

Oliver May

Call: 2018



Oliver May specialises in Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, and Inquests. He practises from No5's London office in Savoy Court.

Oliver has been instructed in cases at all levels of the civil courts in England and Wales, including the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Most notably, Oliver appeared before the Supreme Court in the landmark case of *Paul & Anor v Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust* [2024] UKSC 1, led by Henry Pitchers KC. Oliver has recently been instructed as part of the team of counsel to the inquest for HM Coroner's Investigations and Inquests into the Deaths of the Patients of Ian Paterson, led by Jonathan Jones KC.

In addition to court work, Oliver has a busy paperwork practice. He is experienced at drafting advice, pleadings, and inter partes correspondence.

Alongside his practice, Oliver is a committed advocate for equality and diversity. Oliver's contributions have included being a founding member and former Chair of Neurodiversity in Law, a member of the BSB Race Equality Task Force, and the Bar Council's Disability Panel. Oliver's efforts were recognised with his nomination for Future Leader: Diversity & Inclusion at the Chambers and Partners UK Bar Awards 2021. While Oliver was Chair of Neurodiversity in Law it was a finalist for two awards at the Women and Diversity in Law Awards 2023.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Oliver's practice includes all areas of Clinical Negligence. He accepts instructions from both claimants and defendants.

Oliver regularly leads conferences with experts, often involving nuanced factual matrices and complex medical causation. He is experienced in drafting advice and pleadings in cases concerning delayed or missed diagnosis, surgical complications, abuse, and psychiatric injury. Oliver has considerable experience of the appellate courts for a barrister of his call.

Oliver is happy to accept instructions for, *inter alia*:

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- advising in conference;
- written advice on liability;
- written advice on quantum;
- drafting pleadings;
- drafting schedules or counter schedules of loss;
- CMCs and CCMCs;
- interim hearings; and
- trials.

Personal Injury

Oliver practice includes all areas of Personal Injury. He accepts instructions from both claimants and defendants.

Oliver has a busy court and paperwork practices. Oliver appears in trials and interim hearings on a weekly basis. He has extensive experience of claims in which fundamental dishonesty is alleged.

Oliver has a particular interest in claims involving unusual or complex causes of action. He has extensive experience of claims under the Animals Act 1971, and of claims involving psychiatric injury and/or secondary victims. Oliver has considerable experience of the appellate courts for a barrister of his call.

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Accreditations

- Future Leader: Diversity & Inclusion (Nominee), Chambers and Partners (2021)
- Peter Rawlinson Memorial Prize for Advocacy, Inner Temple (2016)
- BPTC Exhibition Award, Inner Temple (2016)
- GDL Exhibition Award, Inner Temple (2015)

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

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- Neurodiversity in Law

Appointments

- Bar Council, Elected Member
- Bar Standards Board Race Equality Taskforce, Member
- Neurodiversity in Law, Vice Chair

Qualifications

- BPTC, Very Competent, BPP University (2018)
- GDL, Commendation, BPP University (2016)
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Politics, University of Bath (2013)

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