



personal injury & clinical negligence

in tune with the
clients' needs,
from the very early
stages of a claim
to final resolution

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about devereux

We are one of the UK's top civil and commercial sets. We place a strong emphasis on advocacy with a professional yet client friendly and down-to-earth approach.

Established over 60 years ago, Devereux is large enough to provide in depth expertise at all levels, but at the same time we take great care to provide a tailored approach to all our clients. The advice and representation we provide is clear, practical and delivered in a way that is unstuffy.

“Devereux is ‘particularly commended for their provision of quality client service’.” [Chambers UK](#)

“Clients praise the knowledge, experience and long track record of eminent silk Robert Glancy QC. Catastrophic, workplace stress and sports injury cases lie at the heart of his strong personal injury and clinical negligence practice.” [Chambers UK](#)

“Robert Weir QC is a ‘real star at Devereux.’ He is ‘incredibly intelligent, gets through the issues quickly and is a fantastic advocate.’ His ‘authoritative yet conversational’ manner in court was picked out for special praise.”
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who we are

Devereux is recognised as one of the leading sets in the country specialising in personal injury work. We are consistently listed in the top ten personal injury and clinical negligence sets by both the main legal directories. We take pride in our reputation for excellence while at the same time being friendly and easy to deal with.

Robert Glancy QC

Call 1972 Silk 1997

Laura Bell

Call 2004

Stephen Killalea QC

Call 1981 Silk 2006

Thomas Vonberg

Call 2004

Robert Weir QC

Call 1992 Silk 2010

Talia Barsam

Call 2006

Bruce Silvester

Call 1983

Thomas Cordrey

Call 2006

Colin Mendoza

Call 1983

Sam Nicholls

Call 2006

Peter Edwards

Call 1992

Christopher Stone

Call 2007

Richard Cartwright

Call 1994

Alice Carse

Call 2008

Robert Hunter

Call 2000

Kate Balmer

Call 2009

Jonathan Butters

Call 2003

Georgina Hirsch

Call 2009

Lucinda Harris

Call 2004

Jesse Crozier

Call 2009

what we do

The personal injury group, which includes leading silks and respected juniors, covers all aspects of personal injury and clinical negligence legal work at the highest level, with a focus on multi-million pound catastrophic injury claims. At the same time our very strong team of juniors provide a complete service in multi-track and fast-track trials in courts up and down the country.

We have enormous expertise in settling cases at joint settlement meetings and in mediation but first and foremost we are advocates, with recognised excellence in trial advocacy on both liability and quantum issues.

“Wonderful client management skills and an easy communication style’ are features of Stephen Killalea QC. ‘Technically superb and always approachable,’ he handles personal injury and health and safety work ... giving ‘definitive and clear advice’.” [Chambers UK](#)

“Clients and opposing counsel enjoy working with ‘fantastic negotiator’ Bruce Silvester, a ‘wonderfully bright and experienced’ practitioner who is a ‘formidable junior and a tough opponent for experienced silks’.” [Chambers UK](#)

“Richard Cartwright has ‘excellent client care skills, is an able negotiator and is good with figures.’ He uses these skills to good effect on the full spectrum of clinical negligence work. It is, however, his work on quantum that particularly impresses. Cartwright is a firm favourite with the market.”
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how we work

We maintain a strong focus on quality control, effective communication and a partnership approach to working with clients. Moreover we go to great lengths to treat clients with respect and dignity. We never lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with real lives; people who have suffered traumatic experiences and often debilitating injuries. Fundamentally, we see it as our role not only to secure the highest possible compensation for the injured, but also to minimise the distress of the litigation process.

The foundations of our excellence in client service are our intellectual ability and specialist knowledge combined with an approachable, open and enthusiastic way of working. We make it easy to contact us, whether by email, telephone or in person.

We travel to claimants' homes, to solicitors' offices and to accident locations throughout England and Wales. Most of all, we invest time to ensure we have a clear and comprehensive understanding of our cases.

“Unbelievably hard-working and incredibly sharp’ Colin Mendoza, a ‘stunning lawyer’ who is both ‘technically and commercially astute’ and who has ‘an uncanny ability to interact with judiciary witnesses and experts to get to the nub of complex cases’.” [Chambers UK](#)

“Robert Glancy QC ... ‘can quickly master the most complex of briefs’ and ‘manage clients in a sensitive manner.’ He is also a first-class advocate and a ‘ruthless cross-examiner’.” [Chambers UK](#)

what they say

“Devereux ... offers ‘commercially aware’ advocates who are backed by a ‘highly able and approachable’ clerking team. Solicitors were quick to point out how ‘in tune all the barristers are with the clients’ needs, from the very early stages of a claim to final resolution’.”

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“Standout juniors include Colin Mendoza, who ‘strives to achieve the best possible outcome’, and Richard Cartwright. Robert Hunter is an ‘exceptionally promising junior’ who ‘sees the woods from the trees in getting to the issues at the heart of a case’... Bruce Silvester, who ‘takes no prisoners’, and Peter Edwards, ‘a very persuasive negotiator’.” **Legal 500**

“This ‘unstuffy set’ has developed a good reputation for its clinical negligence work. Solicitors receive ‘service of the highest order’ from the ‘very attentive’ barristers at the set. The team was particularly recommended for its work on complex brain and spinal injury cases, in which they always ‘go the extra mile’.” **Chambers UK**

“Devereux continues to strengthen its position in clinical negligence, as a set that is ‘particularly adept at brain and spinal injury work’. Robert Glancy QC has ‘a fantastic mind’ and is commended for his ability in handling complex medical issues. Robert Weir QC is ‘enormously talented’ and ‘intellectually outstanding’. Standout juniors include Richard Cartwright, described as ‘brilliant counsel to work with’ and ‘a real team player who adds value with and without silk’.” **Legal 500**

“Stephen Killalea QC ‘wins over the court through the attractions and persuasiveness of his argument’. Sources also commented on his ‘great way of handling clients and judges’.” **Chambers UK**

how to instruct us

We aim to provide responsive, flexible and timely advice of the highest quality, tailored to the needs of our clients.

Our clerks are always willing to advise on the suitability and availability of counsel and to discuss fee structures.

We believe that our continued success is down to our high quality legal expertise and competitive rates, combined with our down-to-earth and supportive approach to dealing with clients. This reflects the overriding ethos of Devereux – providing a first class service to all our clients.

If you would like further information about our expertise in personal injury and clinical negligence law, or about the way we work in general, or to arrange a meeting, please contact:

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“The ‘receptive and helpful’ clerks are ‘never anything but accommodating’ and left solicitors impressed since they are ‘interested in wanting to know what we want rather than just content to sell their people to us’.” [Chambers UK](#)



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