

*'Very well known for his expertise in industrial disease claims.'* – The Legal 500, 2018

*'An expert in occupational diseases, including asbestos-related and other respiratory conditions.'* – The Legal 500, 2015

At Lincoln House Chambers, Ivan Bowley is an established force in industrial disease work. Applauded as an **“exceptional member of the Bar,” he is a barrister “head and shoulders above the rest when it comes to disease work.”** Asbestos, work-related lung disease, cancer and noise-induced hearing loss cases all fall within his remit. Ivan has acted in numerous high-profile cases including the British Coal litigation.

Ivan Bowley joined Lincoln House, in 1992, after practising in London. Having initially covered all areas of Chambers' work, he specialised in personal injury and for many years has worked exclusively in this field. His main area of work, for which he has acquired a national reputation, is in occupational disease and, in particular, asbestos litigation and other respiratory disease. He works almost exclusively for claimants.

Ivan Bowley graduated in Engineering from Newcastle University before converting to Law. His background in engineering is of particular assistance in cases involving complex engineering issues.

Ivan Bowley will occasionally provide seminars/lectures but the amount of time available for this is limited.

## Personal Injury - Occupational Disease

Ivan Bowley is widely acclaimed for his work in occupational disease litigation. His principle area of work involves respiratory injury including asbestos disease, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic bronchitis, byssinosis and lung cancer claims. His work also regularly encompasses other occupational cancers (bladder, bowel, skin and liver), hand arm vibration, upper limb disorders, industrial deafness, non-freezing cold-induced injuries and dermatitis.

He has particular expertise in litigating large group actions and associated costs capping issues:

He continues to appear as Junior Counsel for the Claimants Group in the British Coal Respiratory Disease Litigation, the largest personal injury group action to date.

He is currently also instructed as Junior Counsel for the claimants in a group action involving claims by former mine workers in respect of arthritis of the knee, and claims involving respiratory injury, bladder, skin and lung cancer caused by exposure to dust and fumes at a Phurnacite plant in South Wales. He is also instructed in claims by police officers injured by exposure to excessive noise from a communications system.

He has acted for claimants in the following concluded group actions: claims by workers suffering vibration induced injury at steelworks in Sheffield; claims by firemen exposed to poisonous gases following an explosion at a chemical works in Yorkshire; claims by coalminers injured in an underground colliery explosion; claims by residents following a gas main explosion in South Wales; claims against a holiday firm in respect of gastroenteritis suffered by holiday makers. All these actions resulted in successful outcomes for the claimants.



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## Personal Injury - Accident Claims

Ivan Bowley also has an extensive accident related practise principally involving workplace accidents and RTAs. He is regularly instructed in multi-million pound brain and spinal injury claims.

## What The Guides Say

For many years he has been listed as a leading junior (Band 1) for personal injury in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500:

***“Ivan Bowley wins national acclaim for his unique practice in the complex field of industrial disease litigation. He has “an encyclopaedic knowledge” according to interviewees, and is always impressive at handling work that is “well above his call”. Robust and sensible he “really knows his onions” in this specialist field.”*** (Chambers UK)

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***“Ivan Bowley of Lincoln House Chambers is also applauded by the market for his contributions to occupational disease work. He has a “huge wealth of knowledge” and “can be relied upon to provide prompt and pragmatic advice.”*** (Chambers UK)

***“Lincoln House Chambers Ivan Bowley has a nation-wide following for his expertise in occupational disease.”*** (Legal 500)

## Notable Cases

***Griffiths & Others v British Coal Corporation [1998] Turner J.*** – Claims on behalf of former mineworkers in respect of respiratory disease.

***Silcock v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2009] EWHC 1939*** – Test for the operation of the Show Cause procedure for mesothelioma claims.

***AB & Ors v Small Mines and UK Coal [2007] EWHC 1939*** – Whether settlement of a claim against one defendant under the BCRDL Scheme precluded claims against co-defendants.

***Coal Mining Contractors v Davies & Ors [2006] EWCA Civ 1360*** – Interpretation of CPR 19, Group Litigation Orders and the management of group litigation.

***AB & Ors v Department for Trade and Industry [2005] EWCA Civ 1737*** – Whether the Court should have allowed adjournment for further evidence to be obtained in costs assessment.

***“Wistow Fumes”*** – Claims brought by coal miners in respect of respiratory injury caused by exposure to mine fumes.

***“Allied Colloids”*** – Claims brought by 31 fire-fighters exposed to chemical fumes following explosion at Allied Colloids factory in Leeds.



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***Betts & Ors v Corus UK. [2005]*** – Claims by a group of steelworkers in respect of hand arm vibration exposure at a Corus steelworks.

***“Sheffield Supertram Litigation”*** – Claims by motorists/cyclists arising out of injury caused by Sheffield tramway.

***“New Tredegar Gas Explosion” [2003]*** – Claims on behalf of residents killed or injured in a gas explosion in South Wales. Ivan Bowley also acted for claimants in the Midland Air Disaster and Selby Rail Crash.

***Johnston v NEI International Combustion Limited [2007] UKHL*** – Pleural plaques test case in the House of Lords.



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