

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.

Personal Injury CV

Overview

Gareth has a busy and wide-ranging personal injury practice acting for both claimants and defendants. He specialises in significant injury and industrial disease matters.

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.

Recent instructions in high value matters include cases involving lower limb amputation, chronic pain and brain injury. He has experience of drafting past and future loss schedules in excess of £1 million.

Gareth's industrial disease practice covers the following main areas:

- Asbestos-related conditions;
- Noise induced hearing loss;
- HAVS/VWF;
- Dermatitis;
- Occupational asthma;
- RSI; and
- Carbon monoxide poisoning.

He is acutely aware of the particular problems posed in respect of limitation and causation in disease work and is happy to consider informal instructions on this issue. He also undertakes disease-related inquest work.

Gareth has experience of CICA work and has successfully represented applicants with significant brain injuries and applicants with complex psychological difficulties arising out of trauma caused by violence.

Gareth also has experience in respect of several niche areas of law, including Animals Act cases (particularly those involving horses) and holiday accidents abroad.

Gareth frequently provides training on specific areas of litigation and procedure and is happy to consider requests for bespoke training. In the past year he has presented seminars on COSHH litigation, causation and HAVS, clinical negligence and interim payment applications.

Recommendations

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

Recent notable cases include:

- Motorcyclist suffered a complex leg fracture with vascular injury. Unable to return to work. Settlement: £450,000
- Domestic violence causing brain injury. Initial award of £27,000 appealed. CICT award: £280,000
- Railway worker suffered a fractured patella. Issues surrounding residual earning capacity. Settlement: £130,000