

Hywel Evans

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Hywel Evans is a civil law barrister, with a focus on actions against the police, personal injury, and clinical negligence. His practice includes representing both claimants and defendants in Fast and Multi-Track trials, inquests, and professional disciplinary proceedings.

Before joining the Bar, Hywel practised as a solicitor, specialising in serious and catastrophic injury claims. This background gives him valuable insight into the needs of his professional clients and the challenges they face throughout the litigation process.

Hywel has a particular interest in complex and medically sensitive claims, involving brain injury (including subtle / mild traumatic brain injury), fibromyalgia or Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. His undergraduate degree in medical sciences underpins his strong technical understanding in these areas. He also has experience defending personal injury clients facing allegations of fundamental dishonesty, often involving surveillance or social media evidence.

Alongside his court work, Hywel regularly appears in inquests on behalf of interested persons, and before regulatory panels such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Education Workforce Council.

He is known for his calm, meticulous approach and ability to communicate clearly with both lay and professional clients.

Outside court, Hywel enjoys hiking and Mixed Martial Arts along with spin classes, football, and rugby.

Expertise

Police Actions & Prison Law

Hywel acts for claimants in civil actions against the police involving unlawful arrest, excessive force, misfeasance, and malicious prosecution. He has secured significant settlements, including £45,000 for a fractured nose during an unlawful arrest, and has successfully challenged the lawfulness of searches, detention, and arrest procedures in multiple forces.

Clinical Negligence

Hywel applies his medical sciences background to clinical negligence claims involving complex injuries and missed diagnoses. He has a particular interest in brain injuries and chronic pain syndromes. His legal and medical insight allows him to handle detailed medical evidence effectively, with a clear focus on causation and patient safety.

Inquests & Inquiries

Personal Injury

Hywel acts in high-value, multi-track personal injury claims, including road traffic accidents, workplace injuries, and public liability cases. He has secured large settlements and is experienced in contested liability and quantum trials. His medical background supports his work in brain injury and chronic pain claims such as CRPS and fibromyalgia.

Professional Discipline

Hywel appears before regulatory panels such as the NMC and EWC. His cases include successfully defending nurses against strike-off and prosecuting misconduct in the education sector, including a headteacher misusing school resources. He is known for his clear presentation of evidence and his focus on proportional, fair outcomes.

Regulatory

Hywel's regulatory practice spans education, healthcare, and professional standards. He prosecutes and defends before regulatory bodies, often in complex, multi-week hearings. His approach is balanced and informed, with a focus on upholding professional integrity while ensuring fair treatment for registrants.

Education

- Diploma, Legal Professional Course (Distinction), University of Glamorgan
- Bachelors' Degree, Medical Sciences and Humanities, University of Swansea

Memberships

- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Publications

- Published in the Pain Journal and Law Gazette in respect of CRPS cases

Notable and reported cases

- CA v AN Ltd – C sustained a crush injury to his foot. Settled for £350,000
- KH v DP Police – Successful at Trial arguing the police had no grounds to arrest and so entire arrest and detention was unlawful. Successfully beat a part 36 offer.
- FB v SW Police – A claim against the police for assault / battery against the claimant, misfeasance in public office, malicious prosecution, and unreasonable force when the claimant’s nose was fractured, requiring surgery, as a result of police unlawfully arresting and detaining the claimant. The matter settled for £45,000.
- TA v SW Police – A successful claim involving malicious prosecution, unlawful arrest and arguments over length of detention.
- JB v Met Police – A successful claim for unreasonable force and misfeasance in public office.
- KS v Met Police – Successfully arguing that the defendant’s failure to consider reasonable evidence at the time of arrest meant the police had no reasonable suspicion for such an arrest.
- BMC v Met Police – A matter involving no reasonable suspicion for search which led to unlawful detention of a few minutes.
- CS v Avon & Somerset Police – A successful claim for unreasonable force where handcuffs and a taser were used.
- LG v Met Police – A successful claim where unreasonable force and exemplary and aggravated damages were argued as the claimant was handcuffed and his trousers pulled down in public.
- SJ v MTCBC – Successful at trial where the claimant tripped on protrusion whilst walking on a path in a recreation Park. Factual causation, dangerousness, reactionary system and quantum were all in issue and successfully argued.
- CW v JR – A Road Traffic Accident involving a head on collision, with liability and quantum in issue. Settled for £125,000.
- ME v CEL – A successful claim against an employer for failing to have a safe system when the claimant was struck by a lorry. Claim settled in excess of £120,000 (with CRU).
- DC v ETP – A successful MT claim on behalf of the claimant who, whilst riding his motorcycle, struck a swing gate which was negligently unsecured, sustaining significant internal and orthopaedic injuries.
- DB v RCM – The claimant fell through a loft hatch, sustaining serious orthopaedic injuries. Settled for £70,000.
- SV v CC – Successful at Trial proving that the local council’s reactionary system of inspection was inadequate.
- RD v TS – A case against a superstore. Successful at trial proving the defendant’s system of inspection and cleaning was inadequate.
- NLBD v SBHB – A successful claim against an employer for failing to provide a safe system of work which led to a patient assaulting the claimant and causing her injuries.
- PR v TUI – Successful at trial that a package holiday provider failed to provide a safe system of cleaning and inspection on a cruise holiday where the claimant slipped on liquid.
- CW v MB – Successful at trial where the claimant was bitten by an Alsatian which was improperly restrained. The claim under the

Animals Act failed, but was successful in common law negligence.

- CJ v EWC – A two-week regulatory hearing prosecuting a headteacher for using school grounds, resources and work time for her own private business without declaring such an interest. She was prohibited from working as a teacher for four years.
- AN v NMC – A two-week regulatory hearing defending a nurse facing prohibition and strike off allegations, Successfully avoided prohibition, securing a Conditions of Practice Order instead.
- MAW – Acting on behalf of the Local Authority council who housed released offenders when MAW died in their care. Successful in ensuring no Prevention of Further Death reports required.
- CW – Acting on behalf of a local ambulance service, and successful in ensuring no Prevention of Further Death reports required insofar as their response time and practices.

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