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**Practice Areas:** Personal Injury, , Clinical Negligence  
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Legal 500 (2021)

## Profile

## Practice Areas:

Clinical Negligence  
Personal Injury  
Inquests

## Experience:

Anthony has specialised in all aspects of clinical negligence and personal injury litigation for nearly 20 years. His exclusively claimant based clinical negligence practice includes claims for cerebral palsy and other birth related injuries, negligent surgery (including laser eye surgery and cosmetic surgery), hospital-acquired infection, anaesthetic awareness, delayed diagnosis of cancer and critical ischaemia.

Anthony's personal injury practice involves high value cases generally arising from accidents at work and road traffic accidents acting for both Claimants and Defendants. Many of his cases involve complex medical and engineering evidence.

Anthony undertakes a significant amount of fatal accident work and as a result appears at inquests on a regular basis. He has particular expertise in this area having been instructed by the Treasury Solicitor as junior counsel to the Shipman Inquiry and more recently by the Senior Coroner for Manchester as counsel to the inquest into the death of Stephen Hunt, a serving fireman with Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service who died during active service.

Anthony has been ranked in the Legal 500 since 2007 and earns considerable praise in the 2017 edition of Chambers & Partners for his claimant clinical negligence practice.

## Testimonial Quotes

### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar 2022

#### **Personal Injury**

Anthony Mazzag is well regarded for his representation of both claimants and defendants in complex personal injury claims. He has experience handling cases involving brain and spinal injuries, amputations and fatalities.

**Strengths: "He is brilliant - he knows what he is talking about and he works with his clients and he doesn't stand on any high ground." "He has a good manner and is very approachable."**

### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar 2022

#### **Clinical Negligence**

Anthony Mazzag earns considerable praise for his claimant-side practice that often sees him working in cases concerning the delayed diagnosis of cancer as well as in surgical or orthopaedic negligence claims. His experience includes advocacy on behalf of people with cerebral palsy and other victims of obstetric negligence. He is frequently instructed in complex cauda equina claims.

**Strengths: "Fantastic with clients - he engages with them and makes sure they understand everything and goes out of his way in cases of maximum value to ease things for them. He can simplify really complex points and can get to the heart of issues very quickly." "He has a gentle manner with lay clients but also fights fiercely for them. He is also the kind of person one can pick up the phone to and he is always happy to help. He is very reliable and is thorough and precise in his advice."**

### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar 2021

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**Strengths: "Very thorough and has a good manner with clients. He is also extremely approachable." "He is organised and efficient."**

### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar 2020

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**Strengths: "He is a very compassionate lawyer whom I admire for taking the time to build a proper rapport with his clients, right from the start."**

#### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar 2019

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*"Anthony has an eye for detail and is extremely thorough in his advice. He has a good understanding of the tactics involved in bringing a clinical negligence claim and makes good suggestions throughout the litigation process. He is also very good at building a rapport with clients."*

#### Chambers & Partners - UK Bar - 2017

*Earns considerable praise for his claimant-side practice that often sees him working on delayed diagnosis of cancer, surgical or orthopaedic negligence cases.*

*Strengths "He's very approachable; the kind of barrister who is quite happy if you send him an email between formal instructions or give him a ring, which really helps to move cases along." "He is really understanding of the client's needs and makes sensible and practical decisions."*

#### Legal 500 2021

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#### Legal 500 2020

*"He handles clients compassionately."*

#### Legal 500 2019

*"His client care skills are exemplary."*

#### Legal 500 - 2017

*"A very safe pair of hands"*

### **Notable Cases**

### **Recent cases, representative of his current clinical negligence practice, include:-**

**M v Y NHS Trust** - Acting for the Claimant in a claim which involved a failure to diagnose orbital cellulitis. The Claimant developed blindness in one eye and partial loss of sight in the other. Future Loss of Earnings recovered on a full 'Ogden 7 basis'.

**J v Y NHS Trust** - Acting for the Claimant in a five-day clinical negligence trial. The claim arose out of a failure to rehabilitate the Claimant following anterior cruciate ligament surgery. Judgment for the Claimant.

**G v X NHS Trust** - Acting for the Claimant in a cerebral palsy claim. Settled at a joint settlement meeting with a lump sum of £2.81 million together with periodical payments of £170,000 per annum until age 18 and £245,000 thereafter.

**L v Dr A & Dr K A** - Acting for the Claimant in a clinical negligence fatal accident claim, which arose out of a failure to refer the Claimant's wife for investigation of her long-standing anaemia. The anaemia was caused by a bleeding duodenal ulcer which eventually perforated leading to death. The case involved historical allegations spanning some five years and complicated gastroenterological evidence on the cause of the ulcer.

**B v Z NHS Trust** - Acting for the Claimant in a claim that arises out of a failure to excise a suspicious skin lesion, which proved to be cancerous.

**T v Y NHS Trust** - Acting for a child Claimant in a claim which arises out of undetected bilirubin encephalopathy leading to quadriplegic athetoid cerebral palsy.

**C v X NHS Trust** - Acting for a Claimant who required a lower limb amputation that occurred as a result of a delayed diagnosis of critical ischaemia.

### **Recent cases, representative of his personal injury practice, include:-**

**B v M** - Acting for the Defendant in a chronic pain case at trial. The Judge found that the Claimant had significantly exaggerated her claim

and the eventual award was less than 30% of the sum sought.

H v An NHS TRUST - Acting for the Defendant NHS Trust in a stress at work claim. The claim was discontinued after cross-examination of the Claimant.

B v CRM & HMC - Acting for the Defendant Property Management Company in the trial of a Part 20 Claim that arose out of an alleged failure to grit a car park and which resulted in a complex and serious injury to the Claimant's knee. Proceedings were discontinued against the Property Management Company at the trial of the Part 20 claim.

G v G - Acting for a young woman who suffered total blindness in a road traffic accident. Claim settled in excess of £2,000,000.

O v O - Acting for a 60 year old female Claimant who suffered a subdural haematoma causing a partial right sided hemiparesis and subtle cognitive difficulties. The Claimant suffered with pre-accident mobility problems. Case settled at a JSM for £500,000.

G v G - Acting for a young widow in a Fatal Accident Claim. The Deceased, aged 38, was studying accountancy at the time of his death. The loss of financial dependency claim reflected the lost chance of qualifying as an accountant and progressing to partner level. Case settled at JSM for £550,000.

S v S - Acting for a 24 year old female Claimant who sustained a complex and severe fracture to her tibial plateau thereby leading to an increased chance of amputation following eventual knee replacement surgery. Substantial damages recovered together with an award for provisional damages.

C v Isaac - Acting for a 62 year old Claimant who drove his vehicle into the back of an articulated lorry, in unusual circumstances, thereby sustaining serious orthopaedic injuries. Settlement reached on a 50/50 basis.

## Membership

Action against Medical Accidents  
Personal Injury Bar Association