

Jonathan Lindfield



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Practice Overview

Jonathan is a specialist Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence practitioner. He has a busy practice, balancing frequent court appearances with regular paperwork, and routinely acts for both claimants and defendants.

He is regularly instructed on all levels of claim, from Small Claims to cases on the Multi-Track, and is well-experienced in providing detailed, clear, tactically sound advice at all stages of the litigation process, as well as being well-versed in courtroom advocacy. Jonathan regularly drafts pleadings, Letters of Claim, Part 35 questions to experts, Part 18 questions, as well as a range of other documents.

He is an approachable, personable advocate who has a down-to-earth approach with both lay and professional clients. He understands the challenges faced by those instructing him, particularly with respect to limited costs recovery, and endeavours to reflect that in his attitude towards the turnaround of paperwork and cases in general. He is happy to accept work on a CFA basis in suitable cases.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Jonathan has a practice covering all areas of personal injury litigation, including RTAs, Occupiers'/Public/Employers' Liability, Defective Premises, Product Liability, and many others. He has a particular interest in claims involving Credit Hire (in which he has appeared at appellate level), Highways Act claims, and claims where there are allegations of fundamental dishonesty. Jonathan also has experience in the field of NIHL claims, particularly with regard to limitation issues. Jonathan is fully conversant with all costs provisions in personal injury claims, from Portal claims to budgeting considerations at CCMC.

He has built a busy practice, regularly appearing in the County Court across the Western Circuit (and further) on a wide range of matters. He enjoys good relationships with his clients, and is sympathetic to their needs, particularly where costs recovery is limited. He provides a well-considered, professional, and approachable service to his clients, and is happy to accept instructions on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

Clinical Negligence

Jonathan has experience of a wide range of Clinical Negligence matters, including cases of failed/late diagnosis, consent, operative techniques, dental negligence and many others. He has drafted a wide variety of pleadings for Claimants and Defendants, including Part 20 claims (including contribution claims), as well as other papers in various applications and interim matters.

Jonathan takes a keen interest in medicine, and is comfortable dealing with large volumes of medical records, expert evidence, and is recognises that often in clinical negligence quick turnaround of paperwork is key. He is happy to undertake work on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

Professional memberships

- ▶ PIBA
- ▶ Western Circuit

Qualifications & awards

- ▶ MA (Oxon), Jurisprudence (The Queen's College, University of Oxford)
- ▶ BPTC (Nottingham Law School) – Outstanding
- ▶ Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn
- ▶ Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- ▶ Inter-Provider Mooting Competition Winner, Lincoln's Inn
- ▶ Advocacy Prize for highest overall marks in Advocacy Assessments, Nottingham Law School
- ▶ Norton Rose Fulbright Prize for the Highest Marks in Company Law, University of Oxford

Additional information:

Jonathan studied Jurisprudence at The Queen's College, Oxford, before completing his BPTC at Nottingham Law School. Jonathan has previously worked as an Assistant to a Barrister in Nottingham and as a volunteer in a local solicitor's firm in Brighton.

Jonathan is a big sporting fan, and a keen supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion. He plays the saxophone and guitar, and enjoys travelling.

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