

# Gemma Roberts

Call: 2006

"Gemma is very thorough and gets to the issues very quickly. She is good with clients and questions experts very well. She always works to time limits, responds quickly and provides clear advice."

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Gemma Roberts practice focuses solely on Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury related matters, acting on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants.

## Expertise

### Clinical Negligence

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Gemma has established a thriving and busy clinical negligence practice acting on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants. She has a wealth of experience in all stages of a litigation, from inquest to trial, and brings a successful combination of robust advocacy with sensitivity for a client's individual needs. She regularly advises in writing or in conference and can draft pleadings at short notice where necessary.

Gemma has particular experience of advising in cases of delayed or mis-diagnosis, gynaecological claims, oncological matters and failures in cosmetic procedures. Examples of her recent work include succeeding at trial in a claim involving failure of a hernia repair which caused major internal injury, being lead by Paul Bleasdale QC as part of the group action against Dr Pattinson, disgraced breast surgeon, securing settlement for the family of a young patient who died following a tracheotomy failure, defending an NHS Trust over an alleged failure to obtain consent and acting for the mother in a neo-natal fatality claim.

Gemma has experience of a variety of clinical negligence cases, including the following areas: cancer; gynaecology and obstetrics; medical and surgical.

### Personal Injury

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Gemma has a broad multi-track Personal Injury practice with an emphasis on fatal, catastrophic and high value injuries. She acts on behalf of both claimants and defendants in all range of interlocutory and final hearings involving RTAs, accidents at work and industrial disease, as well as occupier and public liability claims. She also has a particular interest in insurance fraud work and cases involving allegations of

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fundamental dishonesty. Gemma enjoys her role as a pupil supervisor and mentor to some of the more junior members of chambers.

In addition to her work in the County and High Court, Gemma appears at Coroners' Inquests and has experience representing appellants in CICA Appeals Tribunals, a notable success being an award of almost £500,000 for a gun crime victim with severe psychological injuries.

Examples of her recent work include securing a seven-figure settlement at JSM in a fatal accident claim; obtaining a finding of fundamental dishonesty in a multi-track claim against multiple claimants; advising in a prosthesis claim following a severe accident at work and securing settlement for a claimant who suffered significant head, back and psychiatric injuries.

She is willing to accept work on a CFA basis where appropriate.

## Catastrophic Injury

Gemma's busy personal injury practice focuses on high value and serious injury claims. She has expertise in cases concerning spinal injury, brain injury, amputations, fatal accidents and industrial disease.

## Awards



## Memberships

- MCCBA
- Free Representation Unit
- Gray's Inn (Lord Uthwatt Scholarship 2005)

## Qualifications

- M.A Oxon; Philosophy, Politics and Economics (New College, Oxford)
- GDL BPP Law School (Commendation)
- BVC BPP Law School (Very Competent)

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## Other Information

- Gemma graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics before qualifying for the Bar in 2006 and undertaking pupillage in London.

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