## Field Fisher Waterhouse receives top rankings for Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence advice



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Press Release Summary: Field Fisher Waterhouse receives top rankings in leading legal directory, Chambers UK 2008, for Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence advice

Press Release Body: Law firm, **Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP**, has received top rankings for its personal injury and clinical negligence work in leading legal directory, Chambers UK 2008. The directory is a client's guide to the UK legal profession.

**Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP** has been ranked in the top tier of Chambers UK 2008, in the categories for Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury: Industrial Disease. <u>Field Fisher Waterhouse</u> has worked on a number of high-profile personal injury and clinical negligence cases over the last year which is reflected in the rankings.

Chambers is internationally regarded, and ranks law firms according to specialist areas. Industrial disease is a new subcategory within the personal injury category featured in Chambers UK 2008.

For the categories of **Personal Injury** and **Clinical Negligence**, Chambers UK 2008 says:

Personal Injury

"This 'top-quality outfit' consists of 'real professionals' who 'know exactly what they are doing,' clients report. The personal injury team boasts a depth of understanding that belies its size and a caseload that ranges from road traffic and transport accident claims to brain and spinal injury matters. It is best known, however, for its work in the industrial disease arena where it regularly undertakes high-profile cases. These include acting for the claimants in the pleural plaques proceedings. **Rodney Nelson-Jones** heads the department. He garners praise as 'one of the best litigators around' and is admired for his 'fantastic client care.' He specialises in industrial disease issues, although he is developing a reputation in the context of air crash claims. **Peter Williams**, an authority on asbestos and fatal accident suits, 'excels at unravelling knotty legal problems,' clients observe."

**Clinical** Negligence

"Market sources deem this City-based outfit 'a first-class firm at the top of the tree for clinical negligence work.' The team may be small, but the strength and talent of its <u>solicitors</u> warrants its inclusion in the top tier. The group focuses on high-value complex cases and can often be found handling obstetric-related work: for example, in 2006 the team achieved a £3.5 million settlement for a child suffering cerebral palsy after the misuse of a drug during labour\*. The firm represents clients across the UK and is developing a presence in the international marketplace, where it recently took on a case for a Hong Kong resident. Heading the department is the 'superlative' **Paul McNeil**, who is endorsed by sources as being both 'incredibly tenacious' and 'formidable - he has a good tactical sense of cases and understands the strengths and weaknesses involved.' McNeil is a long-established force in the field and an active member of several key panels and

organisations, including **Action against Medical Accidents** (AvMA) and **The Royal Society of Medicine.**"

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\* UK case number 35699.1

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