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Samantha Critchley

Sam is a Partner in the Medical Negligence team.

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I have been a partner at Fieldfisher since 2003. I have specialised in **medical negligence claims** for 20 years; particularly those involving **children brain-injured at birth**. I have been on the specialist AvMA panel for over a decade.

I am highly regarded for my tenacity, devoted client care and strong legal expertise. I am considered to be a top-notch litigator and a go-to lawyer for clinical negligence claims.

Particular interests include: **obstetrics (cerebral palsy; kernicterus; Erb's palsy, traumatic deliveries, pre-eclampsia cases); fetal medicine (wrongful birth); cases resulting in infertility or the need for surrogacy; paediatrics and neonatology; neurosurgery, gynaecology and cancer claims.**

In 2018 I secured an award of £23million for a child who suffered serious brain damage at the age of 2 due to negligent cardiac surgery which caused her to have a stroke. I also secured damages of £19 million in the case of a baby who developed neonatal jaundice which was not treated properly with a full blood exchange. This caused brain damage (kernicterus) resulting in cerebral palsy and a complex hearing disorder.

I am a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and sit on the Clinical Disputes Forum. I am an active charity fundraiser.

What others say...

“ Samantha Critchley is amazing. She will consistently go that extra mile on each occasion to get the best outcome; surrounding herself with the best experts and team and genuinely caring about her client. She is fully invested in the matter and literally works round the clock. She misses nothing. ”

Legal 500 2022

“ Samantha is one of the most meticulous, well-prepared and committed litigators in the jurisdiction. ”

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“ She is hugely impressive, has a great grasp on cases and really knows the area inside and out. ”

Chambers & Partners 2021

“ Samantha Critchley is a highly regarded clinical negligence lawyer who frequently assists claimants in high-value adult and infant brain injury claims. Interviewees say: "She is meticulous, knowledgeable, compassionate and fights to the last to get the best result for clients." ”

Chambers & Partners 2020