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## KEVIN HAVEN

"Experienced in handling claims on behalf of children with serious psychiatric injuries."

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Kevin Haven has a civil practice centred around clinical negligence and personal injury work. He was formerly at the clinical negligence and personal injury set at 199 Strand before joining us from Pallant Chambers in June 2013.

He is recommended as a leading junior in the Legal 500 for clinical negligence and personal injury claims. He is cited for his significant experience in all types of injury litigation, as an excellent tactician in presenting complex injury matters, recognised for his numeracy skills and his ability to explain issues to clients in plain English.

## Personal Injury

Kevin has over 20 years experience of clinical negligence claims predominantly acting for Claimants but is also instructed on behalf of Defendants. He has a broad practice covering all the major categories of Clinical Negligence work undertaken in Chambers but with a particular interest in:

- Dental / Maxillofacial Claims
- Renal Work – with a detailed understanding of mitrofanoff surgery
- Psychiatric Claims – particularly relating to adolescences

In the field of personal injury claim Kevin has dealt with a range of high value claims particularly dealing with motorcycle and maritime injury claims – including The European Gateway, Herald of Free Enterprise, Piper Alpha and St Malo Ferry.

He has also dealt with claims featured on *"Holidays from Hell"* arising from the school trip on MV Victoria which caught fire off the coast of Cyprus with over 250 children on board and the Turkish Beach Bus crash.

In addition he has also been in a number of large claims on behalf of children and young people with significant psychological and psychiatric injuries.

## Professional Negligence

Kevin has extensive experience of the insurance industry – Including negligent broking and underwriting.

He was seconded to the Corporation of Lloyds in the 1980's to work on the bylaws under the Lloyds Act and in the investigations into preferential underwriting.

He subsequently represented Brokers and Underwriters in E & O Claims specifically in the bloodstock industry including the claim relating to Shergar.

He has also co-written the policy wording for a major Insurer's yacht policy.

In addition Kevin deals with professional negligence claims involving solicitors having been a solicitor between 1990 and 1995 during which time he was a partner in a London firm and subsequently head of litigation in the regional office of a large national firm.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

Beyond qualifying as a mediator Kevin has further trained in workplace / employment mediation and in Advanced Mediation Skills.

Kevin will carry out mediations in his core practice areas of personal injury, clinical negligence and profession negligence.

In addition to Kevin's main areas of practice he also has extensive practical experience which can assist in mediations relating to:

### **Business / Marine Industry**

Having run a family businesses dealing with employment and financing issues and distributorships.

- Bloodstock syndicate disputes
- Property development and contractual disputes arising during project management
- Licenced trade disputes – Kevin holds a BIIAB personal licence and other qualifications relevant to licenced

trade management

- Yacht racing with knowledge of Yacht racing rules and the protest procedures
- Managing yachting corporate events
- Yacht building / construction disputes

## Education

Management and employment disputes arising in schools under special measures – admissions / exclusions.

University Appeals process at board of governor level dealing with:

- Students educational disputes / exclusions
- Staff employment / disciplinary / redundancy disputes

## Qualifications

- Accredited Mediator
- Solicitor (1990-1995)
- Diploma (Intellectual Property Law), Queen Mary College, University of London
- LLM (Admiralty & Shipping Law), University College, University of London
- BA (Hon) Law, University of Kent

## Professional associations

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Society of Mediators
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Profession Negligence Bar Association

## Outside Interests

- RYA Yachtmaster – former sailing instructor
- Yacht racing – RORC and Fastnet
- Founder of Manches Yacht Racing Cup 1990
- Previously taught the law modules for the Professional Skipper course at the National Sailing Centre at

Cowes