

How lawyers are ranked

The opinions gathered from clients – mainly from in-house lawyers but also from other ‘purchasers of legal services’ – are balanced by opinions from colleagues and competitors. Together, they provide two different perspectives. Any biased viewpoints cancel each other out.

For this edition, our researchers spoke to 5,031 clients, all of whom generously spent time talking about the lawyers they had used. In addition, the researchers interviewed 4,485 solicitors and 1,012 barristers, following a methodology that has been scrutinised by the British Market Research Bureau.

Boyes Turner is ranked in Chambers UK 2005 as follows:

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Clinical Negligence: Mainly Claimant
Thames Valley
Leading firms
1 BOYES TURNER

Leading Individuals
1 DESMOND Adrian <i>Boyes Turner</i>
2 BROWN Susan <i>Boyes Turner</i>
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Boyes Turner

The Firm: “A definite force in the area,” this specialist team of ten fee-earners has a long track record in claims of the utmost severity. According to market observers, “they do the heavy work, and they do it very well.” The firm continues to operate a fully delegated insurance facility for ‘no win no fee’ clinical negligence cases. Lawyers recently recovered £4.3 million in damages in the High Court for a 13-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer, under a structured settlement.

MAINLY CLAIMANT

The Lawyers: Vastly experienced group head **Adrian Desmond** divides his time between PI and clinical negligence, focusing on the most complex cases involving brain, spinal and catastrophic injury. **Susan Brown** is also highly recommended as a specialist in brain and birth injury, obstetrics and gynaecology cases, and those relating to bowel surgery.

THAMES VALLEY

Personal Injury: Mainly Claimant
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The Firm: Ten fee-earners divide their time between personal injury and clinical negligence work. The practice covers a broad range of claims, with specialist expertise in catastrophic injury cases. There is a separate unit dealing with motorcycle claims, where clients benefit from the services of an in-house accident investigator. Brain injured claimants are supported through a specially run outreach programme. The team also handles criminal injuries compensation cases and recently won a CICB award of £1.3 million for an assault victim.

MAINLY CLAIMANT

The Lawyers: Experienced and highly regarded practitioner **Adrian Desmond** heads the group and concentrates on top-end PI work and clinical negligence, specialising in cases of maximum severity.