

Laura Gooding

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Clerks' Details

- Ben Kierman
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Memberships

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

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge (2019)

Education

- Bury Grammar School (1982 - 1996)
- BA Philosophy & Theology, Mansfield College, University of Oxford (1999)
- CPE Law, City University (2000)
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (2001)

Personal Injury CV

Overview

Laura specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence cases exclusively in the Multi-Track. She is an experienced Junior and has a busy practice representing Claimants.

Laura has particular expertise in the following areas:-

- Road Traffic Claims
- Military Claims
- Employer's Liability Claims
- Clinical Negligence
- Criminal Injuries

She has been consistently recommended by the Legal 500 and most recently as a Tier 1 leading junior in the field of Personal Injury who is "extremely approachable and able to provide advice which is easily digestible and clear. She has a good awareness of commerciality of claims when advising".

Laura is an extremely effective trial advocate, skilled in cross-examination of both factual and expert witnesses. She is adept at combining a robust approach in court and in negotiation with a sensitive and empathetic manner towards her own clients. Laura is known for her meticulous preparation and detailed analysis of complex cases.

Laura has extensive experience in dealing with complex and high value Military cases including Armed Forces Compensation Appeals. Her practice includes cases involving catastrophic injuries, spine injuries, brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, harassment and bullying.

She has substantial experience in Road Traffic Litigation, Employer's Liability and Public Liability Claims and undertakes cases mainly where the

value exceeds £100,000.

Laura has a keen interest in clinical negligence and is instructed in cases including surgical negligence, misdiagnosis, delayed diagnosis and failure to obtain informed consent.

Cases

ARMED FORCES CASES

Butcher v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered a traumatic back injury whilst training. Successfully appealing an award of £10,000 substituted for a more severe traumatic back injury tariff in addition to a percentage G. I. P. to compensate for long term loss of earnings capacity, pension and loss of promotion prospects. Total award in excess of £440,000.

Toms v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered from severe P.T.S.D. Successfully appealing an award of £10,000 substituted for a maximum award for permanent mental disorder plus G.I.P. to compensate for long term loss of earning capacity, pension and loss of promotion prospects. Total award worth £1.3 million.

Holroyd v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered a significant brain injury following a violent attack in barracks by a fellow soldier.

Clarke v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered a significant back injury during a training exercise.

Ch v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered blast injuries including a significant fracture to his spine when his vehicle drove over an IED.

Sh v Secretary of State (Veterans UK) – The Appellant suffered blast injuries including a brain injury when his vehicle drove over an IED.

CRIMINAL INJURIES APPEAL CASES

James Patterson (by his Litigation Friend Janet McArthur) v CICA - Advising in relation to an award of £211, 668 in a case where the client suffered a severe brain injury following an assault. The case required consideration of complex eligibility issues along with the tariff, life expectancy, loss of earnings, medical treatment costs, accommodation, adaptations and special equipment, care and financial guardianship fees.

Gooding v CICA – A claim for a client with a significant brain injury involving complex issues of future loss of earnings and capability. Successfully appealed the initial decision

on eligibility and at the final hearing a maximum award of £500,000 was secured.

Hughes v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a sexual assault case resulting in an award of £187,025.

Stoney v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim arising out of a serious assault for mental illness, scarring and head injury resulting in an award of £41,715.

Ennis v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim for brain injury, mental illness and facial injuries following an assault resulting in an award of £45,084.

Edwards v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim involving complex issues of eligibility due to previous criminal convictions.

Partington v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim for PTSD following a carjacking incident with complex issues surrounding the loss of earnings claim.

Cross v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim arising out of a serious assault for mental illness with complex arguments regarding the loss of earnings calculation.

Chapman v CICA – Successfully appealed an eligibility decision in a brain injury claim sustained when the Appellant was an infant by being shaken.

Johnson v CICA – Successfully appealing a decision in a claim for severe back injuries. The Appellant sustained debilitating fractures to her spine when she jumped from an upstairs window to escape a violent burglary.

Recommendations

‘Laura is a very measured and persuasive advocate. She relates well to clients and can really wring the best out of any case. She has a niche and unusual specialty in claims under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.’

The Legal 500 2023

“Laura is extremely approachable and able to provide advice which is easily digestible and clear. She has a good awareness of commerciality of claims when advising.”

The Legal 500 2022

“Laura provides an approachable and prompt service with clear, understandable advice. She is engaging and happy to discuss matters at convenience.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Friendly, approachable and responsive counsel.”

The Legal 500 2020

“She has niche expertise in military personal injury claims.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

Beyond The Bar

Away from work, Laura enjoys outdoor pursuits such as running, walking, skiing and climbing.

Laura ran the Liverpool Marathon raising funds for charity in 2011 and successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania 2009.

Since her undergraduate studies Laura has retained a keen interest in animal ethics and has been appointed as a Fellow of the Oxford University Animal Ethics Society.