

Nick Harrison

Year of Call: **2016 (Solicitor: 2004)**



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Nick conducts a mixed practice of Civil and Chancery law with particular focus on Personal Injury litigation.

Experience in personal injury litigation

Prior to transferring to the Bar in 2016, Nick was a solicitor. He trained at Pannone & Partners in Manchester under Deirdre Healy and Carol Brooks-Johnson from 2002 and 2004, assisting in brain injury and fatal accident claims valued at in excess of £1m.

He worked at Aequitas Legal in Manchester between 2011 and 2015 before leaving to set up an advocacy-focused Bar Standards Board entity with a leading personal injury Silk.

During his years practising as a Solicitor, Nick conducted a mixed caseload of fast-track and multi-track cases including claims involving amputation, serious complex fracture and other serious injuries. He has also conducted fatal accident claims up to pleaded value of £2.5m.

In the year prior to transferring to the Bar, Nick handled a caseload of complex and high-value stress at work claims, including drafting pleadings and high-value schedules of loss.

Instructions

Nick has significant trial experience in road traffic accident and credit hire claims (to multi-track value); personal injury fraud; occupiers' liability and public liability claims.

Nick has also had success in applications arising from interpretation and application of MOJ portal/protocol rules including successful applications for exceptional costs.

Nick is happy to receive instructions from both Claimants and Defendants.

Nick is particularly experienced in dealing with costs budgets and will happily accept instructions for CCMCs and other case management hearings.

Cycling injury claims

Nick is a keen road cyclist and has raced at local road race level. He has significant experience in handling cycle injury claims. He has a deep knowledge of the culture of cycling.

Inquests

Nick is happy to take instructions to attend inquests.

Sports Law

Nick has a developing interest in Sports Law. In 2017, he was appointed by a selection panel to the Sports Resolutions UK Pro Bono Panel to assist athletes in: Anti-doping; Sports Discipline; Athlete Selection; and Player Contracts. Nick is also a member of the Centre for Sports Law Research (Edge Hill University).

Chancery and commercial

Nick's Chancery and Commercial practice focuses on: Debt matters; insolvency and bankruptcy; and general contractual disputes.

Education

University of Central Lancashire – Law, LLB (Hons) – 2:1
College of Law (Chester) – Legal Practice Course
Called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 2016

Professional Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association
Sports Resolutions (UK) Pro Bono Panel
PNBA Professional Negligence Bar Association
APIL

Notable Cases

Clinical negligence – attended a CCMC for the Claimant who had a lower leg amputation arising from negligent post-surgical care.

Stress at Work – Acted for a former nurse who alleges she suffered psychiatric illness as a result of unfounded investigations into failures in medication administration. Ongoing.

Represented a cyclist who suffered a head injury as a result of falling from his bike on a shallow-angled tramline. The Claimant alleges numerous failings in road design and warning signage. Ongoing

Represented the Care Quality Commission at an Inquest.

Represented a family at an Inquest touching on a death following heart surgery.

Succeeded at Appeal on a credit hire claim for a Claimant taxi-driver. The appeal arose from a stage 3 assessment of damages at which the DDJ proceeded to assess the basic hire rate despite the Defendant producing no rates evidence. The Appeal court held that to be beyond the discretion of the Judge. Further, the Appeal court dismissed the Defendant's contention that a taxi driver should only have the lower of his loss of profit or the credit hire rate.