

Michael Shaw

General Information

A highly rated direct access barrister, Michael Shaw has an excellent track record and a down-to-earth approach that puts his clients at ease.

Transferring to the bar in 2017, Michael joined Clerksroom in 2018 having spent 7 years as a solicitor (the last year as a solicitor-advocate). He was Head of Clinical Negligence and a Director at Carter Moore Solicitors, with specific responsibility for client acquisition.

Michael enjoys a general civil practice, with particular emphasis on clinical negligence, personal injury and media law (music). During his music career, Michael established many useful media industry contacts and has a relatively new but growing practice in this area. He is noted for his ability to combine his legal knowledge with his musical experience to put clients at their ease and explain the legal situation in terms that a non-lawyer can easily understand.

Able to advise on paper or in conference, Michael can attend interlocutory hearings, case management hearings, fast track trials and Coroner's inquests. He can assist in the drafting of particulars of claim, applications, skeleton arguments, case summaries, draft directions, costs budgets, multi-track Precedent H forms and budget discussion documents. He can offer advice on quantum, liability, causation, merits of cases and strategy.

Based in Manchester, Michael is happy to travel nationwide.

Areas of law

- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Media Law (Music)

Clinical Negligence

- Cauda Equina claims
- A&E misdiagnosis and failure to treat
- NHS Trust claims
- Sepsis
- Cerebral palsy
- Informed consent
- NHS complaints procedure and redress
- The Coroner's Inquest
- Medical treatment and human rights
- Duty of care, standard of care and establishing breach of duty
- Causation
- Limitation
- Claims involving medical products

Cyclists & Other Road Traffic Accidents

- All RTA personal injury work
- Particularly cyclist claimants, being a keen cyclist himself
- Dealing with advice on liability, quantum (including, loss of earnings, care and infant settlement) and evidence
- Drafting of pleadings

- Part 18 Requests for Further Information
- Part 35 Questions to Experts
- Motorist emerging into path of cyclist from a side road
- Motorist turning into side road across path of cyclist
- Motorist veering into path of cyclist when cyclist and motorist going straight ahead
- Child cycling accidents
- Stationary motorist opens passenger or driver side door into path of oncoming cyclist

Product Liability

- Representation in cases valued up to and above £1,000,000
- Medical product liability
- Breaches of common law, statutory and importers' duty
- Claims under statute - Consumer Protection Act 1987
- Manufacturing defects
- Design defects
- Sufficient warnings
- Product recalls
- Import issues and how to avoid product liability claims post-Brexit

Other Personal Injury Work

- Public liability
- Employers' liability
- Animal-related injuries
- Criminal injuries compensation

Professional Negligence

- Previously under-settled claims for damages
- Loss of legal chance (unwinnable cases taken fought for costs building)
- Missed limitation or other court deadlines
- Financial advice given without correct registration

Music (& Media) Law

- Image rights
- Contracts
- Copyright Law
- Recording contracts
- Management
- Publishing
- Digital distribution deals

Education

- Management Degree BSc (Hons)
- PGDip Law

Personal Interests

A keen musician, Michael has shared the stage with such creative giants as the mighty Fairport Convention with his band.

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