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Introduction

I have undergone expert witness training by Bond Solon, Expert Witness Institute and MediLaw. I undertake a full medico-legal practice instructed by both Claimant and Defendant law firms in personal injury and clinical negligence cases. I am a full member of the Expert Witness Institute and I am a member the Editorial Board for the Expert Witness Institute. I sit on the panel of experts of Ophthalmology for the General Medical Council and have been involved in numerous fitness to practice cases. In addition I am also an expert witness for the Medical Defence Union.

Areas of Expertise

My areas of clinical interest include Cataract, Glaucoma, Emergency Ophthalmology and Ocular Trauma. I have performed over 3000 cataract procedures, performing approximately 600 cataract surgeries per year as well as approximately 100 Glaucoma surgeries per year. I am part of the on call rota at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust where I sees all types of acute Ophthalmic pathology including Ocular Trauma. I have published and co-authored 13 publications.

Medico-legal Experience

I commenced medico-legal work in August 2024 and have to date completed 20 reports. I have not yet attended Court as an expert witness. My Claimant/Defendant ratio is approximately 65/35. I offer appointments at my rooms at Spire Leeds, LS8 1NT; and Spire Harrogate, HG2 8NA.

Clinical Experience

I have been a Consultant Ophthalmologist at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust since 2022. In addition to my NHS practice I am Clinical Lead for the Newmedica Lincolnshire Ophthalmic Joint Venture which provides care to patients in the Lincolnshire region.

Memberships, Prizes and Awards

I hold the following memberships: Member of the European Glaucoma Society and Member of the UK/Eire Glaucoma Society. In recognition of my work in the medicolegal field I was the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Ophthalmology Services from the Federation of Forensic and Expert Witnesses in 2024 and I have also achieved the Expert Witness certification from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. I have received 10 academic prizes for my work including the Royal Society of Medicine Ophthalmology Prize and the Ethicon Foundation Grant.

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