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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.

Personal injury

His personal injury practice covers serious and complex injuries in all areas of personal injury work as well as disease claims such as those arising out of noise, vibration and hazardous substances. He also has experience of claims arising out of housing disrepair. He enjoys questions of medical causation.

More recent work includes:

- Acting at trial for a Claimant with a very serious brain injury arising after a fall at his worksite. Questions of workplace control and the application of regulations arising.
- 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.
- Acting for cabin crew in claims arising out of the failure to evacuate a burning aircraft in good time. Questions of forum and compromise of claim in the USA arising.
- Acting for a Claimant with multiple injuries after a road traffic accident. Settled for £1.8m.

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 insurance, the costs consequences of a finding of fraud and contempt proceedings.

Clinical negligence

Martin acts for Claimants and trusts. 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.
- A fatal accident claim arising out of a failure to recognise an acute kidney injury after elective surgery.
- Failure to diagnose post-operative osteomyelitis leading to removal of a large part of the skull and a cosmetic defect.
- Failure to diagnose typhus leading to alleged chronic injury.
- Negligent damage of the bile duct during surgery.
- Negligent dental treatment such as poor provision of implants leading to failure.
- Negligent failure to identify liver disease leading to cirrhosis and a need for transplant.

Inquests

Martin is experienced in acting for custody providers, NHS trusts and other healthcare providers in Article 2 inquests, together with advising in civil claims where they follow. These will often involve Human Rights Act claims.

This work includes:

- Acting for prison operators in Art 2 inquests.
- Acting for immigration detention providers in Art 2 inquests.
- Acting for prison healthcare providers in Art 2 inquests.
- Acting for NHS trusts in inquests arising out of alleged clinical negligence and other lack of care.

Other inquest work includes:

- Acting for families in inquests arising out of alleged clinical negligence.
- Acting for families and insurers in inquests arising out of road traffic and workplace accidents.
- Acting for local authorities in inquests arising out of sudden death at care homes.
- Acting for the family where death followed a day trip in a WW2 vintage aeroplane. Expert evidence of the Air Accident Investigation Board in issue.