

# Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst

Call: 2018

Neil's medical knowledge adds value as a barrister, [along with his] 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 2024



Neil Shastri-Hurst is dual qualified in Medicine and Law, with almost two decades of experience in the healthcare sector. Specialising in healthcare law, Neil's practice encompasses Regulatory, Professional Discipline, Coronial, and Clinical Negligence matters. He is also a qualified mediator.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Neil qualified in Medicine. He started his medical career in the Royal Army Medical Corps and has practised both within the Army and in the civilian world. He 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.

In addition to his practice at the Bar, Neil sits as a member of the Appeals Committee of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and as an approved Panel Chair for Disciplinary Sub-Committee Hearings of the Conservative Party. From 2016 to 2022, Neil sat as a Medical Member of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal.

## Expertise

### Clinical Negligence

Neil is dual qualified in Medicine and Law, specialising in Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury litigation. Neil is happy to accept instructions across a wide range of medical and surgical specialisms, from both claimants and defendants. Given his professional background, he has particular interest in cases pertaining to surgical disciplines, in particular Orthopaedics.

He 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 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. He is frequently instructed to chair conferences with experts.

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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.

## Personal Injury

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In the field of Personal Injury, Neil maintains a broad practice across all core areas, including those involving life changing injuries and fatal claims. He appears in court on a wide range of matters, including trials and interlocutory hearings. He balances his court work with a busy paperwork practice. He regularly drafts pleadings and advices in relation to multi-track matters. He is equally happy to accept instructions from both claimants and defendants.

Given his professional background, Neil has developed a particular interest in cases involving major traumatic injuries. He has brought his medical experience to bear when being led on cases involving catastrophic injuries.

## Mediation

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Neil is dual-qualified in Medicine and Law. He is also an accredited civil and commercial mediator.

He brings to his legal practice his medical knowledge and experience. This combination of experiences makes him particularly suited to mediating in disputes involving healthcare issues.

Neil is happy to accept mediation work across the full range of civil and commercial disputes.

## Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law

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Neil is dual qualified in Medicine and Law. He brings to the Bar his experiences of working within both the civilian and military medical settings.

Inquests form a significant part of Neil's practice; especially those where the quality and appropriateness of clinical care has been brought into question. Neil has experience of both Article 2 and Non-Article 2 coronial inquiries. In this arena, his medical expertise comes to the fore. He has experience representing bereaved families, local authorities, and NHS Trusts. Recent cases include those in which subsequent disciplinary hearings and criminal proceedings loom large.

He brings to his legal practice his medical knowledge and experience. He is, not only, skilled at analysing medical records but also benefits from his own personal experiences of the realities of working within the clinical setting. This combination of experiences makes him uniquely suited to healthcare related law matters.

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## Regulatory

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Neil is qualified in both Medicine and Law.

Given his professional background and six years' experience sitting as a medical member on Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service Fitness to Practise hearings, Neil has a keen interest in Regulatory and Professional Discipline Law. He has extensive experience acting for Healthcare Regulators, in particular the Nursing and Midwifery Council for whom he is on their panel of case presenters. In addition to acting for Regulators, Neil also has experience in representing and advising registrants in relation to the full range of professional disciplinary matters. These include those cases relating to performance or dishonesty, right through to cases involving serious criminal offences. He is happy to take instructions across the board of healthcare professional bodies.

Neil brings to his legal practice his medical knowledge and experience. He is, not only, skilled at analysing medical records but also benefits from his own personal experiences of the realities of working within the clinical setting. This combination of experiences makes him uniquely suited to healthcare regulatory matters.

Neil's Regulatory and Professional Discipline practice is enhanced by his roles on the Appeals Committee of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and as an approved Panel Chair for Disciplinary Sub-Committee Hearings of the Conservative Party. These experiences provide a greater appreciation of wider regulatory and disciplinary matters.

## Accreditations

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

## 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

## Qualifications

- Civil and Commercial Mediator, accredited by the CPD Standards Office (2020)
- 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

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- Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, University of Nottingham (2007)
- Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons), University of Nottingham (2005)

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