

Laura Gooding

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Clerks' Details

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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 practises exclusively in personal injury work and related litigation. Her caseload is predominantly multi-track litigation or cases of other complexity/sensitivity for Claimants.

Laura has particular expertise in the following areas:-

- Road Traffic Claims
- Military Claims
- Employers Liability Claims
- Clinical Negligence
- Criminal Injuries

Laura has extensive experience in dealing with complex high value Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Appeals and Criminal Injury Compensation Appeal claims. Her practice includes cases involving catastrophic injuries, brain injuries, severe psychological injuries and stress, harassment and bullying.

Laura is regularly instructed in cases involving vulnerable Claimants and children. She has been fully trained in the handling of vulnerable witnesses by the Bar council. Laura is recognised for her personable approach, effective communication with clients and empathy in difficult cases.

Laura was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2019.

Cases

ARMED FORCES CASES

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 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.