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Practice Overview

Described as *"an exceptional leading counsel"* and *"one of the most knowledgeable and personable barristers around"*, Nina specialises in catastrophic personal injury and sports law and is ranked as a Tier 1 Barrister in both practice areas by Legal 500 2019.

Nina is highly regarded as a skilled, commercially astute and sensitive advocate and negotiator on behalf of Defendants in complex multi-million pound cases arising in the context of employer's liability, public liability and motor/sports disputes. She is particularly sought after for her expertise in claims relating to brain injuries (especially claims involving minors, subtle brain injuries and capacity disputes), para/tetraplegia, fatalities, chronic pain, stress at work, bullying and harassment, fraud and complex disputes brought against a range of educational institutions.

Nina leads the 2TG Sports Law team and acts for players, teams and national governing bodies in all major sports in particular Motorsport (Formula 1, MotoGP, MotoCross, Speedway & Karting), rugby and football. Described as having *"an impressive level of technical knowledge"* she is regularly instructed in press sensitive sports cases where Claimants are seeking significant damages by establishing a new duty and/or standard of care.

She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Law from King's College, London and is on the Editorial Board of LawInSport, a leading international online sports law publication.

Nina is a member of the Sport Resolutions UK Pro Bono Legal Service which is made up of lawyers willing to provide pro-bono legal advice and representation to athletes, coaches, team officials, and other individuals appearing before Sport Resolutions and other sport specific tribunals.

She has recently been appointed as an Independent Arbitrator as part of a panel in an English Football Association (FA) Rule K Arbitration.



"Supremely intelligent, friendly and approachable"
(Chambers UK)

Practice areas

Personal Injury
Sports Law

Memberships

LawInSport
PIBA
PNBA
LCLCBA

Qualifications

MA, Jurisprudence. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Law. Kings College, London

Appointments

Sport Resolutions UK Pro Bono Legal Service

Non Executive Director: Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund

Middle Temple Advocacy Trainer

LawInSport: Editorial Board

Independent FA Rule K Arbitrator - 2019



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She is instructed by all the major Insurers and Claims Handlers including Ageas, AIG, Allianz Cornhill, Amlin, Aviva, Chartis, Chubb, DAS, Ecclesiastical, Faraday, Hiscox, Liberty, Liverpool Victoria, the MIB, Nelson, NFU Mutual, Premier, Riverstone, Travelers, Zenith and Zurich.

Nina is a long standing Director of Bar Mutual indemnity Fund and an accredited Advocacy Trainer for Middle Temple.

Personal Injury

Notable Cases

F v D & Anr (2019-Ongoing)

Multi million pound brain injury claim. Complex medical causation issues arising in connection with post accident clinical treatment and development of further injuries. Set down for causation trial in February 2020. Instructed by DWF on behalf of Defendant.

W v P (2019 – Ongoing)

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 (Ongoing)

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.

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. Recently compromised on confidential terms.

L & Ors v French Insurer (Ongoing)

Multi party injury claim. Disputes relating to extent of enduring neurological and cognitive difficulties of Lead Claimant, recovery of losses under French Law, causation and quantum. Instructed by Pierre Thomas Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant Insurer.

D v H (Ongoing)

Brain injury claim by Adult Claimant. Disputes relating to capacity under the MCA 2005, causation & quantum. Instructed by Langleys Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant.

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O v S (2018)

Multi million pound brain injury case. Complex clinical disputes about mental capacity, causation and whether claim met the threshold for provisional damages. Recently compromised. Instructed by DAC Beachcroft on behalf of the Defendant.

B v A (Ongoing)

Multi million pound subtle brain injury claim by a minor. Instructed by BLM Law on behalf of the Defendant.

M v A School (2017)

Alleged breaches of Articles 3, 5 and 8 of the Human Rights Act 1988 arising out of pupil's educational programme at school. Liability & quantum in dispute. Instructed by Kennedys on behalf of the Defendant School.

R v C (2014-2017)

Multi million pound brain injury claim arising out of a road traffic accident. Liability and quantum in dispute. Serious disputes on causation, capacity & care needs. Instructed by DAC Beachcroft on behalf of the Defendant.

W v G & Aviva (2016)

Traumatic brain injury claim. Complex issues on causation & "borderline" capacity. Instructed by Weightmans on behalf of the Defendant.

Dianne Henley v Royal Mail Group, Lawtel, 22.07.16

Stress at work & Protection from Harassment Act 1997 claim. Claim against the Defendant was dismissed following a 2 day trial in July 2016. Instructed by Weightmans on behalf of the successful Defendant employer.

Sport

Notable Cases

X v Y & Ors (2019-Ongoing)

Multi million pound dispute arising out of football transfer & subsequent fatality. Instructed in relation to tortious claims arising.

M v A National Football Association & Ors (2018-Ongoing)

Multi million pound injury claim by footballer arising out a tackle in national football match. Liability disputes include duty and standard of

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care issues. Quantum and causation also fully contested. Instructed on behalf of the Football Association.

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 was carrying out testing for Marussia. Litigation now concluded. See joint press release issued by the parties in October 2017. Instructed by Clyde & Co Solicitors on behalf of the Defendant Formula 1 team.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-41593817>

W v Leading Premiership Rugby Club & Ors (Ongoing)

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 are fully disputed. Long running litigation.

P v X (2018 – Ongoing)

Claim by Professional Motocross rider against Sports Governing Body and Event Organiser/Promotor 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 by Weightmans LLP.

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. 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.

F v P & Brecon Judo Academy (2016)

Serious personal injury claim arising out of judo training accident. Claim dismissed following trial in October 2016. Instructed by DWF on behalf of the Defendant Judoka and the Academy.

Hamilton Management Group Limited v Paul Di Resta (2014)

Junior Counsel for Formula 1 driver Paul Di Resta in dispute with former F1 management company, HMG, and Anthony Hamilton (father of Lewis

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Hamilton). HMG's claim against Paul Di Resta for wrongful termination of his management contract was dismissed by consent on 7th February 2014 following 11 day trial.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/motorsport/formulaone/10629630/Antony-Hamilton-has-regrets-as-Paul-di-Resta-case-is-settled.html>

Awards

Shortlisted for the Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year Award by 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

Recommendations

The Directories consistently list Nina Goolamali QC as a Leading Practitioner in her chosen fields of Personal Injury and Sports law.

"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 and 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 and Partners 2018

She has an impressive level of technical knowledge.'

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"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 and Partners 2017

"She has unwavering tenacity and determination to get the right result for the client."

Legal 500 2016

"She is very collaborative, which means that working with her is a joy."

Legal 500 2016

"She is a strong personality and can bring great weight to the negotiation process. She is very bright and has a good eye for detail."

Chambers and Partners 2016

"She pulls no punches in her advocacy and performs better than some silks."

Legal 500 2015

"She often appears against high-level silks and is able to manage particularly difficult and sensitive issues in a professional way."

Chambers and Partners 2015

"An exceptional senior junior, who just keeps getting better. She is incredibly good on paper, and very detailed and forensic in her approach."

Chambers and Partners 2015

"Outstanding negotiation skills"

Legal 500 2014

"She is meticulous in her preparation. She has a full understanding of the file, and is able to deal with the finer detail without losing sight of the bigger issues."

Chambers and Partners 2014

"Solicitors were quick to recommend Nina Goolamali, who is gaining a growing client following for complex injury claims owing to her "thorough, efficient and commercially astute" style. Her chosen fields of specialism are catastrophic injury and employers' liability, and she is particularly

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good on cases involving harassment and workplace stress."

Chambers and Partners 2013

"Football and rugby-related cases have been landing on the desk of sports expert Nina Goolamali with increasing regularity. Admired for her 'pragmatism, approachability and likeability,' she has a wide-ranging personal injury practice."

Chambers and Partners 2012

"A pragmatist who quickly gets to the core issues of complex claims."

Legal 500 2011

"Nina Goolamali has a "fantastic practice" and "handles serious injury and fatal accident cases, many of them multimillion-pound in value."

Chambers and Partners 2011

"Formidable opponent." Nina Goolamali is "capable of putting the fear of God into the opposition if they are trying to pull a fast one." "She excels on fatal accident claims and is best known for the work that she does on behalf of defendants."

Chambers and Partners 2010

"Nina Goolamali impresses various sources as being an attentive Junior with an extremely effective style. She acts primarily in fatal or sports-related injury and employer's liability claims."

Chambers and Partners 2009

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