

Dr Nicholas Braslavsky KC

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Nicholas Braslavsky KC is a leading practitioner in [catastrophic injury](#) and [clinical negligence](#) cases.

Nick acts for both claimants and defendants in cases involving traumatic injury of the utmost severity (principally neurological injury to the brain, spinal injuries and amputations) and for claimants in a wide range of clinical negligence cases (birth damage, failed/delayed diagnoses, emergency medicine, neurological/vascular accidents etc). Also, regulatory and allied clinical litigation arising from cosmetic surgery etc.

Nick has extensive experience in all aspects of catastrophic injury cases arising from a road traffic accident, aviation and shipping accidents, recreational activities (roller coaster and fairground rides, mountaineering, jet-skiing accidents, construction and building site as well as military accidents.

He has recently been involved in cases of aviation accidents in Antarctica, RAF aerobatic accidents and claims arising from terrorist attacks.

One of Nick's special interests (both in practice and as an academic) is biotechnology and development particularly in respect of prosthetics and advanced biomedical responses to acquired injury.

Nick has extensive experience of fatal accident cases, appearing at inquests and acting for both claimants and defendants in high profile cases.

Nick's military caseload has included mountaineering training accidents in Africa, catastrophic accidents during SAS training exercises on the Brecon Beacons, Snowdonia and elsewhere and fatal accident claims arising from accidents causing injuries of the utmost severity in the UK, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and Europe.

Nick is an expert practitioner on specific issues within utmost severity injury litigation including expert medical issues, capacity, quantification of losses together with form of award issues.

He practises throughout the UK from his Manchester chambers and will travel to meet clients in all parts of the UK and Ireland.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Clinical Negligence work of severity and/or complexity including cases involving injuries of max severity.

Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

Wiszniewski v Central Manchester HA, Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Clough v Tameside and Glossop HA Queen's Bench Division

Walkin v South Manchester HA Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Tetraplegia claim following roller-coaster ride

Severe lower limb injuries following jet ski accident

Representing families at Shoreham air disaster inquest

Successful Court of Appeal Judgment acting for 30+ claimants in cosmetic surgery/misrepresentation claim

Numerous catastrophic vehicle/motorcycle claims causing tetraplegia, paraplegia, PVS, MCS and other maximum severity brain damage cases.

Mediation

Personal Injury

Serious/catastrophic injury work including brain/spinal injuries, military accidents in training and abroad (Iraq, Bosnia, Europe, Afghanistan) and all forms of outdoor recreation and adventure sports including both mainstream sport (rugby, cricket, football, skiing) and others (leisure parks, roller-coasters, jet skiing, potholing, scouting etc)

Notable Personal Injury cases

Webster v Liddington Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Farrugia v Burtenshaw Queen's Bench Division

Smith v Fordyce Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Davies v Global Strategies Group (Hong Kong) Ltd Court of Appeal (Civil Division),

Ministry of Defence v Radclyffe Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Lambert v Clayton Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Jennings v Forestry Commission Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

McIntyre v Harland & Wolff PLC Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Morris v KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Court of Appeal/House of Lords

Cox v Transco PLC Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

Memberships

- PIBA
- Inner Temple

Qualifications

- LL.B (Hons) Ph.D

Appointments

- Qualified Mediator
- King's Counsel
- Recorder (Crime & Civil)
- Deputy High Court Judge
- Professor of Law, University of Birmingham
- Head of Chambers (2010-2017)

Publications

- Various in journals and books

Awards

Legal 500 2026

A silk who is extremely clear in his advice to clients and very approachable. His experience shows during complex negotiations. His is responsive and practical in his approach to cases.

Chambers UK 2026

"Nicholas is superb. We have our biggest case with him. He always holds his own. He keeps the dialogue moving."

"Nicholas is excellent and a joy to work with. He is very approachable and excels in high-value cases, particularly amputation."

"Nicholas is always prepared to take a robust approach."

"A very safe, capable pair of hands who is very knowledgeable and able to bring vast experience to bear."

Legal 500 2025

'Nicholas is a very impressive advocate and someone you want in your corner when the stakes are high. He is also very approachable and goes the extra mile to make himself available, he is great with clients and their families, and he has an ability to make even the most complex cases appear very straightforward.'

Chambers UK 2025

"We have had many invaluable discussions when planning case strategies."

"Has a can-do attitude and is an active listener."

"Excellent with clients."

"Nick is a brilliant silk and a joy to work with."

"Just a pleasure to work with."

"Good with clients."

"Brings a wealth of experience and nous to cases."

"My silk of choice."

Legal 500 2024

'Nicholas has great attention to detail and he is a safe pair of hands, especially when the stakes are very high. He is a fantastic advocate and a real heavyweight in catastrophic injury work.'

Chambers UK 2024

"He is a true heavyweight when it comes to catastrophic injury work. He is very approachable and someone you want on your side when the stakes are high, and there is a good chance the case will go to trial."

"He is very experienced in top level work with a relaxed manner clients love."

"Nicholas is excellent in any large personal injury claim. He is a great presence in court, and easy going and down to earth with clients."

"Nick is highly professional, trustworthy, and always polite and warming towards clients. He is extremely knowledgeable and works with those instructing him closely; he is an excellent team player and, once instructed, is fully invested in the case. In the most complex of cases, he provides solutions, thinks outside the box, and provides mentorship to those working with him as to alternative ways to approach any given legal problem or scenario."

Chambers UK 2023

"Nicholas is a true heavyweight in personal injury matters."

"He is someone you want in your corner when it comes to trial in very complex catastrophic injury claims."

"Nicholas is excellent with clients."

Legal 500 2023

'Despite dealing with the most complex and valuable claims, Nicholas makes it look easy, which puts the clients at ease. He is unflappable and simply brilliant on his feet. He always has a keen eye for a commercial outcome without shying away from complex and often uncertain litigation.'

'Nick is enormously experienced. He is authoritative but approachable. Clients love him and always feel that they are in the best possible hands. He gets amazing results and will only accept settlement on the best possible terms. He commands respect from judges, barristers and clients.'

Chambers UK 2021

"Technically sound, practical and thinks outside of the box." "He is very experienced and brings a calming influence." "He is outstanding on his feet and second to none when it comes to high-stakes liability trials."

"Approachable and easy to deal with." "He's client-focused at all times and shows genuine empathy. He gets straight to the heart of cases and he's immediately able to identify the core issues."

Legal 500, 2021

"A very safe pair of hands with the most complex catastrophic personal injury claims. He always prepares meticulously and is someone you want on your side in very high value claims where there are tricky liability or causation issues in particular. He is also very down-to-earth and great with clients."

"Approachable and straight-talking – exactly what I want and what I expect from a heavy weight Silk"

Legal 500, 2020

"Good with clients, as well as being analytically and tactically strong."

Chambers UK 2020:

“Very experienced in handling claims of the utmost severity. He has excellent legal skills and employs a very practical approach to claims.” “He’s always reassuring and well prepared, and has an excellent manner with clients.” “A true heavyweight in the field of catastrophic personal injury work. He always prepares meticulously and is someone you want on your side in high-value claims involving tricky causation or liability issues.”

“He is always reassuring and well prepared, and has an excellent manner with clients. He’s courteous to all parties but will fight tenaciously for his client.”

Chambers UK 2018:

“He is always very well prepared and is great with clients. He puts them at ease and has great empathy. He leaves no stone unturned to get the best result for clients.” “He has a caring and gentle manner with clients but can be an aggressive advocate when necessary.”

“An excellent KC who is very meticulous and good on medical evidence. He thrives on complexity and is excellent with clients.” “Hugely experienced and a very smooth, reassuring presence. He is good at assimilating large documents and paring down the issues to get to the nitty-gritty.”

Accreditations

