EWCA Civ 444, [2009] LS Law Medical 383 Binding effect of partial settlement of clinical negligence claim.

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### **Tameside & Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust v Thompstone & Ors [2008]**

#### **Practice Area: Clinical Negligence**

EWCA Civ 5 (17 January 2008) ((2008) 100 BMLR 113, [2008] 1 WLR 2207, [2008] 2 All ER 553, [2008] EWCA Civ 5, [2008] LS Law Medical 282, [2008] PIQR Q2; From England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division) Choice of inflation measure in periodical payment cases.

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### **Churchill Insurance Company Limited v Benjamin Wilkinson, Tracy Evans v Equity Claims Limited, Court of Justice of European Union, C-442/10**

#### **Practice Area: Commercial & Insurance Disputes**

R.T.R. 10 Churchill Insurance Company Ltd v Wilkinson & Ors [2010] EWCA Civ 556 (19 May 2010) ([2010] EWCA Civ 556, [2010] Lloyd's Rep IR 591, [2010] PIQR P15; Wilkinson v Fitzgerald & Anor [2009] EWHC 1297 (QB) [2009] 3 CMLR 33, [2009] EWHC 1297 (QB), [2009] PIQR P20, [2010] 1 All ER 198 Dispute as to conflict between UK motor insurance law and EU directives.

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### **Corby Group Litigation, Re [2009]**

#### Practice Area: Construction & Environmental Claims

EWHC 1944 (TCC) (29 July 2009) ([2009] EWHC 1944 (TCC), [2009] NPC 100, [2010] Env LR D2; From England and Wales High Court (Technology and Construction Court) Environmental claim arising from reclamation of former steelworks

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#### Hyde & Associates Ltd v Williams & Co Ltd [2000]

#### Practice Area: Construction & Environmental Claims

EWCA Civ 211 (6 July 2000) ([2000] EWCA Civ 211; From England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division) Claim by mail order company against construction professionals.

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#### Owusu v Jackson & Ors [2002]

#### Practice Area: Personal Injury

EWCA Civ 877 (19 June 2002) ([2002] EWCA Civ 877, [2003] PIQR 186; From England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division) Jurisdiction of English Court in relation to accident in Jamaica.

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#### Mason & Ors v The Coal Authority [2001]

#### Practice Area: Professional Liabilities

EWHC 561 (QB) (15 March 2001) ([2001] EWHC 561 (QB); From England and Wales High Court (Queen's Bench Division) Liability in case of coal mining searches.

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#### Bence Graphics International Ltd v Fasson UK Ltd [1996]

#### Practice Area: Commercial & Insurance Disputes

EWCA Civ 748 ([1996] EWCA Civ 748, [1998] QB 87; From England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division) Measure of damages in sale of goods.

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#### What the Directories say

"Stephen is an experienced and reliable barrister."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"Stephen has very good technical knowledge, very good expertise and a good grasp of information on the case."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"Stephen is a superb advocate."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"He's a true leader in his field."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"Stephen has a wealth of experience. He is an excellent tactician and good with clients."

*Legal 500, 2024*

"He is an outstanding lawyer."

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

"Stephen is excellent in conference with a fantastic grasp of the liability arguments."

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

"Stephen is super in terms of his academic ability and advocacy."

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

"He has huge experience and a real breadth of knowledge."

*Chambers and Partners, 2022*

"A silent assassin." "He is simply one of the best minds at the Bar." "A very polished and smooth advocate." "Good with clients and very reliable."

*Chambers and Partners, 2021*

"A very reliable and personable silk, whom you can go to with any problem. He thinks outside the box and keeps his cool in any situation."

"He is a very talented operator - underestimate him at your peril."

*Chambers and Partners, 2020*

"Hugely experienced and has a wealth of knowledge." "He's very clever and sharp as a knife."

*Chambers and Partners, 2020*

A well-respected silk with terrific experience in a huge variety of civil claims, including major clinical negligence cases. He is skilled on both the claimant and defence sides of cerebral palsy claims.

"He has significant experience of handling high-value claims on a regular basis."

*Chambers and Partners*

An outstanding personal injury silk who regularly acts in multimillion-pound severe injury claims. He has been involved in many challenging cases involving injured children, which have complex aspects relating to future losses. He represents both claimant and defendant clients.

"He is one of the most experienced QCs in Manchester, with a wealth of knowledge and expertise." "He is knowledgeable, firm in his opinions, good to deal with, sensible and realistic."

Recent work: Represented the insurers in a case involving a three-vehicle collision which resulted in the claimant suffering complex injuries. The case concerned issues as to contributory negligence involving multiple medical issues.

*Chambers and Partners*

'A brilliant tactician.'

*Legal 500*

A well-respected silk with terrific experience in a huge variety of civil claims including major clinical negligence cases. He is skilled on both the claimant and defendant sides of cerebral palsy claims.

"Very sensible, very well prepared and compassionate in dealing with defendants." "Extensive knowledge of birth injury cerebral palsy claims and quantum issues in such complex cases." "He is very meticulous and thorough."

*Chambers and Partners*

'He distils salient details in a comprehensible way.'

An outstanding personal injury silk who regularly acts in multimillion-pound severe injury claims, including accidents abroad. Alongside his technical skill, sources also extol his ability to put clients at ease, especially claimants in catastrophic injury cases.

"An intellectual powerhouse. Always well prepared and good with clients." "He's probably the most capable personal injury silk on the circuit, and a pre-eminent civil advocate." "A highly intelligent silk with extensive knowledge and experience, capable of great innovation and extremely good with clients."

*Chambers UK*

A well-respected silk with terrific experience in a huge variety of civil claims including major clinical negligence cases. He is skilled on both the claimant and defendant side of cerebral palsy claims.

"He has a calm demeanour. He's unflappable." "He is vastly experienced and this shows in everything he does. He is clever and able to assimilate large quantities of information quickly."

*Chambers UK*

A renowned silk who represents both claimants and defendants in high-value catastrophic injury cases. He has extensive experience with clinical negligence disputes and cases with an international component. (Personal Injury)

"He is outstanding. He is extremely thorough and has a very sharp brain and he will always spot things that other people cannot."

"His attention to detail is second to none."

*Chambers UK*

An influential silk with a commanding presence, handling claims of utmost severity including specialisms in cerebral palsy and catastrophic injury.(Clinical Negligence)

"An outstanding performer."

*Chambers UK*

Veteran practitioner Stephen Grime QC has a heavyweight practice focusing on cerebral palsy and catastrophic injury cases.

"He is pragmatic - he doesn't go round the houses, he cuts through all that and goes straight to the heart of the matter."

*Chambers UK*

Highly experienced silk with a strong specialisation in catastrophic personal injury work, often acting on behalf of defendants. He is cited as a "fearless" advocate for his clients."He does both claimant and defendant work, is very measured in his advice, and his judgement is very good." "He is tactically very able, with good client skills, and is a very approachable barrister.

*Chambers UK*

A great tactician and lateral thinker. (Personal injury and clinical negligence)

*Legal 500*

Is noted for his 'well-founded, practical advice

*Legal 500*

Has a broad personal injury practice which is principally focused on cases concerning catastrophic injuries. He impresses instructing solicitors, who note that he manages to be "highly intellectual", yet also extremely user-friendly.

*Chambers UK*

He is recommended by sources as "a great choice for heavyweight clinical negligence claims".

*Chambers UK*

At the top of his game. Highly skilled, hardworking and effective Counsel who can always be relied upon to handle the most complex of cases.

*Chambers UK*

Recommended for clinical negligence instructions.

*Legal 500*

One of the most rounded and able barristers on the Northern Circuit. His intelligence has prompted some to label him "a man with two brains".

*Chambers UK*

Cannot be rated too highly.

*Legal 500*

A very able advocate and specialist...An extremely impressive performer when it comes to clinical negligence work.

*Chambers UK*

At the top of his field...a terrific eye for detail.

*Chambers UK*

Grasps the most complex personal injury issues and gives clients the advice they need.

*Chambers UK*

Star silk.

*Legal 500*

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