



Kim Wilson

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Overview

Kim Wilson is a barrister and a member of 3PB's Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence and Inquests teams, with a particular specialism of police and military matters. He also accepts regulatory instructions on a private and Direct Access basis, and is one of the few members of the Bar authorised by the Bar Standards Board (BSB) to conduct litigation.

Kim joined 3PB in October 2023, after completing a common law pupillage at another large Birmingham chambers. This provided him with a varied foundation of civil, criminal, regulatory and professional discipline matters which has assisted his growth and specialisms here at 3PB.

The majority of Kim's work is within the County Court, but he makes regular appearances in the Magistrates and Crown courts to seek various injunctions, or to deal with associated appeals. He has also appeared for companies being prosecuted by Government agencies such as the DVSA, successfully utilising his encyclopaedic knowledge of road traffic rules and regulations.

Prior to the Bar, Kim spent nearly two decades in the Armed Forces, joining the Army Foundation College straight from school, aged 16. He went on to pass UK airborne forces selection and quickly become a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO). He served around the globe, including in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans, where he undertook various tasks including mentoring local police, leading IED search teams and reconnaissance. His unique background also includes extensive police knowledge and training, where he was involved in numerous high level operations including counter-terrorism and countering other serious criminality such as international class-A drug supply.

Kim's keen eye for detail and high standard of work has seen many repeat instructions. He is regularly instructed on police related multi-track matters, which includes acting as counsel for the Claimant in a civil jury trial which was heard over 8 days.

Kim has also experienced the full range of Court Martial and Summary Appeals Court hearings. Whilst not routinely taking criminal instructions, he does take regular instructions in matters which include injuries and illnesses related to service in the Armed Forces such as NIHL and NFCL, as well as matters related to professional discipline e.g. SPCC, AGAI, MAA, CDT.

He is passionate about providing pro bono work, with clients often being UK Armed Forces veterans. He has been named on Lady Chief Justice Carr's Pro Bono Recognition list in 2024 and 2025.

Academic qualifications

- BPC (Very Competent), University of Law (Birmingham)
- LLB Honours (First Class), University of Derby
- NVQ 4, Policing

Scholarships

- Advocacy Scholarship, University of Law
- Dean's Award for academic excellence, University of Derby
- Hebe Plunkett Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- Ann Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn

Professional qualifications & appointments

- SC, UK Government security clearance
- NEBOSH certificate in occupational health and safety
- NEBOSH certificate in fire safety and risk management
- NEBOSH certificate in environmental management

Professional bodies

- Member of the Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Member of the Association of Military Court Advocates
- Member of Advocate
- Member of the Pro Bono Recognition List
- Member of the Midlands Circuit
- Member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Expertise

Personal Injury

Kim Wilson takes instructions on the full spectrum of PI and clinical negligence. These include:

- Occupiers' Liability
- NIHL & NFCI (predominantly Military related)
- Industrial disease
- Hairdresser/salon-related claims
- RTC work inc credit hire
- Health and Safety failures leading to injury/illness

Kim has also been instructed in clinical negligence matters involving sepsis of a child undergoing sickle cell treatment.

Police law

Kim Wilson deals with a vast array of Police and military matters. He has in-depth knowledge of police use of force and associate techniques. There is a large overlap with military work relating to service injuries and this includes the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. Kim has appeared in the First and Upper Tier Tribunals for AFCS claims.

Kim is regularly instructed in cases as diverse as:

- Police claims
- AFCS / War Pension
- CDT
- AGAI, MAA
- Service related injury and illness
- IOPC / SPCC investigations

Notable cases

JW v a Chief Constable: Acted for a police authority in an 8-day multi-track trial before a judge and jury, relating to claims of assault and battery, false imprisonment and unlawful arrest.

Ex-soldier v Secretary of State for Defence (AFCS UT): Acted for the AFCS UT where the soldier had multiple and complex injuries sustained in an operational environment.

Professional Discipline

Kim has a varied regulatory background ranging from licensing to professional discipline, previously being instructed by a large Metropolitan police force in premises licence reviews. Since pupillage, has had experience in formal professional regulatory hearings such as TRA (teachers) and NMC (nurses).

Again, overlapping with his Police and Military work, Kim has extensive experience of Police (including Service Police)

discipline, taking instructions related to investigations by professional standards and IOPC or SPCC. This includes any associated gross misconduct hearing.

Notable cases

DVSA v A Company: Defending a Company with the Director appearing. The company was being prosecuted for regulatory matters related to fleet operations and drivers' hours and tachograph usage. After identifying various breaches by the DVSA leading to a legal argument, the majority of matters were discontinued at trial and a preferable outcome was secured for his client on the one outstanding charge.

Inquests

Kim Wilson was trained by a Senior Coroner at law school and spent time working as part of a team in Iraq gathering evidence for HM Coroner following fatal overseas incidents involving UK Service personnel.