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Graham Wells

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1982

AREAS OF LAW

Civil Law, Mediation, Regulatory Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Academy of Experts
- Northern Circuit Medico-Legal Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

- Mediator – 2007
- Recorder – 2009

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Legal 500 - " A passionate advocate. "Legal 500 - "He has a formidable intellectual ability and a selfless commitment to client service."
- Legal 500 - "A good advocate who gives no-nonsense advice, even if it's not what the client wants to hear"
- Chambers UK Bar Guide 2014 - "His attention to detail and knowledge of police law are phenomenal. He is very eloquent and engaging and has great integrity and an impressive brain. He is thorough in his preparation and builds excellent client relationships."
- Chambers and Partners 2010 - "Graham Wells of Oriel Chambers really knows his stuff: he is always fantastically prepared and brilliant on the technical side of the law".
- Chambers and Partners 2008 - "Graham Wells of Oriel Chambers is lauded for his "thorough preparation and excellent service." He handles disciplinary matters and a wide range of public liability claims against the police."
- Legal 500 - "Graham Wells' provides excellent service and is very thorough in preparation"
- Chambers and Partners - "Graham Wells of Oriel Chambers is a sound pick for a technically difficult or document-heavy case. His close attention to detail makes him ideal for these complicated matters."
- Legal 500 - "...Graham Wells is rated highly for mid-range Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence."

NOTABLE AND REPORTED CASES

- GOODWIN & GILL v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF LANCASHIRE (1993) PIQR P187: Court of Appeal, re public interest immunity on as class basis for a Police document.
- TAYLOR v ANDERTON (1995) 1 WLR 447: Court of Appeal, re public interest immunity on a class basis for Police Complaint Reports.
- PERRY v WONG [1997] 1 WLR 381: Court of Appeal, re County Court Rules Order 17 rule 11 on automatic strike outs.
- MCNALLY v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MANCHESTER [2002] 2 Cr App Rep 37: Court of Appeal, re identification of informants after the Human Rights Act 1998.
- R v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF WARWICKSHIRE POLICE ex parte FITZGERALD [1999] 1 WLR 564: Divisional Court, re the scope permitted in drafting search warrants.
- KEEGAN v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE [2003] 1 WLR 2187: Court of Appeal, re the requirements of the tort of malicious procurement of a search warrant.
- LANGLEY v LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL and THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE [2005] 1 WLR 375: Court of Appeal, re Police involvement in Emergency Protection Orders.
- CONNOR & GARNER v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE [2006] EWCA Civ 1549: Court of Appeal, re detention short of arrest when conducting a search.
- "N" v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE [2006] EWHC 3041 (QB): High Court, re the extent to which a Chief Constable is vicariously liable for the torts of off duty police officer.
- ROWLANDS v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE [2006] EWCA Civ 1773: Court of Appeal, re the availability of aggravated and exemplary damages in actions involving the Police.
- JOSHUA SHIELDS v CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE [2010] EWCA Civ 1281: Court of Appeal, grounds for arrest and discretion to arrest under the post 2006 law
- WHITEHAD V TRUSTEES OF THE CHATSWORTH SETTLEMENT [2012] EWCA [2013] 1 WLR 251; Court of Appeal, application of Reg 12(1) Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 in respect of a shotgun supplied to a gamekeeper.

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