

Claims arising from stillbirth

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13:00 - 14:00

This webinar will provide training on claims following stillbirth.

This is a niche topic but one that commonly features in the day to day practice of clinical negligence lawyers. As the claims fall outside of the jurisdiction of coroners and the Law Reform (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1934 and the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 they involve many pitfalls for the untrained or inexperienced.

The webinar will seek to take the listener through the legal basis for these claims and how they can be effectively litigated.

It will cover the following areas:

- Client care issues: what is a still-birth and how does it impact on those who experience it?
- Understanding the legal framework surrounding still birth, the applicable jurisdictions and those that do not apply
- Still-birth and the coroner
- The mother's claim for damages
- The mother's claim for psychiatric injury
- Claims on behalf of secondary victims for psychiatric injury following still birth



Richard Baker is a barrister at 7BR Chambers and sits on APIL's executive committee. He is described by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 as a leading junior specialising in personal injury and clinical negligence work and has been ranked in both areas for a number of years. He has built up a busy and successful practice and wins praise for his advocacy and problem solving skills but also his ability to relate to his clients, especially the bereaved. He has been an Assistant Coroner for South Yorkshire (East) since 2011 and has earned an excellent reputation for his ability to manage complicated and difficult inquests.

Richard is happy to accept work from Claimants or Defendant organisations.

Richard has specialised in complex clinical negligence work since he was called to the bar and has been described by Chambers and Partners as "building an impressive reputation, particularly for his work on high-value brain injury cases". He undertakes work covering all clinical and surgical specialties but takes a special interest in obstetric cases, having represented claimants in a large number of birth injury cases.

Richard also has particular experience of working with the bereaved having represented many families through complicated and traumatic inquests and subsequent claims pursuant to the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 and Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934.

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