

## Do Paul, Polmear and Purchase represent the end for psychiatric injury in clinical negligence?

Friday, 4 February 2022  
13:00 - 14:00

The central theme of the webinar will be whether Paul, Polmear and Purchase represent the end for psychiatric injury in clinical negligence or the beginning of the end for Taylor v. Novo.

The webinar will focus upon:

- The Court of Appeal's decision and a reappraisal of the reasoning in Taylor v. Novo
- What the outcome means for claimants
- How the Supreme Court may approach the problem
- How should we risk-assess secondary victim claims until then?
- How should we protect the claimants that we are already representing and will this decision lead to a glut of strike-out applications



**Richard Baker** is a barrister at 7BR Chambers. 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.

*"Sharp mind, a great negotiator, a brilliant advocate who skillfully destroys the opposition"*

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