

## Siân Mirchandani QC

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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.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Insurance & Reinsurance

Sian has wide ranging experience of advising and acting for both insurer and insured on claims concerning policy construction and coverage issues. As part of her insurance brokers' negligence practice Sian is often instructed in claims where the insurer is the co-defendant, following avoidance of a policy.

Sian's recent cases and experience of claims in this area are included below.

### Cases

- **Advising professional indemnity insurers**  
Advising professional indemnity insurers on a successful claim for reimbursement under a Minimum Terms policy from an insured for material non-disclosure and late notification.
- **Acting for excess layer insurers**  
Acting for excess layer insurers who successfully avoided cover and a claim under the Third Party (Rights Against Insurers) Act 1930 in a multi-million pound multi-party insurance dispute arising from the construction of a supermarket
- **Advising on proposed wording of policies for public liability**  
Advising on proposed wording of policies for public liability in public houses and nightclubs, advising on vicarious liability claims.
- **Advising and acting for insurers**  
Advising and acting for insurers of domestic and commercial properties on claims raised, accepting and declining cover, policy repudiation in public liability, fire, explosion and domestic insurance situations, including subsidence and tree root claims.
- **Claims concerning legal expenses insurance**  
Claims concerning legal expenses insurance, conditional fee agreements and success fee uplifts, pursuit policies and premiums and material non-disclosures to insurers leading to insurers accepting cover in respect of undisclosed liabilities.
- **Acting in a variety of multi-party disputes**  
Acting in a variety of multi-party disputes concerning film finance insurance (contingent expenses insurance and time variable contingent policies).
- **Acting in claim for payment**  
Acting in claim for payment under health cover plan concerning reference to the Insurance Ombudsman.
- **Advising insurers**  
Advising insurers on a 'spread of fire' claim.
- **Advising insured on claim**  
Advising insured on claim for undersettlement and errors in loss adjustment following a flood claim.
- **Advising professional liability insurers**



Advising professional liability insurers on wholesale declinature of cover due to dishonest structural scheme.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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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

M.A. Vet M.B. (Cantab.) Dip. Law (City)

## Insights

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### Surveyors and Valuers chapter of Professional Negligence and Liability

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