

## **Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst**

### **Clinical Negligence**



Year of Call: 2019

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Neil is dual qualified in Medicine and Law, specialising in Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury.

Neil started his medical career in the Royal Army Medical Corps and has practised both within the Army and in the civilian world. He has over a decade of experience as a doctor, having specialised in Orthopaedics and Major Trauma. Latterly, Neil held the position of Honorary Consultant Trauma Co-ordinator for the Major Trauma Service at University Hospitals Birmingham, which hosts the Royal Centre of Defence Medicine.

During his clinical career, Neil was actively involved in research. He was a member of the Plastics Operative Workload in Major Trauma Centres (POW-MTC), UK Wound management in Open Lower Limb Fractures (UK WOLLF), and UK Fixation of Distal Tibia Fractures (UK FixDT) multicentre research collaboratives. His research has been published on numerous occasions by international peer review journals. Furthermore, his work has been presented at several international conferences.

In addition to his clinical work, Neil was appointed a Medical Member of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal in 2016; he continued to sit in this capacity until 2022.

Neil brings to his legal practice his medical knowledge and experience. He is skilled at analysing medical records and benefits from his own personal experiences of the realities of working within the clinical setting. In addition, through his research experience, he has acquired the critical analytical skills required to effectively evaluate scientific papers.

Neil continued his medical practice alongside his full time legal studies. During his time at the University of Law, Birmingham, he received several academic awards, culminating in the Baron Dr ver Heyden De Lancey Prize.

Neil appears in court on a wide range of matters, including trials and interlocutory hearings. Neil balances

his court work with a busy paperwork practice. In the field of Clinical Negligence, he regularly drafts pleadings, schedules, and advices in relation to a variety of clinical negligence claims.

Neil is happy to accept instructions across a wide range of medical and surgical specialisms. Given his professional background, he has particular interest in cases pertaining to orthopaedics. He is equally comfortable taking instructions from both claimants and defendants.

Neil has experience of a variety of clinical negligence cases including, but not limited to, the following core areas:

- Fatal claims;
- Brain injury;
- Spinal Injury; and
- Delayed and/or misdiagnosis of cancer.

## Recommendations

“Neil’s medical knowledge adds value as a barrister, ability to give clear advice and ability to speak with the medical experts and decipher medical terms. He can gain the lay client’s trust and confidence quickly. He has an excellent manner and can communicate complex medical issues in clear non-medical language.”

**Legal 500 Rising Star (Tier 1) Clinical Negligence**

“Neil adds extra value as a barrister in this area with all his medical knowledge as a clinician. He has handled various inquests for us where his skills are invaluable.”

**Legal 500 2023 Rising Star (Tier 1)**

## Appointments

Medical Member, Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service – 2016-2022

Member, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority’s Appeals Committee

Approved Panel Chair for Disciplinary Sub-Committee Hearings of the Conservative Party

## Awards

- Baron Dr ver Heyden De Lancey Prize, Middle Temple, 2018
- Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple, 2018
- Diplock Scholar, Middle Temple, 2017

## Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- General Medical Council
- Royal College of Surgeons of England
- British Medical Association
- Medical Protection Society- Birmingham Medico-Legal Society
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health

## Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law Birmingham (2017-2018): Outstanding
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law Birmingham (2016-2017): Commendation
- Diploma in Legal Medicine, Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (2015)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Trauma Sciences (Military and Austere), Queen Mary University of London (2014): Distinction
- Diploma in the Medical Care of Catastrophes, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries (2012)
- Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons (2012)
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, University of Nottingham (2007)
- Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons), University of Nottingham (2005)