



Nina Goolamali KC

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Chambers and Partners

Nina Goolamali KC is highly regarded as a skilled and commercially astute advocate in her chosen fields of personal injury and sport. Described as being "one of the go-to KCs" who "prepares impeccably" and "inspires confidence", she is regularly instructed on behalf of Defendants in multi-million pound press sensitive cases especially when a new duty or standard of care is being advanced.

Twice nominated for Sports Law Silk of the Year by The Legal 500 (2022 and 2023), the Legal Directories have consistently listed Nina Goolamali KC as a Leading Practitioner in her chosen fields both as a Junior and in Silk.

Nina has a Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Law from King's College, London and is a member of the Sport Resolutions UK Pro Bono Legal Service. She is also part of the UK and Ireland Editorial Board of LawInSport, (a leading online international sports publication), and regularly speaks and writes on sports specific topics.

She holds the position of Specialist Arbitrator on the Sport Resolutions UK Panel. This is a 3 year appointment. She has also been a party appointed FA Rule K panel Arbitrator and has been admitted as a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb).

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Sport

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Sport

"Nina is a powerhouse in sports law. She knows both the law and the market inside out. A brilliant team leader and a formidable opponent." *The Legal 500* 2022.

Nina acts for players, teams and national governing bodies in all major sports in particular Rugby, Motorsport (Formula 1, MotoGP, Motocross, Speedway & Karting), and Football and Cycling.

Nina is currently instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of World Rugby in the highly publicised Rugby Union Concussion Test Case Litigation, the first class action of its kind in the UK.

Related Cases:

- ***Rugby Union Concussion Test Case Litigation (Ongoing)***

Instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of World Rugby. Leading William Clerk, Counsel at 2TG and Michael Standing, 39 Essex Chambers.

- ***Murray v Irish Football Association & Ors (2018-2020)***

Multi-million pound injury claim by footballer arising out of a tackle in national football match. Disputes arising out vicarious liability of Defendants, duty and standard of care issues. Quantum and causation also fully contested. Instructed on behalf of the Irish Football Association. Compromised on confidential terms. Instructed by Gordons Solicitors.

- ***S v Cardiff City Football Club & Ors (2019-Ongoing)***

Instructed by Cardiff City Football Club in preliminary advisory capacity in relation to tortious claims arising following tragic death of Emiliano Sala in an air crash in 2019. This litigation is concurrent with the multi-million pound commercial case arising out the transfer of the deceased player just prior to his death. The tortious case is at a preliminary stage.

- ***V v B & Ors (2020 – ongoing)***

Instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of British Cycling in relation to a catastrophic injury claim following an accident at a well known UK downhill cycling venue. Liability and quantum fully contested.

- ***X v Y (2019) FA Rule K Arbitration***

Party nominated panel Arbitrator (with Mark Hovell of Mills & Reeve as Chair and David Casement QC) in FA Rule K arbitration arising out of an alleged breach of a player representation contract. Settled.

- ***Cillian Willis v Sale Sharks & Ors (2017-2019)***

Instructed by DWF on behalf of Sale Sharks in a case brought by a former professional rugby player, for damages arising out of alleged negligent management in relation to concussion injuries suffered during a rugby match. Believed to be the first claim of this kind in the UK following on from the class-action concussion case brought by more than 4,500 former NFL players in the USA. Ultimately discontinued against Sale Sharks following interlocutory hearings.

<https://www.salesharks.com/2019/01/08/club-statment-cillian-willis/>

- ***Estate of Maria De Villota v Manor GP Racing Limited (2017)***

Litigation arising out of a crash on 03.07.12 whilst Maria de Villota (F1 test driver) was carrying out testing for Marussia. Litigation concluded on confidential terms. See joint press release issued by the parties. Instructed on behalf of the Defendant Formula 1 team. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-41593817>

Recommendations

The Legal Directories have consistently listed Nina Goolamali KC as a Leading Practitioner in her chosen fields both as a Junior and in Silk. Recommendations over the last 4 years include the following:

"Nina is always great with clients; she builds trust and engagement and is a brilliant negotiator and advocate with a tremendous eye for detail." Chambers and Partners 2024

"Her tactical awareness and ability to retain information and find creative solutions is really top level. Her user-friendliness is second to none, as are her customer service and her understanding of the realities of litigation." Chambers and Partners 2024

"Nina is...a fearsome negotiator – definitely someone you want in your corner, and not your opponent's. She is always on top of her brief, and has the ear of the court as a result." The Legal 500 2024

"Nina prepares impeccably, has unsurpassed knowledge and is a friendly and approachable team player." The Legal 500 2023

"The standout silk with a sport and PI overlap, specialising in the sporting context." The Legal 500 2023

"She has great interpersonal skills and a tremendously forensic eye for detail." Chambers and Partners 2023

"Nina provides incredible focus, knowledge and customer service." Chambers and Partners 2023

"Nina is a powerhouse in sports law. She knows both the law and the market inside out. A brilliant team leader and a formidable opponent." The Legal 500 2022

"Nina has an excellent eye for detail. She is very thorough and approachable, very commercial and excellent on complex quantum and liability cases." The Legal 500 2022

"Her legal knowledge, meticulous preparation, attention to detail, creative tactical thinking and understanding of the detail of a case are all of the very highest calibre." Chambers and Partners 2022

"She is one of the go-to KCs for matters involving injuries and compensation." Chambers and Partners 2022

"She has an excellent manner with clients. She takes a commercial approach to litigation and represents clients forthrightly when required." Chambers and Partners 2021

"Nina does great work. She's building an impressive reputation in the [sports law] field." Chambers and Partners 2021

"A commercially-minded practitioner whose knowledge of catastrophic injury is second to none. A firm negotiator but with a pragmatic side that makes her a firm favourite with clients." The Legal 500 2021

"Hugely hard-working, inspires confidence and an absolute authority on all things negligence. She gives direct, commercial advice." The Legal 500 2021

"Her clear-eyed compassionate approach masks a steely determination to achieve the best results." The Legal 500 2020

"She gives direct, commercial advice." The Legal 500 2020

"She is knowledgeable, commercially focused and sharp...First rate on motorsport injury cases...she is our go-to counsel in such claims." Chambers and Partners 2020

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PIBA)

- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)

Qualifications

Education

- MA, Jurisprudence. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Law, Kings College, London

Scholarships, Prizes and Industry Recognition

- Shortlisted for The Legal 500 Sport Silk of the Year Award in 2022 and 2023
- Shortlisted for Chambers & Partners Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year Award in 2016
- Lady Margaret Hall Essay Prize in Law
- Lady Margaret Hall Parker Scholarship
- Sheelagh Griffiths Award in Law
- Harmsworth Scholar of Middle Temple

Appointments

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)
- Specialist Arbitrator, Sport Resolutions UK
- Editorial Board (UK and Ireland), LawinSport
- Advocacy Trainer, Middle Temple
- Director of the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited 2014-2020

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