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Introduction

Martin specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence work. He appears in all courts. Martin started his career at the criminal bar and has made use of skills learnt there in his civil practice. He believes strongly that the burden of litigation for all parties should be minimised as much as possible and will try hard to achieve this in conference or elsewhere. He is happy to travel to court or to accommodate clients.

Personal injury

Martin's personal injury practice covers serious and complex injuries in all areas of personal injury work as well as disease. He enjoys questions of medical causation.

Recent cases include:

- Defending at trial a claim arising out of a road rage incident where the Claimant climbed onto the car bonnet only suffer serious injury as the Defendant shook him off.
- Pursuing a loss of a chance claim on behalf of a semi-professional footballer who suffered serious leg fractures.
- Acting for a nurse who suffered serious ankle fractures and loss of career prospects.
- Pursuing a claim where a low back injury and chronic pain prevented an army career.
- Acting at trial for a Claimant with a very serious brain injury arising after a fall at his worksite. Questions of control and the application of regulations arising.
- Acting for a Claimant with a disabling vestibular disorder after a road accident.
- Acting for a Claimant who suffered a knee injury leading to a fall from height a year later and spinal injuries. Questions of causation in fact and law arising.

Noise Induced Hearing Loss

Martin has long experience acting for Claimants and Defendants in noise induced hearing loss and vibration claims and is up to date with the latest law and science in this area. He recently appeared for the Claimant in a test claim that considered the de minimis principle in hearing loss claims and the new guidelines for expert quantification of hearing loss.

Fraud

He is regularly instructed by motor insurers where fraud is alleged and has successfully conducted a very large number of these cases over the years, making use of 10 years' experience at the criminal bar. He is also able to advise on questions of surveillance, the costs consequences of a finding of fraud and contempt proceedings.

Clinical negligence

Martin acts for Claimants and the NHS. Recent cases include:

- A fatal accident claim arising out of a failure to address abdominal bleeding upon admission to hospital.
- A fatal accident claim arising out of inappropriate medication and failure to identify risk of heart failure in a detained mental patient.
- Failure to diagnose post-operative osteomyelitis leading to removal of a large part of the skull and a cosmetic defect.
- Failure of total knee replacements.
- Alleged failure to provide sufficient pain relief over a course of internal radiotherapy leading to depression and post-traumatic stress.

Inquests

Martin acts for Local Authorities, NHS trusts and other healthcare providers in Article 2 Inquests.

He has also regularly acted for Next of Kin and insurers in inquests arising out of road traffic accidents.

Recent inquests include:

- Acting for an NHS Trust in a lengthy Art 2 Inquest where alleged failures in healthcare led to suicide in prison.
- Acting for a healthcare provider to a privately operated prison where alleged failures in healthcare led to death by natural causes.
- Acting for the operator of a private prison where alleged failures in care led to death by natural

causes.

- Acting for a Local Authority where a resident with dementia at a care home fell from a building.
- Acting for next of kin where death followed a day trip in a WW2 vintage aeroplane. Expert evidence of the Air Accident Investigation Board in issue.

Court of Protection/Mental Health

Martin acts for relatives and local authorities.

For example:

- Advising Deputies and Attorneys on questions of welfare and financial affairs.
- Acting for a local authority in a case where P was at risk from a potentially harmful relationship and withdrawal from treatment.
- Acting for a local authority in a case where allegations of assault of P by close relatives.
- Advising on questions of ordinary residence.
- Advising a local authority in its claims for recovery of costs of care after deprivation of assets.

He is a member of the Mental Health Lawyers Association.

Housing Disrepair & Nuisance

Martin acts for tenants and Local Authorities in claims for disrepair, particularly those where injury is alleged to have occurred or there are other safety implications, such as asbestos.