

Gareth Shires

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Clerks' Details

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Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Circuit
- Lincoln's Inn

Education

- University of Oxford: MA, Hons. English Language and Literature (2001 – 2004)
- Nottingham Law School: LLB, Hons. (2005 – 2007)

Beyond the Bar

Gareth is a keen amateur photographer and a fan of the more alternative areas of modern music. He also enjoys foreign travel, recently visiting Japan.

Clinical Negligence CV Overview

Gareth has significant clinical negligence experience in serious injury cases and acts mainly for claimants.

He is keen to be involved with cases at an early stage and is happy to advise informally and meet with lay clients. He understands the need to ensure that expert evidence is properly handled from the beginning of a case and can provide assistance with the instruction and selection of appropriate experts.

Gareth has experience in a wide range of areas and is confident dealing with complex causation issues, including the difficult area of consent.

Gareth has developed a particular interest in claims involving urinary and bowel injuries including misdiagnosis, late diagnosis and negligent surgery claims and is sensitive to the impact such injuries have, both physically and psychologically.

Gareth is happy to provide training on clinical negligence matters on request. In recent years he has lectured for the AvMA and has provided web-based training via a national legal training provider.

Gareth has significant experience of group litigation work. He is currently instructed in relation to defective product claims involving both transvaginal mesh ('TVM') devices and Essure contraceptive devices.

Recommendations

“He is the go-to person on the Dieseltgate claims.”
Chambers and Partners 2024

“Gareth is a genuine specialist in group actions.”
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Cases

Significant recent cases include:

- During two operations over several years ureteric stents were not properly sited. The Claimant developed significant scarring and hernias in his abdominal wall due to corrective surgery and developed an overactive bladder with symptoms of urinary frequency, urgency and incontinence. Settlement: £150,000
- Failures to report and interpret cervical smear tests leading to the avoidable development of cervical cancer. Invasive treatment leading to long-term bladder and bowel issues and loss of fertility. Settlement: £1.5 million (led case)
- Failure to remove an indwelling catheter and fit a supra-pubic catheter, leading to the complete erosion of the urethra and significant urinary incontinence for a period of many years. Settlement: £125,000
- Negligent post-operative care leading to the development of necrotizing fasciitis, wound breakdown and the development of hernia. Settlement: £100,000
- Negligently delayed diagnosis of Charcot foot leading to unnecessary infection and eventual amputation. Ongoing.