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- Legal 500

Siân Mirchandani QC has established a broad commercial practice encompassing construction/engineering, professional liability claims, insurance and disciplinary claims in court proceedings, arbitrations and adjudications.

Siân has a particular interest in disputes involving construction, IT, technical and scientific elements and this has led to a strong construction/engineering practice and wide ranging experience in regulatory and experimental product testing claims.

Prior to her successful first application for silk in 2018, Siân was recognised as a Leading Junior by the directories for Construction, Professional Negligence and Disciplinary.

In Legal 500, 2019 Siân is described by her clients as *“an excellent advocate – tenacious and extremely detailed, identifying potential problems and arguments even before they arise”* and *“tremendously bright, has a tenacious eye for detail, and brings a new level of strategic thinking to the table”*.

In Chambers & Partners, 2019, Siân has been commended for her approach to her cases: *“She is very competent and thorough and hits the right points in the right places”*, *“extremely responsive wherever she is and whatever the time zone. She has a very reassuring demeanour that instils confidence all round”*, *“proactive, helpful”* and *“someone who prepares the case very well”*.

Who's Who Legal, 2019 says: *“Siân Mirchandani QC is recognised for her superb professional negligence practice.”*

Winner of Chambers & Partners 'Professional Negligence Junior of the Year' 2015. Previous directory comments from clients have included *“My default senior junior”* *“She can cut through the complex very quickly”* and *She’s very strong on complex matters.”* and *“She really gets into the detail and owns a case”*. Clients have described Siân as having *“a sharp mind and excellent attention to detail”*, and reported that *“she is excellent – very pleasant to deal with and extremely robust and effective for her clients.”* and *“a very effective, hard-working practitioner with an eye for detail and the ability to present a highly persuasive argument”* and *“The great thing about her is that on every occasion her advice is strong, firm and consistent, which allows us to get an excellent settlement.”* and *“Very bright, robust, dedicated and thorough”*.

Siân has wide and considerable experience of professional liability claims, including claims against accountants and auditors, architects, building inspectors, engineers, financial services professionals, insolvency practitioners, insurance brokers and agents, lawyers (solicitors and barristers), surveyors and valuers, receivers, land management agents, farm management agents, estate agents, clinicians and veterinary surgeons. Siân is a TECBAR accredited adjudicator.

Siân also has considerable experience of professional disciplinary tribunals (particularly architects and building inspectors),



arbitrations, adjudications and mediations. Having qualified from Cambridge University as a veterinary surgeon in 1992, Siân worked in academic and general practice as a veterinary surgeon before coming to the Bar and joining Chambers in 1998.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Disciplinary

“Her calm and authoritative manner inspires confidence in clients.” – *Legal 500, 2020*

“Well organised, with a good understanding of clinical issues in cases.” – *Legal 500, 2019*

Siân has a significant practice in defending professionals before professional disciplinary bodies, including ARB, RIBA, ACCA, ICAEW, RICS. Siân is a former member of the Disciplinary Panel for the Council of the Inns of Court which is concerned with barristers’ conduct and service issues, and was also part of a working party advising the RCVS and drafted the RCVS’ current guidance on the roles of expert witnesses.

Siân has advised on and appeared many times before ARB panels defending architects against a range of complaints including: failure to maintain professional indemnity insurance; letter of engagement or appointment issues; failure to administer the contract; contractual issues; retrospective fees; claims on householder’s building insurance and CAR policies, etc

Cases

- **Defending an architect before the RIBA**
Defending an architect before the RIBA on charges of breach of copyright and supplanting resulting in no sanction.
- **Defending architects**
Defending architects following complaints regarding project management of domestic residential construction or renovation projects, as a preliminary to a civil court claim, with the result the claim has not been pursued at all.
- **Successfully defending a veterinary surgeon**
Successfully defending a veterinary surgeon before the disciplinary panel of the RCVS.
- **Successfully appealing a decision**
Successfully appealing a decision of the examination body of the RCVS in relation to post-graduate qualification.
- **Defending accountants before the ACCA**
Defending accountants before the ACCA, on a number of claims arising out of allegedly negligent tax advice re. domicile; alleged falsification of dates on company return documents.
- **Defending an insolvency practitioner**
Defending an insolvency practitioner before the ICAEW on various claims arising out of an administration.

Qualifications & Memberships

Siân is a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association, the Society of Construction Law, COMBAR, TECBAR, the Chancery Bar Association and the London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association. She is a Committee Member of the Technology and Construction Court Bar Association (TECBAR).

Education



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Insights

Surveyors and Valuers chapter of Professional Negligence and Liability

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