



Vaughan Jacob

Year of call: 2009

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Vaughan represents both claimants and defendants in a range of civil courts, including the Court of Appeal, High Court Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions and County Courts all over the country. He is routinely instructed in complex, high value litigation. He frequently appears as sole counsel against QCs and senior juniors.

Vaughan offers commercially sound and concise advice and representation at every stage of the litigation process, including pre-trial applications, interim injunctions, interlocutory hearings, costs and case management hearings and multi-track trials. He provides detailed and authoritative guidance on liability, causation and quantum and is able to respond to instructions quickly.

Vaughan regularly attends mediation, round table and joint settlement meetings and engages with alternative dispute resolution at every stage of the litigation process.

Vaughan has a particular interest in claims which involve allegations of fraud.

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Clinical Negligence

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Vaughan represents both the NHS and individual claimants. His expertise includes:

- Lack of consent to medical treatment
- Diagnostic failure
- Delayed diagnosis
- Failed surgical treatments and procedures
- Negligent prescription and administration of drugs
- Negligent pre-surgical and post operative care
- Claims involving a break in the chain of causation
- In addition to court representation, Vaughan provides detailed and efficient written advice on breach of duty, causation, quantum and litigation tactics

Cases of note:

- ***MA v NHS [2021]*** - Represented the defendant NHS trust from the outset in this claim. The claimant claimed over £1.1m in damages arising from an alleged negligent jejunostomy exchange. Breach of duty, causation and quantum were in dispute. Vaughan argued the claim was vastly inflated due to the claimant's pre-existing and coterminous medical conditions. The claimant accepted the defendant's early commercial offer to settle of £150,000 shortly before a five-day trial, saving the NHS over £1m in damages and legal costs.
- ***KS v NHS [2021]*** - Represented the defendant NHS trust from the outset in this claim brought for over £700,000 following an admitted failure to provide a diagnosis of disseminated BCG infection. Breach of duty was admitted but causation and quantum remained in dispute. The claim settled at mediation with a reduction of over £300,000 from the claimed sum.
- ***Trueman v Practice Plus Group [2021]*** - Represented the claimant from the outset in relation to a failed stemless shoulder replacement procedure causing pain and necessitating further procedures. Reached a favourable settlement of £75,000 at an early stage of litigation.
- ***P v NHS [2021]*** - Representing the claimant family in relation to the lack of urgent treatment their daughter received which resulted in her death. Breach of duty and causation was admitted in 2021 following Vaughan's detailed letter of claim. The case on quantum is ongoing.
- ***Various claimants v NHS [2020]*** - Represented various NHS trusts and defended over 20 linked claims brought by claimants who underwent hip operations between 1995 and 2012 across the country. Worked in collaboration with Neil Block QC and Romilly Cummerson.

Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association

Qualifications

Education

- Law conversion and Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School London, VC.
- BA(Hons) English Literature, University of Warwick (1st class).

Scholarships and Prizes

- Major Harmsworth Scholar, Middle Temple, 2009

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