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EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Abdominal trauma
- Oncology
- Hepatobiliary
- Hernia and gallbladder surgery

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 16+

- Clinical assessments
- Remote assessments
- Home visits
- Prison visits
- Criminal cases*
- Screening reports
- Desktop reports
- Family cases*



*Case-by-case

REPORT TURNAROUND

4 - 6
WEEKS

SCAN ME



EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 60%
DEFENDANT 40%



CLIN NEG 30%
PI 70%

Report writing (yrs)

20+

*PI reports annually

30

*CN reports annually

26

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*Annual report from 2024

VENUES:



- The Westbourne Centre, Birmingham, B15 3SJ
- 4 Harley Street, London, W1G 9PF
- Stourside Hospital, West Midlands, DY8 1UX

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal Aid (LAA)
- Personal Injury
- NHS contracted
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis



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CASES RELATING TO:

Clinical negligence relating to:

- Emergency or elective general surgical negligence:
 - Intestinal obstruction
 - Adhesions
 - Peritonitis
 - Appendicitis
 - Acute pancreatitis
 - Abdominal pain
 - Hernias
 - Lipomas
 - Laparoscopic surgery
- Complications related to gallbladder surgery
- Mismanagement of hepatobiliary disease:
 - Cholecystectomy
 - Obstructive jaundice
 - ERCP complications
 - Bile leak
 - Bile duct injury
 - Cholangitis
- Mismanagement of upper gastrointestinal pathology:
 - Hiatus hernias
 - Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
 - Caustic injury
 - Splenectomy
- Post-operative complications including anastomotic leak
- Bloating pain
- Mismanagement of soft tissue sarcoma:
 - Retroperitoneal sarcoma
 - Breast angiosarcoma
 - Desmoid fibromatosis
 - Schwannoma
 - Ganglioneuroma
- Cases involving mismanagement of abdominal tumours:
 - Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours (GIST)
 - Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETs)
 - Leiomyosarcoma (LMS)
 - Uterine Sarcoma Cancer
- Mismanagement of surgical endocrine pathology:
 - Adrenalectomy
 - Cushing's syndrome
 - Conn's syndrome
 - Adrenal cancer
- All cases involving upper GI endoscopy, including ERCP
- Barrett's Oesophagus (disease)
- PEG-J insertion
- Gallstone-related jaundice
- Digestive/inflammatory/functional disorders:
 - Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)
 - Crohn's disease
 - Ulcerative Colitis
 - Gastroparesis
 - Diverticulitis
 - Celiac Disease

Personal injury relating to:

- RTA or EL/PL cases involving trauma to the trunk region:
 - Abdominal trauma
 - Thoracic trauma
 - Rib fractures
- Injuries resulting in a haematoma (e.g. abdominal bleeding or buttock injury)
- Criminal injuries (stabblings, gunshot wounds)
- Injury to the liver, bowel, pancreas, and spleen

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Max Almond is a Consultant General Surgeon and Expert Witness. He has over 20 years of experience as a medico-legal expert and has given opinion on over 400 personal injury and clinical negligence cases.

He is instructed by both claimants and defendants and has completed a wide range of reports covering the full breadth of general surgery, including gunshot wounds, stabbing injuries, mismanagement of hepatobiliary disease, and post-operative complications. Mr Almond has particular experience and interest in oncology and abdominal trauma, and throughout his time in the NHS, has amassed extensive knowledge in these topics.

Mr Almond has completed Bond Solon training and has specialist experience in root cause analysis, investigation and police witness statements. He can opine on condition and prognosis, breach of duty, liability, and causation.

Mr Almond is known for his methodical and detailed approach to his medico-legal work, and has built a reputation for his thorough, clear, and timely-written reports.

Mr Almond can provide oral evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Almond is the Lead for Governance in Emergency General Surgery across the largest NHS Teaching Trust in the UK and has written over 70 research articles, including publications in Nature and the British Journal of Surgery.

His specialist areas include abdominal trauma surgery, surgical oncology (soft tissue sarcoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumours, adrenal tumours and neuroendocrine tumours, emergency general surgery (appendicitis, bowel obstruction, peritonitis, jaundice), benign hepatobiliary surgery (laparoscopic cholecystectomy, ERCP), upper gastrointestinal surgery (hiatus hernia repairs, anti-reflux surgery, splenectomy), elective general surgery (open and laparoscopic hernia repairs, lipoma excision), diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy.

Mr Almond is also highly skilled at open, laparoscopic (keyhole) and endoscopic procedures.

PUBLICATIONS:

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