DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

Timothy Ryder

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Education

Stowe School

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge - MA (Cantab)

Avory Law Scholarship - Middle Temple

Astbury Scholarship

Professional Associations

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Appointments

Assistant Recorder 1997

Recorder 2000

Head of Queens Chambers, Manchester 1997-2005

Areas of Specialism

- Clinical Negligence
- Professional Negligence - Particularly solicitors' negligence claims
- Personal injuries, particularly serious brain and spinal injury cases
- Administrative Law
- Mental Health

Profile

Timothy Ryder has a particular interest in medical and scientific issues, deriving from an academic background in Natural Sciences, and has specialised in clinical negligence work, acting exclusively for Claimants, for the last 20 years.

He is regularly instructed by firms in the North-West and throughout the country.

He also specialises in serious personal injury work, particularly catastrophic brain, spinal and other orthopaedic injury cases, and regularly undertakes such work for both Claimants and defendants.

Interesting, recent or current cases include;

- Catastrophic brain injury resulting from clinical mismanagement at birth: several recent settlements at or over £5 million;
- Acromegalic giantism resulting from non-diagnosis of pituitary tumour;
- Cases of non-diagnosis or delayed diagnosis of cancers of the blood, skin, skull base, sinuses, throat, breast, stomach, colon, kidneys, bladder, cervix, vagina and testes;
- Mistaken diagnosis of pancreatic cancer leading to psychiatric injury;
- Diabetic or vascular mismanagement leading to losses of limbs. Recent settlements include £1 million for an above knee amputation, and £0.5 million for a below knee amputation;
- Mismanagement of epilepsy, resulting in brain damage: claim recently settled for £2 million;
- Negligent surgical and gynaecological procedures leading to catastrophic bowel injuries;
- Failure of treatment of AIDS victim;
- Cases of substandard spinal surgery, and of failure to diagnose injury to the cauda equina resulting in major disability. Recent settlements include £0.5 million for disabling cauda equina syndrome;
- Errors in GP management;
- Failure to manage post-surgical infection leading to disability or death;
- Negligent mismanagement of deep vein thrombosis, including one claim recently settled for £400,000 for post thrombotic syndrome;
- High spinal injuries with complete tetraplegia – recent settlement in excess of £6 million.

He regularly advises and acts on a no win no fee basis.

Notable Cases

R -v- Legal Area Area No 8, ex p Parkinson [1990] 1 MedLR 394

Practice Area: Clinical Negligence

Whooping cough litigation

Re: S-C

Practice Area: Mental Health Review Tribunal

Lawfulness of detention under Mental Health Act 1983

Arthur -v- Anker

Practice Area: Chancery and Commercial

[1996] 2 WLR 602

What the Directories say

"Timothy is a safe pair of hands who is never flustered and inspires confidence."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

“He’s a talented clinical negligence practitioner.”

Chambers & Partners, 2024

“He’s a pleasure to work with.”

Chambers & Partners, 2024

“Timothy is an experienced barrister.”

Chambers & Partners, 2024

He is very good with complex medical issues.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

Timothy is highly experienced and extremely capable

Chambers & Partners, 2023

He is good on the technical aspects of law, especially in relation to complex, life-changing injuries. He is very good with clients and is an approachable and good communicator.
Highly skilled and knowledgeable, very methodical, and his drafting is superb. He is always happy to pick up the phone and discuss cases.

Chambers and Partners, 2022

Extremely clever and a great negotiator.
Absolutely excellent on paper.

Chambers and Partners, 2021

An excellent, well-rounded barrister who has vast knowledge of medical issues and clinical negligence.

Chambers and Partners, 2020

He has a keen eye for detail and for getting to the key issues in what are always complex and heavyweight cases involving life-changing injury.
His written pleadings are faultless and no detail is missed. You can win a case just on his 'paperwork'.
Tim is extremely approachable and always makes himself available.

Chambers and Partners

Noted for his analytical skills in matters involving complex medical issues, which is aided by an academic background in natural sciences. Acts exclusively for claimants on cases including cerebral palsy, brain injury and catastrophic injury.
An excellent barrister with vast knowledge of medical issues.

Chambers UK

Attracts praise for his sharpness of mind and straightforward, no-nonsense character.

Chambers UK

He has expertise in clinical negligence matters

Legal 500

Experienced practitioner with an exclusive focus on claimant cases. He regularly works on infant brain injury cases and also handles spinal injury and misdiagnosis of cancer cases.

Chambers UK

Has an important focus on birth injury and infant brain damage cases. He is regularly instructed on claims concerning spinal injury, surgical negligence and misdiagnoses of cancer, in particular those of the breast and bladder.
He has a very good and relaxed negotiating style that can really facilitate a favourable settlement.
He is amazing with statistics and very analytical.

Chambers UK

Experienced practitioner with an exclusive focus on claimant cases. He regularly works on infant brain injury claims, including those relating to cerebral palsy.
Tim Ryder is very good at identifying and grappling with complex medical and legal issues early on. He is very approachable and buys in to the team approach that these cases demand. He is my first choice junior in all cases.

Chambers and Partners

He has expertise in medically and scientifically complex matters.

Legal 500

As good as the silks in the area of clinical negligence. (Personal injury and clinical negligence).

Legal 500

Specializes in complex surgical negligence.

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