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John Benson KC

### Year of Call

1978

## Areas of Law

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Criminal Law

### Overview

John Benson KC is a highly experienced multi-disciplinary silk who brings his expertise to personal injury and clinical negligence, health and safety and regulatory work. John is very highly regarded in civil litigation and also in criminal work in which he has appeared for the defence and prosecution in many high-profile criminal cases in recent years. He is consistently recognised in the Legal 500 as a Leading Silk: 'John is absolutely excellent all round. His papers are dealt with quickly and the quality of his pleadings and advice is first rate, he is a very good advocate. He is always available to discuss issues and he is excellent with clients and experts.'John is a Recorder sitting in both the criminal and civil jurisdictions. John is a regular contributor at legal conferences. Further Information John is also a member of IMCB Chambers in London. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, walking and watching LFC. Notable Recent CasesCrime: R v Byrne and Stephens Oxford (murder) Crown Court 2024R v Cheng (murder) Liverpool Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 1400 R v Mitchell (Rape/Abduction) Croydon Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 961R v Silcox Cardiff (murder) Cardiff Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 483R v Richardson & Ors (murder). Central Criminal Court 2023R v Milne and Barnard (murder x2/Attempted murder) Brighton Crown Court. 2022 EWCA Crim 753R v Kwateng & Ors (gang murder) Central Criminal Court 2022R v Iyamu (modern slavery) Birmingham Crown Court. 2018 EWCA Crim 483Civil:B v M and Wand Stockport NHS Foundation Trust 2024 (Charcot foot amputation)O (Deceased) v Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital NHS Trust Birmingham High Court 2023 (asbestosis/lung cancer). Liability issue.N v P Birmingham High Court 2025 Catastrophic TBI. Multi-million pound settlement.F v Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust 2000. Surgical negligence. Substantial damages settlement.C v L Amputation of leg. 2024 multi-million pound settlement.

## Education

LL.B Hons



# Membership

John is also a member of 1MCB Chambers in London.

# **Notable Cases**

### Crime:

- R v Byrne and Stephens Oxford (murder) Crown Court 2024R v Cheng (murder) Liverpool Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 1400
- R v Mitchell (Rape/Abduction) Croydon Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 961
- R v Silcox Cardiff (murder) Cardiff Crown Court 2024 EWCA Crim 483
- R v Richardson & Ors (murder). Central Criminal Court 2023
- R v Milne and Barnard (murder x2/Attempted murder) Brighton Crown Court. 2022 EWCA Crim 753
- R v Kwateng & Ors (gang murder) Central Criminal Court 2022
- R v Iyamu (modern slavery) Birmingham Crown Court. 2018 EWCA Crim 483

### Civil:

- $\bullet \qquad \text{B v M and Wand Stockport NHS Foundation Trust 2024 (Charcot foot amputation)} \\$
- O (Deceased) v Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital NHS Trust Birmingham High Court 2023 (asbestosis/lung cancer). Liability
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