



## Medicolegal CV 2024



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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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I am a substantive cardiothoracic consultant with over 12 years consultant practice. My NHS practice is at the Barts Heart Centre in London, and my private practice is based in Harley Street

I have performed over 2000 cardiothoracic operations in my career to date.

I passed the FRCS (C-Th) during my fourth year of training in 2008, winning the McCormack Medal for the highest score in the UK and Ireland for that year.

I am an avid teacher and trainer, being a faculty member for a number of national and international courses. I was elected as postgraduate Dean by the Society for cardiothoracic surgery in 2019 and as a full College of Surgeons examiner for the FRCS (C-Th)

I was also Clinical Governance lead for Cardiac surgery at Barts Heart Centre for over four years. I am now the Clinical governance lead for the Harley Street Clinic Hospital.

I have been trained in excellence in medical report writing by Bond Solon and have completed all the modules for the Cardiff University Bond Solon certification of expert witness practice.

I have an established medicolegal practice which has grown significantly over the last 7 years. I have experience of writing many reports per month (5-10) and of giving evidence in court.

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## MEDICOLEGAL SUMMARY

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Mr Roberts is a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon practising in the NHS at Barts Heart Centre in the city of London. He also has a private practice based in Harley Street in London.

Mr Roberts is trained in medicolegal and expert witness report writing by courses with Bond Solon and has been writing medicolegal reports for seven years. He writes 50-100 reports per annum

Mr Roberts entered the specialist register in 2011 and has been a consultant cardiac surgeon since February 2011. He is experienced in all aspects of adult cardiothoracic surgery.

Having been the clinical governance lead in his department for four years, and then moving to being the governance lead for the Harley Street Clinic, he has extensive experience in incident reviews, complaint responses and negotiating the clinical governance systems within the NHS and the private sector.

Mr Roberts can advise on a wide variety of cases involving issues such as:

- Clinical negligence – aspects of breach of duty and causation
- Personal Injury – All Chest trauma including current condition and prognosis.

### PERSONAL INJURY EXPERIENCE

- Extensive experience of personal injury report writing for chest trauma clients.
- Mr Roberts has seen many cases through to settlement, including report writing, conference with counsel, review of pre settlement meeting responses and joint expert meetings and documentation.
- Mr Roberts can report on all aspects of chest trauma.
- Mr Roberts has experience of giving evidence in court and being cross examined.

### CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE EXPERIENCE

- Mr Roberts has reported on a large number of clinical negligence cases.
  - Mr Roberts prides himself on high attention to detail when reviewing case notes to ensure no key elements of a case are missed.
  - Mr Roberts has been involved in many cases which have progressed to completion, he has seen cases through the reporting stage, been involved in preparation of letters of claim and reviewed responses to letters of claim for his clients.
  - Mr Roberts has experience of constructing agendas for expert witness meetings, has been involved in joint witness statements and the documentation of expert witness meetings.
  - Mr Roberts also has experience of helping counsel prepare for coroners inquests to aid understanding of the medical issues of a case and know what questions to ask at inquest to prepare for civil claim proceedings.
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## **PARTICULAR AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTEREST**

- Clinical governance, surgical safety standards, WHO checklist compliance
- Serious incidents and Datix incident investigations and process
- All aspects of adult cardiothoracic surgery
- All aspects of personal injury involving chest trauma and its consequences.
- Pre intervention decision making in Cardiology and cardiac intervention – was the correct process followed, was the patient discussed in the appropriate MDT according to current best practice, were the international guidelines followed and alternatives discussed with the patient?
- Consent issues.
- Missed diagnosis of aortic dissection and the causation aspects of such cases (many successfully seen to settlement with high 6 figure compensation)

## **RESPONSE TIMES**

Medicolegal report writing estimated turnaround time of less than 21 days depending on the complexity of the case.

All reports are laid out in using a clear and easy to understand structure, enabling legal professionals to identify and understand key issues easily.

Mr Roberts can offer full CPR Part 35 compliant Expert Witness Reports within 21 days, but also offers a fast-track screening opinion service where he will set out the details and salient points of a case within a summary opinion letter which can be produced within 7-10 days.

Terms and conditions available on request.

## **LOCATION**

Mr Roberts can see clients in his Harley Street practice. Evening and weekend appointments are available if required. Mr Roberts offers the option of an initial remote consultation to allow a quick response time especially for personal injury clients.

## **TRAINING**

In-house training sessions are available for legal/medical teams on a number of topics. These are currently being undertaken online or face to face, please contact Mr Roberts for details.

Mr Roberts has given a number of local talks to firms of solicitors with excellent feedback, he has also been a speaker at the 2023 AvMA conference at the main plenary session.

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*“His presentation was really helpful and interesting”*

*“Really good training, I’ll definitely instruct him in the future”*

*“I thought he was brilliant – he explained everything really clearly”*

Solicitor Feedback following online training sessions

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*Mr Roberts provided a very thorough, nuanced, and thoughtful report which was extremely helpful. Very professional and accommodating in terms of conference calls to go through evidence in detail. Highly recommend.*

Solicitor Feedback

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