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Simon is the head of our health advisory and litigation department and a member of the firm's Executive. He has over 30 years' experience advising health sector clients.

His case load includes complex inquests, with a particular focus on representing clients at inquests in maternity cases. He is an experienced advocate, representing clients in the Coroner's court, including at jury inquests.

Simon also advises on all aspects of general healthcare including consent to treatment, disclosure, and medical treatment. He has also regularly supported in house legal teams via short term secondments. He has also sat on the ethics committee of an acute Hospital Trust (and sat on that committee throughout the Covid 19 pandemic).

Simon has a particular interest in the provision of training to clients and is a key note speaker on our very successful mock inquest training course, which he developed jointly with one of our NHST Trust clients.

Expertise

Commissioner and integrated care systems

Health

Health and care regulatory

Independent health and care

NHS acute trusts

NHS mental and community health trusts

Featured experience

Complex acute hospital inquest

Representing two acute hospitals at the inquest into the death of a lady who had developed pressure sores and wound infection following surgery for a fall in the community.

Ethics Committee – Covid-19 pandemic

Sitting on the ethics committee of a large acute hospital providing legal and ethical advice during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Maternal death inquest

Representing an acute hospital trust at the inquest into the death of a 30 week pregnant mother, who died of cardiac failure during her pregnancy.

Mock Inquest Training

Keynote speaker on our mock inquest training programme.

Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Key note speaker on our mock inquest training product which Simon developed with Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and which has been attended by over 1100 delegates in the last four years.

Healthcare body

Defended a clinical negligence claim arising from an alleged misdiagnosis of migraine and delay in referral to a Neurologist leading to a stroke and neurological damage. The claim was valued in excess of £1,000,000.00.

Hospital - Flesh eating bug

Represented a hospital at the inquest into the death of a 40 year old woman from the 'flesh-eating bug' necrotising fasciitis.

Trust - Inquest into death of 4 year old girl

Represented a trust at the inquest into the death of a four year old girl who died of MRSA within hours of being discharged from the hospital's Emergency Department for a third time.