

# AKSHAY KARIA

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## Practice Overview

Akshay's practice is focused across a broad range of chambers' specialisms, with particular recent experience in the fields of property damage, insurance and clinical negligence.

He was recently seconded to a major international law firm, where he worked on a number of high-value property damage and insurance-related matters, including advising on a £50 million directors' and officers' liability coverage dispute.

During pupillage, Akshay spent a sustained period working with chambers' silks and senior juniors on a number of high value clinical negligence cases, including related issues of product liability for medical devices.

Prior to joining Chambers, Akshay read History and Law at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, graduating with a First. He practised debating and mooting, debating for England for two consecutive years at the World Schools Debating Championships in Dundee and Cape Town, where he reached the semi-finals and ranked 6th best speaker in the world, and for the Cambridge Union at the World Universities Debating Championships in Berlin

## Property Damage

Akshay has particular experience in cases relating to floods, fires, tree roots, subsidence and defective design.

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## Practice areas

Clinical Negligence  
Commercial Dispute Resolution  
Employment  
Insurance & Reinsurance  
Product Liability  
Property Damage  
Public Law  
Sport  
Travel

## Qualifications

History of Law  
BPTC

## Education

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Cambridge  
City, University of London



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He has also worked with members of chambers on cases, for example having worked as Jack Harris's pupil on a major £400,000 mediation in a subsidence case in 2018.

## Insurance

Akshay is developing a practice in a number of different areas of Insurance work, with a particular interest in property damage, motor insurance, and directors' and officers' insurance.

In addition to his Property Damage-related Insurance work as detailed above, Akshay was recently instructed to assist in advising on a £50 million directors' and officers' insurance coverage litigation.

He has assisted senior members of chambers to advise on a number of motor insurance coverage disputes in light of English and EU Law. He recently helped advise on two high profile cases relating to motor insurance cover for deliberate acts.

## Commercial

Akshay worked on a number of commercial matters while sitting with Tim Killen during his pupillage, including cases relating to intellectual property, property damage and supply of defective goods.

## Clinical Negligence

In September 2018, Akshay shadowed Will Wraight on a number of cases for the NHS, developing a keen interest and knowledge-base in this area. He is now instructed by NHS clients in Clinical Negligence disputes.

He has also conducted research for more senior members of chambers into the links between Product Liability and Clinical Negligence (see below).

## Product Liability

Akshay has worked on a number of cases relating to defective products and has a particular interest in medicinal products.

He carried out research for Sarah Vaughan Jones QC in relation to product liability for medicinal products, and how this links with recent rulings relating to consent in Clinical Negligence.

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## Travel

Akshay is developing a practice in Travel and Private International Law, recently working on matters of pre-action disclosure in Travel cases. He also recently conducted research into developments in these fields over the period 2017-2018, and has since furthered his interest by preparing chambers' practical guide on the Athens Convention.

## Employment

Akshay assisted Helen Bell on an 8-day Employment Tribunal final hearing in 2017, involved in all elements of trial preparation. He is now developing his own practice in this field.

## Sport

Akshay accepts instructions from players, clubs and regulatory authorities in the field of Sports Law. He has taken a particular interest in researching the liability of unincorporated associations in tort, having worked with Helen Bell for a number of months on a significant case in which this issue arose.

## Public Law

Akshay has acted in a number of high profile public law matters and has a keen interest in this area of law.

Akshay was instructed by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office to assist with the Kenya Emergency Group Litigation, a case involving over 40,000 claimants alleging abuse arising out of the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya during the 1950s.

He was also instructed by the Government Legal Department in relation to a large-scale commercial dispute involving the award of government contracts, which is ongoing.

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