

Landmark judgments for healthcare experts

All jurisdictions

National Justice Compania Naviera SA v Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd (The Ikarian Reefer) (No. 1) [1993] 2 Lloyd's Rep 68;

AB v John Wyeth and Brother Ltd (No. 5) [1997] PIQR P385;

Kennedy v Cordia (Services) LLP [2016] UKSC 6.

Clinical negligence

Hunter v Hanley 1955 SC 200;

Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee [1957] 1 WLR 582;

Dunne (An Infant) v National Maternity Hospital [1989] IR 91;

Bolitho v City and Hackney Health Authority [1998] AC 232;

Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board (Scotland) [2015] UKSC 11.

Criminal proceedings

R v Byrne [1960] 2 QB 396;

R v Turner [1975] QB 834;

R v Bonython [1984] 1 WLUK 1262;

R v Sally Clark [2003] EWCA Crim 1020;

R v Cannings [2004] EWCA Crim 1;

R v Dowds [2012] EWCA Crim 281;

R v Dlugosz [2013] EWCA Crim 2;

R v Clarke [2013] EWCA Crim 162;

R v Golds [2016] UKSC 61;

R v Edwards [2018] EWCA Crim 595.

Immigration and asylum proceeding

HE (DRC) [2004] UKIAT 00321;

Mibanga v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2005] EWCA Civ 367;

HH (Ethiopia) [2007] EWCA Civ 306; *SD (expert evidence) Lebanon* [2008] UKAIT 00078;

JL (medical reports – credibility) China [2013] UKUT 145 (IAC);

KV (Sri Lanka) [2019] UKSC 10;
AM (Zimbabwe) [2020] UKSC 17;
HA (Expert evidence, mental health) Sri Lanka [2022] UKUT 111 (IAC);
Medical Justice v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2024] EWHC 54 (Admin).

Family proceeding

Re T [2004] EWCA Civ 558;
A Local Authority v K, D and L [2005] EWHC 144 (Fam);
A Local Authority v S [2009] EWHC 2115 (Fam);
Lancashire County Council v C, M & F (Children – Fact-finding) [2014] EWFC 3;
Squier v GMC [2016] EWHC 2739 (Admin);
A Local Authority v A Mother [2019] EWCA Civ 799;
Re C (A Child) (Fact-finding) [2022] EWCA Civ 584;
Re G (Child Post-Mortem Report Delays) [2022] EWFC 55;
Re C ('Parental Alienation': Instruction of Expert) [2023] EWHC 345 (Fam);
LB Croydon v D (Critical Scrutiny of the Paediatric Overview) [2024] EWFC 438;
O v C [2025] EWFC 334; *Liverpool City Council v Ms A* [2025] EWHC 1474 (Fam);
H (Children) [2026] EWCA Civ 222.

Court of Protection

Townsend v Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust [2026] EWCA Civ 195;
Nottinghamshire County Council v JW [2026] EWCOP 13 (T2);
AGNI Reference [2026] UKSC 16;
Royal Free London Hospital NHS Foundation Trust v RH [2026] EWCOP 17 (T3).

Chancery proceedings

Banks v Goodfellow (1870) LR 5 QB 549;
Key v Key [2010] EWHC 408 (Ch);
Simon v Byford [2014] EWCA Civ 435;
Clitheroe v Bond [2021] EWHC 1102 (Ch);
Leonard v Leonard [2024] EWHC 321 (Ch);

MacDougall v Thomas [2026] EWHC 1142 (Ch).

Employment proceedings

De Keyser v Wilson [2001] IRLR 324;

J v DLA Piper UK LLP [2010] UKEAT/0263/09.

Forensic medicine

A County Council v M [2012] EWHC 2039 (Fam); *R v Barnes* [2005] EWCA Crim 1158.