

Scott Donovan CV



10.1.1948 Date of birth
Married: Wife Bernadette Donovan
Children: Four daughters and two sons
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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Barrister: 1975 to 30 September 2014 (retired).

Atlantic Chambers, Liverpool

I am very experienced in the investigation of medical cases and the management of medical experts. I have been involved in complex litigation for 25 years. This has been recognised by the Chambers and Legal 500 Directories for many years.

I have particular knowledge and experience of neurological and neurosurgical issues having specialised in paediatric and adult cases for many years.

Head of Atlantic Chambers—2010—2012 (3 years)

Northern Circuit education and training activities

Organiser of annual seminar/training education Programme for 6 years for pupil barristers.

Chair Northern Circuit Sub-Committee on Education: 1999-2014.

Founding member Northern Circuit Medical Legal Association 1999.

Member of the Liverpool Combined Courts Civil Users Committee.

Part-time Judge

Recorder 1992—2014, sitting in the Crown Court and County Court.

Bar Council:

Northern Circuit appointed member to the Bar Council.

Member of committees on Legal Services Committee and Education and Training. These committees dealt with a range of issues involving the provision of legal services and the broader ongoing education and training of barristers.

Professional Memberships

I remain a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association and Personal Injury Bar Association.

Mediation:

I am a qualified mediator having completed a week's course in 2012 with London School of Mediation.

I am a founding member of a new mediation organisation "Complete Mediation" linked to Complete Counsel.

Liverpool University

Chair of Committee on Research Ethics (CORE) Liverpool University 2011—2014

CORE is a key policy committee of the Liverpool University, reporting to Council, which provides oversight and regulation of university wide research ethics processes.

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The role of Chair involved me in the implementation and development of research ethics processes across Liverpool University. The committee was made up of senior academics and members of the university management team. I believe I made a significant contribution to CORE's work during my time as Chair.

Member of Law School Advisory Board 2008 to date
I proposed the creation of and assisted in the development of the Law School Professional Mentoring Scheme. This has been very successful and has run from 2008 to date.



Lecturing

I have lectured on medico-legal topics to a range of bodies including the following:

Liverpool Law Society.
Edge Hill University Department of Nursing.
Groups of solicitors.
Atlantic Chambers: Medical lectures/talks.
Liverpool Law Society

I was awarded the Barrister of the Year Award by Liverpool Law Society in 2011.

Politics

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Councillor 1982-1986.
Parliamentary Candidate 1987 for SDP/Liberal Alliance.

EDUCATION

Legal education

1973-74 Inns of Court of Law, London: Part 1 A and B Bar

Examinations

1974-75 College of Law, London: Bar Finals

Post-graduate education

1971-1972 American University, Washington DC, USA

MA: Politics and Communications

Higher Education

1967-1971 University of Oxford: New College, Oxford: Awarded place to read Medicine. Preliminary exams in Anatomy and Physiology (First Year)

Graduated BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Oxford University activities

Editor of Cherwell Oxford University weekly newspaper.

Secondary education

St Marys College, Crosby, Liverpool. "O" levels and "A" Levels

Interests:

Ballet, classical music, theatre, literature and public affairs.

Walking and travelling.

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I am a supporter of the Neurosupport charity in Liverpool.

Post retirement objectives and interests

Having recently retired from full-time work as a barrister I am very keen to use my considerable medico-legal knowledge and my other skills and experiences for the broader benefit of the community.

