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Year of Call: 1996



Main Areas of Practice

Public and Administrative Law
Human Rights
Extradition

International Law
Medical Law and Personal Injury
Mental Health

Jonathan Glasson practises in a broad range of civil and criminal work. His practice includes international law, human rights, Inquests and Inquiries, public law, asylum, extradition, mutual assistance, product liability and clinical negligence.

In February 2007 Jonathan was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown "A" Panel. He has been recommended as a leading junior in clinical negligence, product liability and civil liberties by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500. He has acted as a Special Advocate in the SIAC as well as before the Parole Board. Jonathan is a contributing editor to the Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service and is the author of the forthcoming Blackstone's Guide to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

Human Rights

Instructed on a range of cases from the Russian Federation concerning politically motivated criminal prosecutions. Instructed to act for Mikhail Khodorkovsky the former Chief Executive Officer of Yukos. Instructed by the Ministry of Defence in *Guardian and Times Newspapers v Soldiers A-F* when Court of Appeal granted anonymity to five Special Forces personnel in proceedings against them for conspiracy to defraud, as there was a real and immediate risk to the lives of two of the soldiers if any one of the five was identified. Instruction by the Home Secretary in *R (U and XC) v SIAC*, concerning whether SIAC was entitled to rely on closed evidence when considering bail applications.

National Security

Instructed by the Secretary of State in proceedings under the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001 as well as SIAC appeals on deportations with assurances and Administrative Court proceedings under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005.

Special Advocate

Special Advocate in SIAC in Loutchansky and on a Parole Board case heard after Roberts.

Inquests and Inquiries

Instructed by Ministry of Defence in the Inquest into the shooting down of HERCULES XV179 that led to the largest single loss of life in Iraq. Instructed by the families of the victims of variant CJD at the BSE Inquiry. Instructed to act for the lawyers at the original Widgery Inquiry when they gave evidence to the Bloody Sunday Inquiry. Acted for the family of a diabetic prisoner in a successful challenge to an Inquest verdict of "natural causes" in *R v HM Coroner for Lincoln ex p Hay* [2000] Lloyd's Rep Med 264. Instructed by a number of Coroners in relation to judicial review claims. Acted for same sex partner in inquest where Coroner refused to acknowledge the partner as an "interested person". Author of the forthcoming Guide to the 2009 Act.

Asylum

Instructed in asylum claims brought in the UK as well as in Germany and in Cyprus. Advising on related extradition proceedings in those cases as well as mutual assistance requests in Cyprus and Switzerland.

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Clinical Negligence/ Medical Law

Briefed for the claimant in *Christopher Clunis v Camden and Islington Health Authority* [1998] 1 WLR 1093 where the claimant sought damages arising from his own act in killing another whilst in community care. Briefed for claimant in *Briody v St Helen's & Knowsley AHA* [2002] QB 856 (whether damages for costs of surrogacy recoverable). Acted for the family in *Simms and PA v Another* [2003] 1 All ER 669 where the court ruled that it was in the best interests of two young people to receive highly experimental treatment for their otherwise terminal illness.

Chambers and Partners 2010 listed Jonathan as a leading junior, describing him as "incredibly easy to deal with and always thoroughly prepared".

Product Liability

Instructed on Northwick Park Clinical Trials Litigation. Advised Medical Research Council on no fault compensation schemes.

Advised on Lariam, Roaccutane, Minocin and Seroxat pharmaceutical groups action.

Generic first junior counsel in the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease/Human Growth Hormone Litigation [reported as *N and Others v UK Medical Research Council and Department of Health* [1996] 7 Med LR 309] brought on behalf of recipients of growth hormone which contained the agent which causes CJD as well as those who have suffered psychiatric injury as a consequence of being told that they may develop CJD in the future [reported at 1997 41 BMLR 157].

In 2001, together with Stephen Irwin (now Mr Justice Irwin), negotiated the settlement of the claims brought by the families of patients with variant CJD.

Chambers and Partners 2010 listed Jonathan as a leading junior, describing him as an "esteemed junior" who was "meticulous and focused from start to finish".

Personal Injury

Instructed by Treasury Solicitors in the PTSD Litigation (The Times, 29 May 2003). The Litigation comprised two groups of actions brought by soldiers from the Falklands, Northern Ireland, the Gulf and Bosnia who unsuccessfully claimed negligence on the part of the Ministry of Defence in failing to detect and treat their psychological problems following battle.

Appointments

2007: Junior Counsel to the Crown, A Panel
2002: Junior Counsel to the Crown, B Panel
2000: Junior Counsel to the Crown, C Panel

Directory Recommendations

Chambers & Partners 2010 recommends Jonathan as a Leading Junior in Clinical Negligence. He is also recommended as a Leading Junior in Product Liability.

Legal 500 2009 recommends Jonathan Glasson as a Leading Junior in Clinical Negligence and Healthcare.

Chambers & Partners 2009 recommends Jonathan as a Leading Junior in Clinical Negligence; "absolute star - tremendously hard-working and very skilled on complex cases".

Legal 500 2008 recommends Jonathan Glasson as a Leading Junior in Civil Liberties and Clinical Negligence and Healthcare.

Education

1991 - 1993 College of Law Lancaster Gate
1984 - 1987 New College Oxford
MA Hons English Language and Literature

Publications

Contributing editor, Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service

Blackstone's Guide to the Coroners Act (forthcoming)

Career

1993 - 1995 Trainee Solicitor, Taylor Joynson Garrett

1995 - 2007 Doughty Street