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'Provides wonderful service on complex issues' Chambers UK 2007

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'Star silk' Legal 500 2008

'One of the best negotiators in the country' - Chambers UK 2009

Education: 1960 - 1969 Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire
1969 - 1973 Pembroke College, Oxford. MA (Lit Hum)
1973 - 1975 The College of Law, London

Call to the Bar: 1975 Middle Temple

Appointments: 1978 Junior of the Northern Circuit
1990 Assistant Recorder
1993 Recorder
1995 Queen's Counsel
2003 Bencher of Middle Temple
2008 Treasurer of the Northern Circuit
2008 Deputy High Court Judge

Professional Associations:
Northern Circuit
Personal Injuries Bar Association
Professional Negligence Bar Association

Practice:

David Stockdale has specialised in personal injuries for many years and is now routinely identified as a leader in the field in Chambers, Legal 500 and other directories. He acts for Claimants and Defendants, dealing principally with brain and spinal injuries and other injuries of the utmost severity.

His practice encompasses accident, employers' liability, occupational disease, sports injuries and multi-party litigation. He has worked extensively in clinical negligence. He advises and represents individuals and corporations in health and safety prosecutions and other regulatory work.

Reported cases include:

Jones v Associated Tunnelling Co Ltd [1981] IRLR 477, EAT

Contracts of employment: employers' variation of terms as to place of work; effect of employees' acquiescence.

McGuinness v Kellogg Co of Great Britain Ltd [1988] 1 WLR 913; [1988] 2 All ER 902, CA

Video film evidence: principles governing production of video at trial without prior disclosure to Claimant.

Webster v James Chapman & Co [1989] 3 All ER 939

Evidence: privilege and confidentiality; admissibility of other side's (adverse) expert's report, following inadvertent disclosure

Johnson v Coventry Churchill International Ltd [1992] 3 All ER 14

Conflict of laws: dual actionability; Claimant working in Germany under 'labour only' contract;

whether injury in course of such employment actionable in England

Khan v Armaguard Ltd [1994] 1 WLR 1204; [1994] 3 All ER 545, CA.

Video film evidence: principles governing production of video at trial without prior disclosure to Claimant.

Perry v Wong [1997] 1 WLR 381, CA

County Court strike out provisions: effect of Claimant's failure to request hearing date within prescribed time limit.

Cambridge v Callaghan [1997] The Times, March 21; [1998] RTR 365, CA

MIB Agreement: construction of clause 5, requiring notice to MIB of instigation of proceedings.

Bannister v SGB Plc [1997] 4 All ER 129, CA

County Court strike out provisions: effect of Claimant's failure to request hearing date within prescribed time limit.

McCreesh v Courtaulds Plc [1997] PIQR P421, CA

Employer's liability: factory accident, breach of statutory duty; whether defendant can avoid liability, when guilty of causatively relevant breach of statutory duty.

Myers v Dortex International Ltd [1999] The Times, March 18, CA

Joinder of party: action arising from two accidents; issues of causation; whether insurer on risk for first accident may be joined in the action, to determine issues between themselves and insurers on risk for second accident.

Vellino v. Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police [2002] 1 WLR 218; [2002] 3 All ER 78, CA

Duty of care / illegality: whether duty is owed by police to safeguard person in custody against risk of injury during foreseen escape attempt.