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Chambers & Partners 2021

Nina Goolamali QC is highly regarded as a skilled and commercially astute advocate in her chosen fields of personal injury and sport. Described as having “an impressive level of technical knowledge” and “inspiring 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.

Short-listed for the award of Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year by Chambers & Partners in 2016, she went on to take silk in 2017 and is listed as a Leading Practitioner in both Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners 2021 in sport and personal injury.

Nina holds 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. In 2019, Nina was nominated as an FA Rule K Panel Arbitrator. On 1st April 2021, she was appointed as a Specialist Arbitrator on the Sport Resolutions Panel. This is a 3 year appointment.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury

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PERSONAL INJURY

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Nina is particularly sought after for her expertise in claims relating to brain injuries on and off the field (especially cases involving minors, subtle brain injuries, concussion injuries, capacity and rehabilitation technology), para/tetraplegia, amputation cases, fatalities, chronic pain, stress at work, bullying and harassment, fraud and disputes against educational institutions.

She is instructed by all the major Insurers and Claims Handlers including Ageas, AIG, Allianz, MS Amlin, Aviva, Chubb, DAS, Ecclesiastical, Faraday, Haven, Hiscox, Insure The Box, Liberty, Liverpool Victoria, Markerstudy, Nelson, NFU Mutual, Premier, Riverstone, Travelers, Zenith and Zurich.

SECTORS

SPORT

"Nina does great work. She's building an impressive reputation in the [sports law] field." "First rate on motorsport injury cases...she is our go-to counsel in such claims." Chambers & Partners.

Nina is currently instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of World Rugby in the Rugby concussion test case litigation.

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

She is a member of the UK & Ireland Editorial Board of LawInSport, a leading international online sports law publication and regularly speaks and writes on sports specific topics.

CASES

PERSONAL INJURY

- **S v I (2019-ongoing)**

Tetraplegia case (young adult) giving rise to multiple disputes on causation and quantum including arguments about appropriate pain management, rehabilitation technology, care regimes and pre-accident condition. Instructed by Flint Bishop Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant.

- **S & Anr v D (2020-ongoing)**

Significant damages claim giving rise to multiple disputes relating to the causal relevance of pre-existing and non-accident related stressors to the likely clinical and career trajectory in any event.

Instructed by DWF Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant.

- ***I v B & Anr (2020)***

Multi-million pound claim arising out of accident at work. Disputes on liability giving rise to contribution proceedings and clinical disputes about life expectancy, prognosis and long term treatment/care needs. Instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant. Compromised very shortly before trial.

- ***C v J & Ors (2019-ongoing)***

Catastrophic injuries suffered by newly born child following accident. Liability disputed. Disputes arising out of parental standard of care, causation, life expectancy impairment and accommodation entitlement. Instructed on by DAC Beachcroft on behalf of Defendant.

- ***F v D & Anr (2019-2020)***

Multi-million pound brain injury claim. Complex medical causation issues arising in connection with post accident clinical treatment and development of further injuries. Compromised shortly before trial. Instructed by DWF on behalf of Defendant.

- ***W v P (2019 –2020)***

Alleged Diffuse Axonal Injury (DAI) claim giving rise to disputes in relation to capacity, causation & quantum. Instructed by DAC Beachcroft on behalf of the Defendant.

- ***A v B & Ors (2017-2019)***

Multi million pound brain injury claim by a minor. Multiple disputes arising out of parental duty of care, causation, liability & insurance coverage. Instructed by Keoghs LLP on behalf of one of the Defendants. Compromised on confidential terms.

- ***P v International Commercial Bank (2018)***

Multi million pound stress at work claim by bank employee. Multiple disputes relating to foreseeability, causation and apportionment of loss. Instructed by Kennedys LLP on behalf of the Defendant bank. Compromised on confidential terms.

SPORT

- ***Rugby concussion test case litigation (2021-)***

Nina Goolamali QC instructed by Kennedys Solicitors on behalf of World Rugby. Leading Will Clerk, Counsel at 2TG.

- ***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. Recently 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.

- ***J v Professional Rugby Club (2020-ongoing)***

Claim for damages by a rugby player against his former professional club arising out of alleged clinical mismanagement of an injury and breach of coaching protocols. Liability and quantum disputed in full. Instructed by Sheridans Solicitors on behalf of the Rugby Club.

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

Nominated by Bray & Kraiss Solicitors to be a panel Arbitrator (with Mark Hovell of Mills & Reeve as Chair and David Casement QC) in Rule K arbitration arising out of an alleged breach of a player representation contract. Settled whilst arbitration was at preliminary stage.

- ***C v D County Council (2020-ongoing)***

Damages claim by minor against a school coaching team. Raises duty of care issues of potential national significance relating to the content and ambit of policies/procedures which govern the coaching of gymnastics in UK schools. Liability and quantum fully contested. Instructed on behalf of the Defendant coaching team.

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

Instructed by DWF on behalf of the Defendant Premiership Rugby Club in a case brought by the Claimant, 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 1st 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. Liability and quantum were fully disputed. Long running litigation. Ultimately discontinued against the Premiership Rugby Club following interlocutory hearings. Claim against Second Defendant struck out and claim against other Defendant settled on confidential terms.

- ***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>

- ***P v X (2018 – 2020)***

Claim by Professional Motocross rider against Sports Governing Body and Event Organiser/Promoter alleging multiple breaches of duty arising out of the layout and organisation of the course and standard of care of services provided by course staff and contractors at national motocross event. Instructed by BLM.

- ***X v Y (Ongoing)***

Damages claim by professional figure skater. Liability and quantum fully contested. Instructed on behalf of the Defendant skater/company.

- ***H v S & C (2018)***

Multi-million pound claim by high profile Speedway rider alleging multiple breaches of duty arising out of allegedly unsafe circuit and seeking to impose heightened standard of care on governing body and organisers. Long running litigation recently resulted in discontinuance after multiple hearings over 2 year period. Instructed by DAC Beachcroft on behalf of the Second Defendant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Legal Directories have consistently listed Nina Goolamali QC as a Leading Practitioner in her chosen fields both as a Junior and in Silk. Recommendations since taking Silk in 2017 are as follows:

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

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Legal 500 2021

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

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

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

"She is knowledgeable, commercially focused and sharp." Chambers & Partners 2020

"First rate on motorsport injury cases...she is our go-to counsel in such claims." Chambers & Partners 2020

"An exceptional leading counsel with a commercial approach to settlement which is second to none. She has an ability to get to grips with complex cases in a quick and effective manner." Chambers & Partners 2019

"Effective negotiator, team player, knows a case inside out, great with clients." Legal 500 2019

"Well-organised: provides direct, commercial advice backed by reasoned decisions..." Legal 500 2019

"Supremely intelligent, friendly and approachable. Her attention to detail and preparation for conferences is second to none. She always works as part of the team and takes on board everyone's view. She is commercially astute and my preferred choice for big, complex cases." Chambers & Partners 2018

"She has an impressive level of technical knowledge." Legal 500 2018

"She is quick on her feet and is able to digest large amounts of information quickly and accurately." Legal 500 2017

"One of the most knowledgeable and personable barristers around, she's ridiculously clever." "Incredibly user-friendly, handles the opposition well. Good with clients and good on her feet." Chambers & Partners 2017

APPOINTMENTS

Specialist Arbitrator: Sport Resolutions UK – appointed April 2021

LawInSport Editorial Board: 2014-ongoing

Sport Resolutions UK Pro Bono Legal Service

Non-Executive Director: Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund (BMIF) 2014-2020

FA Rule K Arbitrator (2019)

Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer

Middle Temple Pupil Supervisor Training Team

MEMBERSHIPS

Women in Sports Law (WISLaw)

Medico-Legal Society

PIBA

PNBA

LCLCBA

QUALIFICATIONS

MA, Jurisprudence. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Law. Kings College, London

AWARDS

Shortlisted – Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year Award, Chambers & Partners 2016

Lady Margaret Hall Essay Prize in Law

Lady Margaret Hall Parker Scholarship

Sheelagh Griffiths Award in Law

Harmsworth Scholar of Middle Temple

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