

Howard Stevens KC

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

He has been instructed in many important cases, including:

- appeals to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court
- references to the Court of Justice of the European Union
- numerous appeals to the Privy Council, including landmark criminal and constitutional appeals
- 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
- the inquests following the 2015 terrorist attack in Tunisia and related civil proceedings
- the London Bridge / Borough Market Inquests
- in connection with the Grenfell Tower disaster
- numerous catastrophic personal injury claims arising from accidents in the UK and abroad
- group litigation

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 before expanded Boards. He has acted in two references to the Court of Justice of the European Union, including for an intervener in a case concerning the rape and assault of a holiday maker, 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 appeared in an important case about expert evidence in the Supreme Court.

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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.

Accreditations



Memberships

- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Commonwealth Lawyers' Association

Languages

- French
- German

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