



Medico-Legal Issues in Amputation Claims

Monday 29th April 2019 – Freemasons Hall Manchester, 36 Bridge Street, Manchester, M3 3BT
Registration 13:00 prompt start at 14:00

Hosts: **Matthew Snarr and Michael Lemmy, 9 St John Street**

Speakers: **Christopher Kennedy QC, Nicholas Hinchliffe QC, 9 St John Street**
Moose Baxter - Prosthetics Expert
Professor Norbert Kang - Consultant in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

CPD Accreditation: 3 hours¹ - All profit from this event will be donated to the Limbless Association.

In collaboration with the Limbless Association, 9 St John Street Chambers is providing a half day seminar to furnish an audience with an in-depth understanding and analysis of distinct issues which are germane to amputation injuries.

The seminar will cover the following topics:-

- (i) A pioneering surgeon's explanation of the nature of targeted muscle re-innovation surgery including the history of this procedure, the advantages, especially to high level amputees as well as the potential drawbacks;
- (ii) An exposition of the cutting edge prosthetic options for high level arm amputees including the recent LUKE ARM, and up to date prosthetics suitable for post surgical targeted muscle re-innovation amputees;
- (iii) Prosthetics Claims: A view from both sides of the litigation fence by Christopher Kennedy QC;
- (iv) Demystifying amputation claims: a view from the coalface by Nicholas Hinchliffe QC.

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Speaker Biographies



Christopher Kennedy QC



Nicholas Hinchliffe QC



Matthew Snarr



Michael Lemmy



Moose Baxter



Professor Norbert Kang

Christopher Kennedy QC

Christopher Kennedy QC is Head of Chambers at 9 St John Street. Most of Chris' instructions come from insurers and he usually represents Defendants in cases where the Claimant has suffered very severe injury or where there is a point of more general importance to be decided. However, he enjoys representing Claimants and is happy to receive instructions to do so. He has represented both Claimants and Defendants in amputation cases. One Claimant whom he was particularly happy to represent is a patient of Mr Kang and Mr Baxter.

Nicholas Hinchliffe QC

A below knee amputee himself Nicholas Hinchliffe QC has extensive experience and knowledge of cases involving loss of use of and loss of limbs. He is sympathetic to the needs and problems associated with such conditions. He specialises in catastrophic head, spine and limb injuries including a sub specialism of CRPS having been instructed in cases where Claimants have had amputation post CRPS.

Michael Lemmy

Michael is experienced in the full spectrum of catastrophic injury claims, including spinal injury, brain injury, amputation, chronic pain and psychiatric injury, both in the County Court and the High Court. He is regularly instructed to represent clients at trial where there are complex legal and factual issues in a substantial value claim.

Matthew Snarr

Matthew's work is characterised by contentious, high value proceedings involving significant disputes of fact or complex expert evidence. Particular expertise includes traumatic brain injuries, amputations, fatal accidents and serious chronic pain conditions associated with a requirement for wheelchair use. Matthew is regularly instructed to act alone against leading counsel in multi million pound claims.

Moose Baxter, Prosthetics Expert

Moose is the Clinic Manager for Dorset Orthopaedic at their Midlands clinic in Burton-on-Trent. As well as managing a large team he continues to maintain a busy and varied clinical caseload of his own, often treating individuals with complicated polytrauma. Moose developed an expertise in working with individuals with complex traumatic amputations, and very high expectation levels, whilst working with military patients at DMRC Headley Court between 2010 and 2013.

Since then Moose has brought this experience to private practice in the UK through Dorset Orthopaedic. Moose is one of a very small number of Prosthetists worldwide who have experiences treating individuals with a wide range of cutting edge technologies including osseointegration, the Luke Arm, pattern recognition systems and Targeted Muscle Reinnervation (TMR).

Professor Norbert Kang, Consultant in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Mr Kang is a consultant plastic surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital. He graduated from Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School (now part of Imperial College) in 1989 and undertook basic surgical training in Washington DC and Leeds. He trained in plastic surgery in London including fellowships in the peripheral nerve injury unit in Stanmore.

He was appointed as a consultant in 2002 and has specific interests in all aspects of hand surgery, prosthetic reconstruction and prominent ear correction. He has been performing bone-anchor surgery since 2005 and has an active research interest in this and allied areas, such as targeted muscle reinnervation surgery. He is a founder member of Relimb, an amputee reconstruction service for patients based in the UK and abroad, set up in 2018 and based at the Royal Free Hospital, London.

REGISTRATION - There is a £65 + VAT fee for attending this seminar. All profit from the seminar is donated to the Limbless Association Charity. For further details regarding the Limbless Association please visit www.limbless-association.org
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