

Howard Stevens KC

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Howard was appointed Head of Chambers in May 2022. He has a wide-ranging common law practice, combining first instance and appellate work.

Howard has been instructed in numerous important cases, including:

- the Tunisia Inquests and related civil proceedings
- the London Bridge / Borough Market Inquests
- appeals to the Supreme Court, including two references to the CJEU, most recently in connection with the rape and assault of a holiday maker
- landmark criminal and constitutional appeals in the Privy Council concerning the law of murder
- public law appeals in the Privy Council
- in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights by a State party to the American Convention on Human Rights
- advising the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in connection with allegations made against the Chief Justice
- a number of appeals to the Court of Appeal, including, most recently, a case about expert evidence
- in connection with the Grenfell Tower disaster
- high value catastrophic personal injury claims

Legal Services

Appellate Work

Howard's appellate practice is varied, and includes cases in the Supreme Court, Privy Council and Court of Appeal. He is frequently instructed by foreign governments, and has appeared in numerous applications and appeals in the Privy Council – in constitutional, public law, human rights, extradition and criminal cases, including a number of landmark cases. He has acted in two references to the Court of Justice of the European Union, and has appeared before the Inter American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica, acting for a state party to a treaty. Most recently, he has appeared in two appeals to the Privy Council concerning the mandatory death penalty (one before a Board of nine judges) and an important case about expert evidence in the Court of Appeal.

Personal Injury & Travel

Much of Howard's work has a cross-border dimension, including jurisdiction and conflict of law issues. He is regularly instructed by tour operators and insurers in connection with high profile litigation and advises the travel industry on a wide range of issues. He has extensive experience of catastrophic personal injury claims (acting both for claimants and defendants/insurers), group litigation, inquests and recovery actions, arising variously from terrorism related incidents, disasters and accidents in the UK and abroad. He has been instructed in claims arising in the context of extreme expeditions and ski holidays, has a particular interest and considerable expertise in equine related litigation, and also has wide experience of claims involving allegations of abuse. He is currently instructed in a number of cases involving variously severe brain injury, paralysis and amputation.

Memberships

- LCLCBA
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Commonwealth Lawyers' Association

Languages

- French
- German

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