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Nicola has a wide-ranging practice that encompasses public law, medical negligence, professional regulation and discipline, Court of Protection (health and welfare and property and affairs), costs and personal injury.

She is ranked as a leading junior in the directories in the areas of professional discipline, administrative and public law, clinical negligence, costs, Court of Protection and community care law.

Her clients include NHS and private care bodies, individuals, a range of regulators (from the General Pharmaceutical Council and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) and those they regulate, local authorities and private sector bodies, individuals and companies.

She has experience as an advocate in a wide-range of courts and tribunals including the Court of Appeal.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative / Public / Human Rights Law (including health, mental health, local government, community care)
- Clinical Negligence
- Costs & Litigation Funding
- Regulatory & Disciplinary
- Incapacity & Best Interests

- Personal Injury
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
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SECTORS

- Sport
 - Information Rights
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PRACTICE AREAS

ADMINISTRATIVE / PUBLIC / HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (INCLUDING HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY CARE)

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Recent work includes:

- Acting in public/private cross-over claims for declarations or damages for breach of the HRA in the context of the provision of healthcare and community care services, claims against the police and other public bodies.
- Claims for breach of confidence, misuse of private information and breaches of the DPA/GDPR and Article 8 against public bodies. Acted in a number of disputes involving claims against the police, health care bodies and local government for damages and/or other relief.
- Acting for health bodies, local authorities, individuals and companies in continuing healthcare disputes involving restitution / vires issues. She is currently instructed in a number of high value cases where claims are brought for sums wrongfully paid in the past.
- Human Rights act claims in the commercial context involving A1P1. Currently instructed by the DVLA in a dispute relating to vehicle licence plate numbers.
- Acting in judicial review claims concerning the reconfiguration of health services including allegations of failure to consult or act in accordance with PSED duties. Was recently instructed in the judicial

review challenge to the reconfiguration of critical care services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton.

- Advising on public law issues arising from health care commissioning and foreign nationals including access to fertility services and other types of healthcare.
- Acting in claims for misfeasance in public office. Currently representing police officers in claims for misfeasance in public office against the IOPC.
- Advising and representing a regulatory body in election challenges brought against internal elections.
- Advising on the vires of activities by a Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Advising a local authority on the legality of partnership arrangements under the NHS Act 2006 and potential breach of contract claims.
- Advising on judicial review and contract law claims by care providers
- Representing health bodies in judicial review challenges to general medical and dental service contracts.
- Acting in a telecommunications dispute in Trinidad and Tobago with Nigel Pleming QC raising public law issues.

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

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Instructed in cases acting on behalf of claimants, NHS Resolution and private health care providers. Nicola has a broad practice in this area and has particular expertise in cases involving spinal injury, mental health and/or neurological disorders. She is also experienced in cases involving HRA, COP and deputyship issues.

Nicola's recent cases include:

- Acting in claims for breaches of Article 8, duty of confidentiality and GDPR/DPA against health care providers
- Public/private law cross-over claims against health care providers including claims for deprivation of liberty or other MCA related issues, misuse of private information/ DPA/GDPR claims or other HRA breaches including fatal claims (currently instructed in a HRA claim relating to storage of a body/compliance with the Human Tissue Act)
- Representing a private hospital in a claim brought in negligence and under the HRA about historic allegations of mistreatment of mental health problems as a child and adolescent raising complicated

limitation and capacity issues.

- High value claims involving delay in diagnosis and treatment of spinal injury/infection and cauda equina including claims raising complicated issues in relation to causation and pre-existing conditions. Recently acted in a liability dispute involving delay in diagnosis of spinal discitis. Liability has been compromised and the matter proceeds to an assessment of damages.
- Junior counsel to the MoD in the claims brought by soldiers who were prescribed Lariam as an anti-malarial drug.
- Acting for a claimant who experienced a delay in diagnosis of cervical cancer and brought claims for fertility treatment costs including surrogacy. Claim has been settled.
- Representing a claimant in a high value claim for a functional neurological disorder /chronic pain following a stroke caused by negligent treatment. Case settled at mediation.
- Represented an NHS Trust in the first claim brought for damages for failure to follow an advance directive under the Mental Capacity Act. Case settled at a RTM for £45,000 (Brenda Grant v George Eliot Hospital)
- Representing the estate/dependants of a woman who committed suicide following her discharge by a psychiatric nurse from an A and E department
- Instructed in the group action being brought against the MoD in relation to the prescription of the anti-malarial drug Lariam to serving members of the armed forces
- .Delay in diagnosis of cancer.
- Claims involving alleged negligent management of head injury.
- Cerebral palsy claims – liability and quantum issues.
- Shoulder dystocia claims.
- Negligent management of patient on warfarin and alleged warfarin overdose. Risk of stroke in any event.
- MRSA / MSSA infections and seeding issues.
- Head injury at work and alleged delay in arranging transfer by A and E department to specialist neurological unit.
- Negligent failure to diagnose septicaemia in a drug addict leading to death. Complicated issues concerning evaluation of quantum in a fatal accident claim where dependents live in separate households following death.
- Alleged negligent advice of out of hours nurse in relation to diarrhoea associated with salmonella poisoning resulting in ileostomy – issues of contribution between out of hours nurse and GPs. Causation issues as to condition in any event, particularly premorbid psychiatric history.
- Alleged negligent abdominal plastic surgery.
- Alleged negligent care of woman during pregnancy with anti-phospholipid syndrome, whether would have developed severe pre-eclampsia in any event.
- Negligent performance of hysterectomy on a trainee GP. Pre-existing psychiatric history and issues as to impact of negligence on medical career / loss of earnings.

- Alleged negligent insertion of an arterial line in a neonate leading to necrosis of the hand.

COSTS & LITIGATION FUNDING

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"A very clever barrister" who "provides no-fuss, responsive and pragmatic advice." Chambers UK 2019

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"Shows great intellect when it comes to legal and factual analysis, and is a calm and assured advocate." Chambers UK 2018

"She specialises in matters arising from clinical negligence and personal injury." Legal 500 2017

Nicola advises on and appears at detailed assessment hearings and other costs cases in the Senior Court Costs Office and the County and High Courts on behalf of paying and receiving parties. She has considerable experience in dealing with Group Litigation costs (having been instructed to deal with costs matters in the Coal Coke Ovens Group Litigation). She is particularly experienced in costs issues arising from clinical negligence and personal injury litigation and cost issues arising from QOCS. She is often instructed in cases involving legal aid costs and costs applications against the Lord Chancellor. She has experience of advising on and drafting DBAs. She recently acted in a high value costs dispute in the Court of Protection. She is currently acting in a number of cases involving the application of set-off in different contexts. She has experience of wasted costs applications and is currently instructed in a high profile wasted costs matter. She was successful in defending the Re Eastwood principle in the context of government costs (*Bakhtiyar v SSHD* (2015 UT)). She has acted in a dispute about early disclosure of ATE policies. She is available to give advice and representation in a variety of costs cases and lectures regularly on costs issues.

REGULATORY & DISCIPLINARY

"Provides no-fuss, pragmatic advice. Her public law experience and her legal instinct are particularly valued by our regulatory clients." Chambers UK 2020

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"Responsive, pragmatic advice and extensive public law experience." Chambers UK 2019

"Very knowledgeable and approachable." "She gives clear and easy advice which is also commercial and sensible." Chambers UK 2018

"A well-respected junior, who has a very good manner with clients" – Legal 500 2017

Including disciplinary hearings, High Court applications and appeals, legal assessing and policy advice.

Experience includes:

- Acting in regulatory appeals or judicial review claims for the GMC, GDC and GPhC
- Nicola is acting in a claim brought by police officers for breach of their Convention rights and misfeasance in public office arising from an IPCC investigation
- Acting for a regulator in election challenges brought under its Election Challenge Scheme.

- Representing registrants before the BACP and HCPC and UKCP.
- Representing registrants before the General Osteopathic Council.
- Prosecuting on behalf of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and defending judicial review claims brought against the RCVS.
- Acting as legal advisor to CCG panels.
- Representing solicitors in SRA proceedings. Representing a solicitor in a judicial review claim against the SRA.
- Representing the GCC in registration appeals.

INCAPACITY & BEST INTERESTS

"She has a very, very good command of the law." Chambers UK 2019

"She is very knowledgeable and thorough." The Legal 500 2018

"She is very experienced in healthcare and public law cases with a medical aspect." Chambers UK 2018

"She relates well to clients and combines an awareness of their position with the ability to read the court." Legal 500 2017

Recent work includes:

Representing the OS, private individuals, local authorities and health bodies in a wide range of cases involving adult health, welfare and finances in the inherent jurisdiction and before the Court of Protection including cases involving urgent medical treatment, injunctions, deprivation of liberty, physical and financial abuse and combined Court of Protection and judicial review proceedings. She has acted in a large number of medical treatment cases concerning adults and children, on behalf of Hospital Trusts, the Official Solicitor and family members including end of life cases. She is particularly well placed to deal with medical treatment cases given her wide-ranging clinical negligence experience.

She is also regularly instructed in property and affairs cases including challenges to deputyship appointments and/or claims brought against deputies or attorneys and/or issues arising in the management of large personal injury funds (including social care/funding).

PERSONAL INJURY

Nicola acts for claimants and defendants in personal injury cases. Her experience includes employer's liability and public liability claims for claimants and defendants. She has experience in high value catastrophic injury, chronic pain and complex psychological/psychiatric injury including TBI. She has particular expertise in cases involving deputyship or Court of Protection issues, as a result of her Court of Protection practice. Recent work includes:

- Abuse claims, in particular those brought against care homes or health or social care providers in tort as well under the HRA.
- Historic abuse claims. Nicola has been instructed in cases involving the sexual abuse of children and sexual assault of adults and acts for victims and perpetrators. She is experienced in dealing with limitation and vicarious liability issues and is instructed by public bodies, including the MOD, in a number of historic abuse claims.

- Claims involving functional neurological disorders/factitious disorders
- Subtle TBI cases
- RTA claims
- Personal injuries involving accidents abroad/foreign law.
- Nicola is representing a group of vulnerable female prisoners claiming damages for assault and breaches of the Human Rights Act following unlawful searches
- Stress at work and bullying claims including under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- Fatal accident claims with difficult financial or service dependency claims. Suicide and self-harm in detention.
- Psychiatric injury/human rights claim arising from alleged wrongful delay in handing over a body for burial.
- Injury/human rights claims arising from wrongful prosecution/arrest/detention and misfeasance in public office.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Nicola has extensive experience of representing parties in mediations and joint settlement meetings in claims involving clinical negligence, personal injury, costs, COP and the HRA. She has considerable experience of ADR in multi-party disputes and in group litigation. She has experience of drawing up a compensation scheme for the resolution of low value claims in a group action.

SECTORS

SPORT

Nicola is an experienced advocate in civil, public and regulatory law. She is a member of 39 Essex Sports group. She has a particular interest in safeguarding issues as a result of her involvement in historic abuse litigation in the civil field, as well as her public law work involving abuse of vulnerable adults and children. She works in the following areas:

- Safeguarding issues in sport whether in the context of sports arbitrations or civil claims
- Disciplinary cases in the sporting context
- Advising on GDPR and confidentiality issues in the sporting context
- Acting in claims for damages for misuse of private information and/or breaches of the Data Protection Act and the Human Rights Act

Nicola has been appointed to Sport Resolution's National Safeguarding Panel.

Recent highlights include:

- Advising in relation to a high profile, confidential investigation into safeguarding issues in the employment law context, in particular GDPR issues and disclosure obligations

- Acting in sexual abuse claims raising issues of consent, vicarious liability and limitation
- Acting in disciplinary cases where the allegations concern inappropriate sexual misconduct/abuse of position
- Acting as a special advocate before a sports safeguarding panel in circumstances where material had been withheld from the subject of the investigation

INFORMATION RIGHTS

Frequently instructed on claims involving information rights including matters arising under the GDPR, Data Protection Act, as well as claims in tort for misuse of private information, claims for breach of confidence or under Articles 8 and 10 ECHR. She is often instructed in claims for damages against public bodies for breach of information rights including claims against the police, health care bodies and central and local government. She advises on subject access requests and has advised bodies on DPA/GDPR issues in the context of regulatory and disciplinary investigations.

CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW (INCLUDES HUMAN RIGHTS)

Re P (Discharge of Party) [2021] 1 WLR 3098 – Discharge of a mother as a party to proceedings without notice and without disclosure of evidence was unlawful; it was also unlawful to adjourn indefinitely the application inviting him to provide reasons. Acting for the Mental Health Trust.

Brennan v City of Bradford [2021] 1 WLUK 429. The acts or omissions of a mortuary in allowing a body to become badly decomposed such that it was unfit for viewing was a breach of the Article 8 rights of the deceased's relatives.

Phillips v Secretary of State for Transport (24 February 2020) – Strike-out hearing before HHJ Roberts concerning A1P1 and vehicle licence plate numbers.

Dewhirst v South Tees Hospital NHST (Permission granted, case settled, contested costs hearing). Consultation challenge to hospital re-configuration. Acted for claimant, led by Fenella Morris QC.

London Borough of Southwark v NP and NM [2019] EWCOP 48. Capacity and welfare dispute involving a young person with cerebral palsy and atypical anorexia.

R (on the application of Barking & Dagenham College) v Office for Students [2019] EWHC 2667 (Admin). Led by Fenella Morris QC in a judicial review challenge to the OfS's refusal to grant registration to a higher education provider. Application for an interim injunction restraining publication of the decision was refused.

R (on the application of Juttla & ors) v Hertfordshire Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group [2018] EWHC 267 (Admin). Decision to cease commissioning a respite service for children was in breach of CCG's duty to consult with the local authority about substantial development of the health service. Instructed by the CCG.

RH v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (DLA) [2018] UKUT 48, UT Judge Rowland. Considering the role of appointees and litigation friends in the Upper Tribunal

Re D (Medical Treatment) [2017] EWCOP 15. It was in the best interests of D to travel to Serbia to receive experimental stem cell treatment for acquired brain injury. Instructed by MOD.

Re Paul Briggs [2016] EWCOP 48, Charles J, Instructed by the Legal Aid Agency. The question of whether it was in someone's best interests to receive artificial nutrition and hydration was an issue to be determined in s.21A MCA 2005 proceedings.

National Aids Trust v NHS Commissioning Board & Local Government Association & anr [2016] EWHC 2005 (Admin), [2016] EWCA Civ 1100. Instructed by LGA. NHSE had power to fund PrEP, an anti-retroviral drug to be used on a preventative basis for those at high risk of contracting HIV.

South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS FT & anr v The Hospital Managers of St George's Hospital and AU [2016] EWHC 1196, Cranston J. Acted for claimant in a judicial review of a decision by hospital managers to discharge a patient detained under the Mental Health Act. Held that a Trust had capacity to judicially review its own managers.

Re PV [2015] EWCOP 87, [2016] EWHC EWCOP 3707 (Charles J on appeal) and [2015] EWCOP 22 (Senior Judge Lush at first instance). Court of Protection case concerning trusts created for the purpose of administering awards made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. No involvement of the Court of Protection was required in the settlement of such trusts because the award was not ever P's money. Guidance given by the Court of Protection in dealing with such cases.

Re NK (July 2015, Cobb J). Withdrawal of life saving treatment from a 3 year old with a rare metabolic disorder. Acted on behalf of the family.

A NHS Hospital v M and K [2013] EWHC 2402 (COP) Withholding of CPR and ICU treatment save for reversible conditions

XCC v A [2012] EWHC 2183 (COP) Forced marriage and the inherent jurisdiction to make a declaration of the non-recognition of a marriage.

A Local Authority v H 27 January 2012 [2012] EWHC 49 (Fam) Case concerning capacity to consent to sexual relations. Guidance on knowledge required of health risks of sexual relations and additional requirement to that set out in *DBC v AB* that P understands that he has a choice and may refuse.

R (Buckinghamshire CC) v Kingston upon Thames RBC [2011] EWCA Civ 457 Consideration of the duty of consultation based on fairness or detriment.

D County Council v LS [2010] EWHC 1916 (Fam) Consideration of test of capacity to consent to sexual relations.

R (on the application of Stamford Chamber Of Trade & Commerce) (2) F H Gilman & Co v (1) Secretary Of State For Communities & Local Government (2) South Kesteven District Council 7 April 2009 [2009] EWHC 719 (Admin) No duty of public consultation was imposed on a local planning authority, in respect of its decision not to request the saving of a safeguarding policy in the local development plan.

EM (Lebanon) v Secretary Of State For The Home Department (2008) October 2008 [2008] UKHL 64 The removal of a Lebanese asylum seeker and her 12-year-old son to Lebanon would give rise to a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights 1950 art.8 given that she would be compelled to transfer custody of her son to his father, who had been violent towards her and who had not seen the son since his birth; removal would so flagrantly violate their art.8 rights as to completely deny or nullify those rights.

R (Johnson) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2007] EWCA Civ 427 A prisoner serving a determinate sentence would have a right to compensation for a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights 1950 Art. 5 (4) if he could establish that there had been an unlawful delay in the consideration of his application for parole.

Gustavo Suarez Ocampo v Secretary of State for the Home Department (CA) 4 October 2006 [2006] EWCA Civ 1276 The guidelines in *Devaseelan v Secretary of State for the Home Department* (2002) UKIAT 702, (2003) Imm AR 1 were relevant to cases where the parties involved were not the same but there was a material overlap of evidence.

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

James Robshaw v United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust [2015] EWHC 923 (Foskett J). Very high value contested quantum trial. Nicola was led by Neil Block QC.

Ettienne v Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Trust (22.10.14, Mitting J). A doctor had not been negligent when he inserted an ulnar artery catheter into a 28 week old baby's wrist. It was acceptable for him to have adopted the procedure that he knew best. There were real difficulties in inserting a line into the posterior tibial artery. It was a balance of risks and it was essential that her blood gases were accurately and continuously monitored and blood was available to test. Nicola was instructed by the Defendant Trust.

Downes v Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (11. 11.14, HHJ Wood QC) Nicola was instructed by the Defendant Trust. Complicated fatal accidents claim (quantum only) raising issues as to valuation of maternal services against a background of family proceedings concerning the children and the mother having supervised contact prior to death and the approach to calculation of multiplier in fatal accidents claim. Case compromised with acceptance of Defendant's latest part 36 offer on final day of trial.

REGULATORY AND DISCIPLINARY

Gatland & Ors v Independent Office for Police Conduct – acting for claimants in ongoing proceedings for misfeasance in public office and breaches of the European Convention arising from IOPC investigations

Uwen v General Medical Council [2018] EWHC 2484 (Admin). Application for termination of an interim suspension order by a doctor was refused. MPTS was entitled to find that probity issues arising from the doctor having practised without indemnity insurance made it necessary for her to be subject to interim suspension.

HA v University of Wolverhampton & General Pharmaceutical Council [2018] EWHC 144. Acted for GPhC. The university was entitled to seek disclosure of criminal convictions from a student applying for the MPharm course.

PSA v (1) GDC (2) AB [2016] EWHC 2154 (Admin), Jeremy Baker J. Unduly lenient appeal in respect of a dentist who had practised while infected with Hepatitis B.

R (on the application of John Davies) v Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons [2015] EWHC 3282, [2015] EWHC 3707 (costs). Judicial review challenge to the handling of complaints made against two veterinary nurses

COSTS & LITIGATION FUNDING

Dalia El-Demellawy v European Bank for Reconstruction and Redevelopment – Detailed assessment proceedings before Master Leonard (July 2020) Interest ran at Judgments Act rate on the Defendant's costs despite an order for set-off against the Claimants costs by the trial judge (application of *Fearn v Anglo-Dutch Paint*).

Holmes v Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (May 2020)– pending appeal in a clinical negligence case against the refusal of an application to set aside a notice of discontinuance and strike out

In the matter of AE, FW, SC and JB and ors [2017 COP]. Costs disputes in the Court of Protection about costs sanctions for failure to give full and frank disclosure

Pearce v Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, Coal Products Limited, National Smokeless Fuels Limited (2016 – 2019, Turner J, Master Gordon Sakar. Group litigation costs. Instructed as junior counsel to Alexander Hutton QC to deal with costs management and other costs issues for the defendants.

Bakhtiyar v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Upper Tribunal, 9 September 2015. A challenge to the SSHD's reliance on the Re Eastwood approach of assessing the costs of in-house lawyers failed.

R(Ali Zaki Mousa & ors) v Secretary of State for Defence [2013] EWHC 2941 (DC) Consideration of the use of set-off in the context of legally aided claimants and the decision in JG v Legal Services Commission.

JBOL v PHE August 2013, Master Rowley Consideration of conduct issues and cost estimates in the context of judicial review claims.

PERSONAL INJURY

Biznia (by his litigation friend, the Official Solicitor) v Razgulajevs (2014) High value personal injury claim brought by a Lithuanian national who sustained serious brain injury as a result of a road traffic accident in the United Kingdom. Difficult quantum issues arising from the question as to whether the Claimant would return to reside in Lithuania in the future. A case management decision precluded the Claimant from relying on certain expert and lay evidence from Lithuania and an appeal had been brought in respect of that decision. Case subsequently compromised at a RTM. Charlie Cory-Wright QC and Nicola Greaney were instructed by the Official Solicitor on behalf of the Claimant.

Ryan St George (A Patient Suing By His Father & Litigation Friend David St George) v Home Office [2008] Quantum issues arising from prisoner who fell out of a top bunk bed while suffering a withdrawal seizure, thereby sustaining a head injury that resulted in brain damage. Quantum case settled adopting a novel approach to accommodation claim to avoid difficulties created by Roberts v Johnstone.

Smith Shiprepairers North Shields v Secretary of State for Innovation, Business and Skills. Case settled before trial. Contribution claim pursuant to the 1978 Act in respect of a claim for mesothelioma brought by the estate of the deceased in circumstances where the deceased had reached an inter vivos settlement with the defendants to the contribution claim.

R v Police Complaints Commission ex parte Green [2004] 1 WLR 72 (CA) The extent of disclosure required by the Human Rights Act in police complaints cases.

R v Bedford Primary Care Trust ex parte Watts (QBD) 21 October 2003 [2003] EWHC 2401 (Admin); [2004] Lloyd's Rep Med 113 A claim for a hip operation carried out in France on the basis of EU law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nicola was recommended in Chambers & Partners as a leading junior in Professional Discipline, Community Care

and Court of Protection law and in the Legal 500 as a leading junior in Administrative and Public Law, Clinical Negligence, Costs and Professional discipline and regulatory law (including police law).

QUOTES

- "A terrific junior with good judgement, who is hard-working, knows her stuff and is good at meeting deadlines." "She is incredibly detailed in her approach – a spreadsheet queen." Chambers UK 2021
- "Very experienced, and gets into the detail of the case to find practical solutions." Chambers UK 2021
- "Extremely professional and knowledgeable. She is able to give exceptional yet compassionate advice in very complex cases." "She puts up a good fight for her clients." Chambers UK 2021
- "She is personable, calm and unflappable in court." "She is always extremely approachable. She gives robust and clear advice." Chambers UK 2021
- "Very experienced." "She's great to work with." Chambers UK 2021
- "Extremely bright, thorough and thoughtful." Chambers UK 2020
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- "She is clever and well prepared." Legal 500 2020
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- “A superlative cross-examiner, with wonderful natural authority.” The Legal 500 2018
- “An excellent all-rounder, calm and likeable.”
- “A very capable junior and a safe pair of hands on healthcare regulatory cases.”
- “A talented public law practitioner who is highly regarded for her Court of Protection work. Sources note that ‘she is very good with clients and is keen to ensure that their views are taken on board – she is a great team player’.”
- “Very personable and efficient, she understands people and client service in a way many barristers do not.”
- She is excellent; clients love her and she works hard for you.” “She’s not flashy or loud, but sensible and measured instead, which gains respect.”
- “She’s very thorough, quick to respond and very bright as well.” “Able to grasp the issues quickly, she gets to the nub of the matter without needing too much input.”
- “I was against her in a bitter dispute – she brought common sense and a practical and pragmatic approach to resolving the dispute.” Chambers & Partners 2017
- “She is a really effective advocate and a really good negotiator.” “She is an excellent junior who is extremely bright and very good at understanding complex arguments.” Chambers & Partners 2017
- “She is very approachable and willing to take on challenging deadlines.” Legal 500 2016
- “An excellent all-rounder, calm and likable” Legal 500 2016
- “She has an excellent reputation for medical treatment cases. I found her practical, very reliable, and she mastered a brief at short notice.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “She is very mature and confident and plainly has the trust of the Official Solicitor and the Treasury team in big cases.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “She’s accessible, knows her stuff and is good in court.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “Very personable and efficient, she understands people and client service in a way many barristers do not.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “She is a committed and determined advocate who is great with clinicians and experts.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “She is a good strategist with fine advocacy skills.” Chambers & Partners 2016
- “She is extremely able and has a very good manner with clients.” Legal 500 2015
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- “A committed and determined advocate, who is great with clinicians and experts.” Legal 500 2015
- “Flexible and thorough.” Legal 500 2015
- “Extremely good with difficult litigants in person. She keeps her eye on the ball and has a very good knowledge of the law and the remedies we can apply for.” Chambers & Partners 2015
- “Very thorough and knowledgeable on complex sexual relations cases.” Chambers & Partners 2015

- “She’s extremely clear and authoritative; the court listens to her particularly attentively.” Chambers & Partners 2015
- “She manages to be very direct and very good at focusing parties in on the issues.” Chambers & Partners 2015

APPOINTMENTS

In 2012 Nicola was appointed to the Attorney Generals A Panel of Counsel.

MEMBERSHIPS

- ARDL
- PIBA
- ALBA
- HRLA
- PNBA
- Liberty

QUALIFICATIONS

- Von Moltke Scholarship, Inns of Court
- Bar Finals, Inns of Court School of Law (1999)
- Inner Temple Bursary (1998)
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship (1998)
- Cambridge European Studies Scholarship for Italian Studies in Italy (1998)
- BA (Hons) Law, New Hall, Cambridge

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ARTICLES

Peters undertakings and double recovery (39 Essex Chambers Personal Injury Newsletter Autumn 2010 and Kemp News November 2010).

LECTURES

She is a regular lecturer for individual firms of solicitors, public bodies, regulators and organisations.

LANGUAGES

Nicola speaks German and has a good working knowledge of French.

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