

NIGEL POOLE QC

Year of call: 1989
Year of silk: 2012

Clerked by: Stephen Loxton

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:
Clinical Negligence & Healthcare Inquests Serious Injury



Serious Injury

Nigel's personal injury work is for claimants and defendants. He has represented many families at Inquests and in Human Rights Act claims following the death of a patient.

Significant Reported Cases :

Billett v MOD [2015] EWCA Civ 773 - Loss of earning capacity and the definition of disability

Poole v Wright [2013] EWHC 2375 (QB) - liability of a go-kart owner who made it available for use by a friend

Thomas v Warwickshire CC [2011] EWHC 772 - liability of highway authority for lump of concrete spilled on road surface which caused cyclist to fall.

Murray v Cassidy [2002] EWCA Civ 411 - issue estoppel

Thompson v Home Office [2001] EWCA Civ 331 - liability of Home Office to prisoner assaulted by another

Profile

Nigel is ranked as a leading QC by Chambers UK and the Legal 500. He is Head of Chambers and sits as a Recorder and a chair of the Bar Tribunal and Adjudication Service. He has appeared in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. He writes a blog, Learned Friend, which has had over 150,000 site visits. He has given many lectures and seminars around the country on subjects including human rights, loss of earning capacity and proving reduction in life expectancy.

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Memberships

PNBA

PIBA

AvMA

Qualifications

BA Hons (First Class) The Queen's College

Appointments

Deputy High Court Judge - 2017 to date

Recorder - 2010 to date

Legal Assessor, GMC 2002 to 2012

Chair, BTAS - 2013 to date

Head of Chambers - 2017 to date

Publications

Various articles in the Journal of Personal Injury Law

Recommendations:

Legal 500, 2020

"A first-rate mind that has the ear of clients and the court."

Chambers UK 2020

"He is unflappable and puts clients at ease." "His manner is amazing and he has an exceptionally empathetic approach." "He's very good in court and also very friendly, knowledgeable and approachable."

"He's friendly, approachable, and his advice is always accurate and helpful."

"He is very calm and very thorough and his advocacy is excellent." "Smart and streetwise, excellent with clients and really good on his feet. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend him." "He has encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and he is very willing to share that knowledge, and is generous with his time."

Chambers UK 2018

"At the top of his game. Incredibly impressive." "Only used for the most significant cases with difficult points of medical causation. He is easy to get along with."

"Despite Nigel being someone at the very top of his profession, he remains very client-focused, down to earth and approachable. He has a refreshing approach which is rarely seen in someone of his calibre and is equally at ease speaking to vulnerable clients as he is speaking to difficult experts, other counsel and his instructing solicitor." "He is very bright and is a very impressive advocate. He is also incredibly approachable and works alongside his instructing solicitors to achieve the best result for clients."

Legal 500 2018

'On his feet he is surgical, precise and always in control.'

Chambers UK 2017

"He's one of the best silks in clinical negligence nationally. He has excellent client care skills and goes above and beyond to fight issues." "He is extremely down-to-earth with no airs and graces and is very bright. He manages cases sensitively but firmly, which is a real gift, and is very quick with returning papers."

"He is incredibly astute, and also quite ingenious; he's always thinking about different angles." "He's extremely focused and incredibly collaborative, with excellent client-care skills."

Legal 500

'Passionate about his cases and willing to push boundaries.'

Chambers UK 2016

"A very reliable pair of hands. He has a confident approach to difficult issues, he doesn't get fazed and won't settle at any cost. He's happy to fight a corner that's worth fighting for."

"His preparation for difficult cases is unsurpassable. He is supremely gifted intellectually."

"He is superb - very skilful and polished in court. He is also brilliant with clients and very down to earth."

Chambers UK

Well known for his skilful handling of a range of catastrophic injury claims.

Legal 500

