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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Personal Injury

Rachit specialises in industrial disease, clinical negligence, international & travel law and personal injury. Rachit is joint head of pupillage. He is ranked in the legal directories for personal injury: industrial disease (Band 2, Chambers & Partners), clinical negligence (Tier 4, Legal 500) and personal injury (Tier 4, Legal 500). He is described as ***"an outstanding barrister";*** and his ***"strategic insight and calm, confident advocacy make him highly effective in achieving successful outcomes".***

His industrial disease practice focuses on mesothelioma claims and other asbestos-related diseases.

His clinical negligence practice includes birth-related claims, surgical negligence and delayed diagnosis in oncology and other disciplines.

He acts for claimants and defendants in high value and complex litigation. He has particular expertise in cases with an international element, including jurisdictional challenges, cases involving foreign law and accidents abroad.

Rachit has experience in cases involving a public law aspect, including liability of public bodies such as the Ministry of Defence. He was instructed in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, as well as having an established inquest practice.

He is instructed in claims involving issues of national security including sensitive military deployments or undercover policing.

Having studied Human Genetics for his first degree, Rachit applies his knowledge of scientific and medical issues to the law.

Personal Injury

Rachit specialises in fatal accident claims, cases involving serious multiple injuries and psychiatric harm. He has expertise in employers' and public liability cases.

He has been instructed in numerous cases involving allegations of psychiatric harm and former undercover police officers, including *Mark Kennedy v Commissioner* and *Wilson v Commissioner*.

Rachit is experienced in complex issues of medical evidence, cross examining expert witnesses at trial as well as costs budgeting and advising on procedural issues.

He has written numerous articles for the Personal Injury Law Journal and delivered talks and seminars for particular firms as well as at chambers events.

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Industrial Disease

Rachit is ranked in Band 2 for Chambers & Partners 2026 for Personal Injury: Industrial Disease.

His practice focuses on mesothelioma and other asbestos-related disease. He is instructed in claims involving low exposure, multiple defendants and complex issues of causation and quantum. He acts on a CFA basis and considers pro bono work where possible.

He is also instructed in other high value industrial disease work, including other occupational respiratory disorders, silicosis and noise-induced hearing loss claims.

Rachit was junior to Harry Steinberg KC in *Haxton v Phillips Electronics* at first instance, appeared in *Ward v (1) Wellcome Trust (2) Harrods)* HHJ Melissa Clarke (12 November 2021, unreported) and successfully represented the claimant in *Harris v Cwm Taf* (unreported) a secondary exposure claim involving exposure to asbestos from a partner's work as a painter in the Welsh health service.

Clinical Negligence

Rachit is ranked in the Legal 500 2026 for clinical negligence at Band 4. He specialises in:

- Birth-related injury
- Delayed diagnosis in oncology and other specialisms
- Surgical negligence
- Negligence in general practice and
- Cosmetic surgery negligence

He is instructed as junior and in his own right in cases of high value and complexity. He acts predominantly for claimants.

Having studied Human Genetics at university, Rachit uses his knowledge of scientific and medical issues in his clinical negligence practice. He has a particular interest in cases involving clinical geneticists and diagnostic specialisms.

International & Travel

Rachit is instructed in cross-jurisdictional personal injury claims and aims to provide practical advice and advocacy when considering international aspects of personal injury and other claims.

He is regularly instructed in claims involving jurisdictional challenges and high value issues involving foreign law on liability and quantum.

Rachit acted in a pre-trial review hearing in the *Mau Mau* litigation for intervening charity the Redress Trust and is developing his practice in cross-border claims.

Public Authority Liability

Rachit has particular experience advising on and acting in cases involving the Ministry of Defence, local councils and police forces.

He has considerable experience of stress at work claims, having acted in a series of claims arising out of stress at work for police officers, and in occupiers' or employers' liability claims for councils.

Public Inquiries

Rachit is experience in inquest work and specialises in inquests involving medical care and police inquests. He acts on

a CFA and pro bono basis where appropriate.

Rachit has been instructed to act for the Metropolitan Police in the Undercover Policing Inquiry from July 2015 and has a particular interest in the public law aspects of inquiry and inquest work.

Cases

Undercover Policing Inquiry

Wilson v Commissioner (claim arising out of harm caused by relationship with former undercover police officer)

Haxton v Philips Electronics Ltd (in the High Court; claim for reduction in value of dependency claim when both husband and wife contracted mesothelioma)

Ward v (1) Wellcome (2) Harrods H.H.J. Melissa Clarke (12 November 2021, unreported)

Wright v Secretary of State for Home Department (claim alleging breach of human rights from unlawful prison sentence)

Kennedy v Commissioner (claim made for psychiatric harm arising out of service by a former undercover police officer)

Memberships

Rachit is an active member of PIBA.

Qualifications & Awards

LLB comprising of BVC and GDL from 2008 – 2010 at College of Law (2:1 average).

MA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy, Economics of Health from University College London in 2010 – 2011 (Merit).

BSc. Human Genetics from University College London 2005 – 2008 (First Class).

Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn).

Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn).

Publications

Contributor *Asbestos: Law & Litigation,* Sweet & Maxwell, 2019 (Chapters; Common Law, Statutory duties)

Directories

Rachit is an outstanding barrister. He has strong attention to detail and a great bedside manner with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

Rachit is very experienced and this is demonstrated by his attention to detail and concise advice about what steps need to be taken to overcome any issues. His client care skills are second to none. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

Rachit Buch is a pleasure to work with and consistently delivers excellent results. His strategic insight and calm, confident advocacy make him highly effective in achieving successful outcomes. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

Rachit's client care skills are commendable, ensuring that clients feel informed and supported throughout the process. His thorough approach and extensive legal knowledge makes him a highly trusted and respected figure in the field of asbestos disease claims. – Legal 500, 2026

Ability to quickly identify and analyse the relevant factors in a case. Excellent with clients and skilled at negotiating. – Legal 500, 2026

He is a KC in the making, dealing with complex and high-value claims independently and efficiently. – *Chambers & Partners, 2025*

He has excellent knowledge in all areas but especially disease. – *Chambers & Partners, 2025*

Rachit has it all: technical acumen, commercial awareness, tenacity to do the best for his clients, an empathetic tone and a real consideration for all aspects of a case.– *Chambers & Partners, 2025*

Rach has an instinct for medicine and a wonderful eye for detail. Calm, friendly, approachable and a great team player. Well-prepared, polite but firm in advocacy. – Legal 500, 2025

Rachit has a phenomenal eye for detail, he is always brilliantly prepared, and genuinely has the knack of putting clients at their ease. – Legal 500, 2025

Rachit is pragmatic, approachable and a strong advocate for asbestos victims. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Rachit excels at understanding both the overall picture and the important details of the case. He has a great manner with clients and provides pragmatic advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

He gives thorough and well-reasoned advice and his manner in conference is excellent. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

He explains things in a way that clients understand and they always appreciate his advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Counsel have in-depth knowledge and a high level of expertise. – Legal 500, 2017

The set of choice for personal injury matters including travel litigation, which is an area that chambers is constantly strengthening. – Legal 500, 2017

Second-to-none strength in depth and a broad church of barristers, all of whom are fiercely intelligent. – Legal 500, 2015

A wealth of talent at both senior and junior levels acting for both claimants and defendants – Chambers & Partner, 2015