



Nicola Campbell-Clause

Call: 2010

Overview

Nicola is a recognised specialist in all aspects of medical law and personal injury. She draws on this experience in her professional liability work, where she specialises in claims arising out of allegedly mishandled litigation.

Described as *“incredibly detailed and very strategic”*, Nicola is often praised for her clear and comprehensive advice and her empathetic approach to clients. She is recognised for her knowledge of complex procedural matters.

Nicola is instructed by both claimants and defendants and sees this as an advantage in advising on tactics and when representing clients during settlement negotiations.

Medical law

Nicola has a wealth of experience in all aspects of clinical negligence. She is much in demand for complex cases in matters ranging from missed diagnosis of cancer to hypoxic brain injuries. She is recognised for her trial advocacy and for achieving impressive results in settlement negotiations. She is particularly sought after for advice in relation to tricky procedural issues.

Some of Nicola's reported cases include:

- *Shaw v Stead* [2019] EWHC 520 – a GP claim relating to a delayed diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome
- *Bot v Barnick* [2018] EWHC 3132; [2019] EWHC 3704 – separate applications dealing with a strike-out of a claim, alleging negligent misstatement by a doctor, and issues relating to expert evidence

- *Doyle v Habib* [2021] EWHC 1733 – a claim relating to informed consent for liver surgery

Nicola is identified as a leading barrister in clinical negligence, by both Legal 500 and Chambers, being described as “*great counsel to have on your side*”.

Personal injury

Nicola has a wide range of experience of personal injury claims, including workplace accidents and occupiers’ liability. She has particular expertise dealing with high-level claims arising out of road traffic accidents, often relating to catastrophic and life-changing injuries.

Nicola is regularly asked to advise in relation to all aspects of quantum ranging from credit hire disputes to complex care packages and accommodation claims.

Professional liability

Nicola has experience of a broad range of professional liability matters. Drawing on her expertise in other practice areas, she is particularly in demand in relation to claims against solicitors arising out of (alleged) mismanaged personal injury and clinical negligence litigation.

What others say

"Nicola is the embodiment of the art of advocacy, prepared for any eventuality." *Legal 500, 2024*

"Nicola has a keen eye for detail and is able to draft concise and clear pleadings." *Chambers UK, 2024*

"She operates at a level way beyond her years of experience. She's one of the sharpest legal minds I've ever come across. She's unflappable and has an incredibly good eye for detail." *Chambers UK, 2024*

"With clients she is able to put them at ease with her approachable and empathetic nature, whilst also explaining clearly complex legal issues and matters." *Chambers UK, 2024*

"Nicola is thorough and has an incredible eye for the detail. No stone is left unturned and all avenues are considered. Her advice is always clear and well thought-out. She is calm whilst also being compelling on her feet when advocating." *Legal 500, 2023*

"Clients always feel at ease with Nicola and assured that they are in the safest possible hands." *Chambers UK, 2023*

"Nicola has an incredible eye for detail. She is unflappable in tense situations." *Chambers UK, 2023*

"She is a good advocate who is adept at judging the mood of the court." *Chambers UK, 2023*

"Incredibly detailed and very strategic." "She has the ability to deal with a range of complex clinical negligence matters with ease and approachability, demonstrating her outstanding versatility." "She's extremely good at drafting complex defences and advising on complex procedural matters." *Chambers UK, 2022*

"A great counsel to have on your side – brings a very considered approach. She can pick out the smallest things that could turn a case around." *Legal 500, 2021*

"An impressive trial advocate who is strong on tricky procedural issues" *Legal 500, 2020*

Further information

Memberships: Professional Negligence Bar Association

Personal: Nicola's interests include travel, photography and squash.

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