



Leigh Day

Industrial Disease Update

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Dr Robin Rudd
Robert Weir QC
Jonathan Butters
Daniel Easton

Chaired by Harminder Bains

Programme

Cases for discussion will include the impact the following cases have on personal injury/asbestos claims:

- *Dring (for and on behalf of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK) v Cape Intermediate Holdings Limited* (The Cape documents case)
- Dr Rudd will give an update on treatment for victims of mesothelioma, including immunotherapy.
- *Dryden v Johnson Matthey Plc*
- *Hawkes v Warmex*
- *Bussey v Anglia Heating Limited*

Timings

5.30 pm	Registration and refreshments
6.00 pm	Seminar begins
7.15 pm	Further discussion over drinks and canapés

Feedback forms

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Your speakers

Harminder Bains, Leigh Day (Chair)



Harminder is joint head of the asbestos and mesothelioma team. She specialises in catastrophic injuries arising from road traffic accidents, work accidents, and mesothelioma and asbestos disease cases. She has over 20 years' litigation experience and has taken numerous cases to trial, the longest one involving a six week trial relating to a complex multi-party action regarding dust exposure in the glass industry. Harminder successfully gave evidence on behalf of her client in court after being cross-examined by the defendants in a limitation trial.

Dr Robin Rudd



Dr Rudd is a consultant physician in respiratory medicine and medical oncology, and chair of the London Lung Cancer Group. For more than 30 years he has pursued clinical and research interests in mesothelioma, lung cancer and other asbestos related diseases, initially at the London Chest Hospital and later at St Bartholomew's Hospital. He is now in private clinical and medico-legal practice but maintains his involvement with research. He has provided evidence to the courts in many important respiratory disease cases.

Robert Weir QC



Robert Weir QC has established a considerable practice in industrial/occupational disease work. He has extensive experience of all forms of industrial disease work but it is his particular expertise in some of the leading asbestos and mesothelioma cases which catches the eye. He is currently acting in the British Coal Coke Oven Workers Group Litigation and other group litigations, and is leading Jonathan Butters in *Dring (for and on behalf of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK) v Cape Intermediate Holdings Limited* (The Cape documents case). Rob won the Legal 500 UK Awards as Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Silk of the Year in 2015 (short-listed in 2017, 2016, 2014), and won the category of Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Silk of the Year at the 2013 Chambers UK Bar Awards. "Amazing. A go-to for difficult, ground-breaking cases where we need somebody with lateral thinking." "Just fantastic. Highly intelligent." Chambers UK 2018

Jonathan Butters



Jonathan is an experienced personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner. He is instructed in all aspects of personal injury work. He primarily undertakes work at multi-track level. He is regularly instructed in claims with a value of between £50,000 and £500,000 and as a junior in catastrophic cases. He is developing a specialism in industrial disease work, and is currently being led by Robert Weir QC in *Dring (for and on behalf of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK) v Cape Intermediate Holdings Limited* (The Cape documents case).

Daniel Easton, Leigh Day



Daniel is joint head of the asbestos and mesothelioma team. He specialises in industrial disease claims and is a recognised expert on asbestos disease cases. In July 2008 he was elected Secretary of APIL's Occupational Health Special Interest Group. He advises on the Asbestos Sub-Committee of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Occupational Safety and Health. He regularly acts for claimants with limited life expectancies making urgent claims for compensation and has acted for numerous Australian ex pats who were exposed to asbestos when they previously worked in England. He acts for employees who have suffered psychiatric injuries arising from stress at work.