

JASMINE SKANDER

Year of call: 2011

Qualifications: Law LLB (hons)

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare
Military Serious Injury Abuse and
Human Rights



Profile

Jasmine brings experience and expertise to clinical negligence matters, high value and complex CICA matters, claims arising from service in the armed forces and claims arising from abuse. Jasmine also accepts work on more general personal injury cases.

By virtue of the work that Jasmine undertakes she is highly sensitive and client-focussed.

In addition to the above, Jasmine also assists the team by servicing chambers' contract insurance work, as and when required.

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Areas of expertise

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Jasmine undertakes a range of clinical negligence cases and has acted for parties in numerous matters, including for example, negligence during childbirth, neonatal management, misdiagnosis and/or late diagnosis of serious conditions and negligent surgical procedures.

Jasmine has worked both as sole counsel and as junior counsel on cases of ranging value. In 2017 she acted as junior to Satinder Hunjan QC on a clinical negligence matter, which recently settled for a figure in excess of £10 million.

Mostly as a consequence of her clinical negligence practice, Jasmine is experienced in Coronial matters. In 2018 Jasmine represented the family at a multi-day inquest into the death of a baby who suffered from hypoxic brain injury following birth at hospital.

Military

Jasmine has a particular expertise in military personal injury, in both the civil and statutory scheme arena, and regularly represents injured armed forces men and women at the War Pensions Tribunal.

Jasmine is particularly experienced at representing clients who are suffering from the psychological effects caused as result of their service, as well as those who have sustained injuries including for example, gunshot wounds, spinal injuries, chronic pain, compartment syndrome and amputation.

A significant element of Jasmine's practice is CICA work, which she has undertaken from the very start of her career. Jasmine is particularly aware of the complexities of the scheme and the case law which supports the same, she regularly represents appellants who come up against an array of issues, in some of the most serious and life changing cases one can encounter, including for example, historical sexual abuse, PTSD, burns, and severe brain injury requiring 24 hour care.

The remaining strand of Jasmine's Personal Injury practice relates to injury occasioned by abuse.

Jasmine's interest in this area, initially flowed from her CICA and Military work which afforded her the opportunity and pleasure of representing

those who had, as victims of violent crimes, via the wrongs of others or by service, sustained the most severe psychological trauma, her experience in this area is growing at a pace and she is currently junior on a historical abuse in football matter, representing over a dozen Claimants.

Serious Injury

In the CICA tribunal Jasmine has been instructed to represent a range of appellants including those who have been victims of historic sexual abuse, rape and dependents of the victims of murder.

Jasmine has acted for Appellants who have sustained various injuries including, for example, severe brain injury (requiring 24-hour care), severe psychological injuries and injuries of a sensitive nature.

Likewise, in her military work, Jasmine has acted for claimants who have sustained life changing injuries, including brain injury, PTSD and amputation. It follows that Jasmine is well versed in injuries which are particular to the armed forces including NFI.

In respect of abuse claims, Jasmine has acted in cases where limitation, liability, causation and quantum are in dispute. In acting for victims of sexual, emotional and financial abuse, (including where the perpetrator is employed in a position of power and in the public eye), she has gained awareness of the particular injuries which flow from such abuse and has experience in respect of vulnerable clients including those who lack capacity and require involvement of the Court of Protection. Within this aspect of her practice, Jasmine has acted in both mediation and JSM, and again, as sole Counsel and as Junior to Silks.

Abuse and Human Rights

By way of overview the nature of the cases in which Jasmine has acted cover the full spectrum of abuse, including sexual, psychological and financial.

Jasmine has dealt with multiple matters in which all or any of the following are in issue: Limitation, Liability, Causation and Quantum. In 2018/2019 Jasmine acted (and continues to act) in matters which range in value from £90,000 (settlement at mediation) to in excess of £2 million.

In all of her cases, Jasmine is highly sensitive and effective at building an early rapport with clients. In many of her cases capacity in respect of either the litigation and/or management of affairs is an ongoing concern and Jasmine works as part of the legal team in this regard.

Within this aspect of her practice, Jasmine has represented clients in both Mediation and JSM, and again, as a Junior to Silks or as sole Junior Counsel.

Qualifications

Bar Vocational Course, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham (2010 - 11),
Law LLB (hons), Queen Mary University of London (2006-09)