

Charlotte Reynolds

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Insurance, Costs

Charlotte represents both claimants and defendants in a broad range of catastrophic personal injury and clinical negligence claims including those involving brain injury, spinal injury, and amputation claims. She has a particularly strong reputation in claims involving serious psychiatric injury, chronic pain, and somatoform disorders, including Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Functional Neurological Disorder.

Her knowledge of the health and social care sector also means that she brings additional insight and experience to cases involving injuries sustained in a hospital or care home setting.

Charlotte has a particular interest in claims involving dishonesty ranging from high value claims involving exaggerated injury and loss to staged accidents, and regularly lectures on the topic. She is often involved at an early stage to review the evidence and advise on the best tactical approach to lead the case to a successful resolution be that a finding of fundamental dishonesty, discontinuance, or settlement well below the pleaded value.

Charlotte also advises insurers and policyholders on policy disputes concerning policy wording and coverage and indemnity issues.

Charlotte is also a member of the Bar Council Ethics Committee.

Clinical Negligence

Charlotte is regularly instructed in a wide range of clinical negligence claims. Recent cases include:

- Avoidable below knee amputation against background of diabetes and a history of ulceration
- Delayed diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome, pleaded at £2.1 million.
- Delayed cancer diagnosis claim pleaded at £1.8 million.
- Failure to diagnose and treat acute glaucoma resulting in substantial loss of vision.
- Stillbirth claim giving rise to severe psychiatric injury on the part of the parents as primary and secondary victims.
- Avoidable below knee amputation against a background of severe diabetic neuropathy, the claim being pleaded in excess of £1.6 million.
- Maladministration of Metaraminol following thyroid surgery leading to an extremely severe and life-changing

- psychiatric reaction, the claim being pleaded at £1.9 million.
- Negligent treatment of a shoulder subluxation.
 - Negligent treatment of a spinal injury patient following a workplace accident, itself the subject of another set of proceedings against a separate Defendant. On a full liability basis the combined value of the claims was in the region of £3 million.

Her knowledge of the health and social care sector means that she brings additional insight and experience to cases, especially when dealing with clinicians and other practitioners.

Qualifications & Awards

Harmsworth Scholar of the Middle Temple (2000)

MA (Cantab) Hons (Law Tripos) New Hall College

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Bar Council Ethics Committee

Reported Cases

Smith v London Borough of Haringey [2021] EWHC 615

Barber v Somerset County Council (House of Lords) – Junior to Andrew Hogarth QC and Andrew Collender QC – Occupational Stress