

# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

Call 1999

Silk (Scot.): 2018

## Get in touch

[vkhurana@2tg.co.uk](mailto:vkhurana@2tg.co.uk)

+44 (0)20 7822 1200



*"He approaches every case meticulously ... sound and helpful advice"*

(Chambers UK)

## Practice Overview

Vinit was called to the Bar in 1999. Since then he has practised as an advocate in Scotland and took silk there in 2018. Vinit was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2019 and joined 2TG in November of the same year.

Vinit has the rare distinction of being dual qualified in law and medicine, having practised as a medical General Practitioner for over a decade. His dual qualified status is one of his most sought after assets, with clients frequently commenting on how his medical knowledge has proven to be an invaluable asset in a wide variety of cases. Feedback includes *"held in esteem for his command of the medical intricacies behind clinical negligence cases"* (Chambers UK), and *"...we particularly value the expertise he brings from his former career as a doctor"* (Chambers UK).

Vinit has a wide ranging practice covering both advocacy and advisory work in complex, high profile and urgent matters. He has experience of acting for and against private individuals and corporations, public bodies and health boards across a broad range of medical law. His specialisms include clinical negligence, judicial review, professional discipline, professional negligence, personal injury, regulatory and mental health. Examples of the breadth of his instructions include:

- fraud cases brought by Health Boards against Optometrists before the NHS Tribunal
- the charring of the NHS Classification Appeal Committee in respect of disciplinary matters;
- appearances on behalf of the National Appeal Panel in judicial review petitions for entry to the pharmaceutical list; and
- advisory work in connection with many other matters related to the provision of healthcare including competition law issues, optometric and pharmaceutical services regulation, contractual arrangements, mental health matters and ECHR issues.

## Practice areas

Clinical Negligence  
Personal Injury  
Public Inquiries & Fatal Accident Inquiries



2 Temple Gardens, London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200 F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)

[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)

# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

Vinit was the Chair of the Faculty of Advocates Sub-Committee which responded to the Scottish Government's consultation on the reform of mental health legislation. He has also responded on behalf of the Faculty of Advocates to Scottish Government consultations on organ donation and transplant. He remains a member of the Faculty Committee that oversees all of the Faculty's responses to Scottish Government consultations.

Throughout his career Vinit has been prepared to work in new areas. He enjoys new challenges. He is a conscientious and hard worker. As well as appearing in court in complex, high profile and urgent matters, he regularly provides written advice on a wide variety of matters.

## Clinical Negligence

Vinit has acted for both claimants and defendants in negligence cases arising in every clinical speciality (including anaesthetics, cardiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, ENT, gastroenterology, general practice, haematology, intensive care, obstetrics and gynaecology and paediatrics). He is often instructed in cases involving significant medical complexity.

## Significant Cases:

### **Scottish Mesh Litigation (2014 to date)**

Instructed for the NHS defenders in one of the largest group actions in Scotland. There are currently over 400 cases in this group.

### **Melissa Malone v Greater Glasgow Health Board (2016)**

Acted for the defenders in this clinical negligence proof where an alleged delay in diagnosis resulted in a stroke for the young pursuer. This case involved an attempted extension of the Montgomery decision in relation to informed consent.

### **Leadbetter v Tayside Health Board (2016)**

Acted for the defenders in this action of surgical negligence involving a laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

### **Deborah Young v Borders General Hospital (2015 to 2016)**

Instructed for defenders in this preliminary proof on timebar in a medical negligence case.

2 Temple Gardens

London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200

F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)

[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)



# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

## **Honisz v Lothian Health Board (2008 SC 235)**

Acted for the defenders in this leading medical negligence case in respect of loss sustained as a result of infection following arthroscopy of the knee.

## **Selected Others:**

### **2016 to 2019**

Instructed by NHSLA in England in relation to an appeal by a GP to the Upper Tier Tribunal

### **2017**

Instructed by the NHS in the defence of a health and safety prosecution following the death of a patient

### **2017**

Instructed for appellant in an appeal to the Senatus Academicus in relation to a University Exclusion Appeal

### **2015 to 2016**

Instructed by a health board in relation to a high profile employment matter before an appointed panel under the NHS Annex C procedure

## **Personal Injury**

Vinit has experience of conducting a wide range of personal injury claims from simple accidents to those involving complex medical issues. Examples include injuries due to incorrect positioning on, or falls from, operating tables; claims arising from latex and other contact allergies; a claim for injury associated with an acutely paranoid patient jumping out of a second floor hospital window; and claims arising from road traffic accidents.

## **Significant Cases:**

### **Jack v Borders Health Board (2017)**

For the defenders in an alleged acceleration of back pain case following injury.

### **O'Neil v Greater Glasgow Health Board (2014)**

For the defenders in this personal injury action involving a head injury caused by a fall in the course of employment.

### **Stewart v Greater Glasgow Health Board**

Instructed for the defenders in this action concerning the acquisition of hospital acquired infections (MRSA and C-diff).

2 Temple Gardens

London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200

F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)

[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)



# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

## **Brown v Tayside Health Board (2012)**

Acted for the defenders in this latex allergy case.

## **McCuish v Highland Health Board (2011)**

Acted for the defenders in an action involving injuries sustained by a nurse as a result of an assault by a violent patient.

## Public Inquiries & Fatal Accident Inquiries

Vinit has extensive experience in conducting inquiries in a non-adversarial setting. Fatal Accident Inquiries are conducted in Scotland and have some similarities to a Coroner's Inquest.

## Significant Cases:

### **FAI into the death of Andrew Logan (2015)**

Instructed for Scottish Ambulance Service in this 5 week high profile FAI. It concerned the alleged delay in retrieving an elderly man who was ultimately found to have a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm. Leading experts in vascular surgery, intensive care and also expert paramedics gave evidence.

### **FAI into the death of Kathryn Beattie (2012-2014)**

Instructed for the Health Board in this high profile FAI which ran over the course of about two years ending in January 2014. It concerned the circumstances surrounding the death of a 13 year old girl with acute leukaemia. Leading experts in leukaemia research, haematology, neuroradiology and neurosurgery all gave evidence.

### **FAI into the death of David Tweedie (2012)**

Instructed by the Health Board in relation to a death following elective surgery where concerns about the availability of medical information in paper form and on computer was an issue.

### **FAI into the death of Mary MacAuley (2011)**

Instructed by the Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to the death of a lady in her home in unusual circumstances.

### **FAI into the death of Irene Hogg (2009)**

Instructed by Scottish Borders Council in a high profile case involving the suicide of a primary school head teacher following a school assessment.

2 Temple Gardens

London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200

F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

clerks@2tg.co.uk  
www.2tg.co.uk



# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

## FAI into the death of Gordon Ewing (2009-2010)

Instructed by the Health Board in relation to the death of young man during anaesthesia for elective surgery on his little finger.

## Recommendations

*"His knowledge and expertise in the medical negligence field is invaluable and he makes clients feel at ease." "He has great attention to detail and as a result he is meticulous when carrying out investigations and providing advice. No stone is left unturned where he is concerned and he is willing to go that extra mile." "His technical medical knowledge is impressive and puts him on a level with medical professionals, which is invaluable."*

**Chambers UK 2021**

*"Held in esteem for his command of the medical intricacies behind clinical negligence cases"*

**Chambers UK 2020**

*"He is the counsel we instruct most frequently and we particularly value the expertise he brings from his former career as a doctor."*

**Chambers UK 2019**

*"He has a very good grasp of the NHS and medical negligence issues"*

*"He is determined and perceptive with experts and factual witnesses"*

**Chambers UK 2018**

*"...brings a wealth of expert medical knowledge to his practice"*

*"Very able and methodical"*

*"Insightful and very responsive"*

**Chambers UK 2017**

*"...in the area of clinical negligence, his understanding is pretty impressive. He's very reliable and very knowledgeable"*

*"Very good for consultations with experts. They can tell he's very well informed"*

**Chambers UK 2016**

*"He approaches every case meticulously and gives sounds and helpful advice at all times"*

*"He is a go-to counsel who I would trust with any case, no matter how big or small"*

**Chambers UK 2015**

2 Temple Gardens

London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200

F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)  
[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)



# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

## Qualifications

- 1970 – 77 Hurst Grange, Stirling
- 1977 – 83 Falkirk High School
- 1983 – 88 Edinburgh Medical School
- 1993 – 96 Edinburgh Law School
- LLB July 1995
- Dip LP July 1996
- MB ChB July 1988
- DRCOG May 1991
- JCCC 1991
- MRCGP July 1992
- DCCH Sept 1993

## Memberships

### Appointments:

- 2019 – Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel
- 2018 – Queen’s Counsel
- 2015 – Shrieval chair to the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland
- 2013 – Police Appeals Tribunal panel member
- 2012 – Classification Appeal Committee legal chair
- 2005 to 2012 – Standing Junior to the Scottish Government
- 2011 – Part time Sheriff
- 2006 to 2009 – Full time Advocate Depute (Crown Prosecutor)
- 1999 – Called at the Scottish Bar
- 1996 to 1998 – Trainee solicitor with Messrs Dundas & Wilson CS, Edinburgh and Glasgow, with experience in private client, construction, banking, commercial litigation and civil litigation (clinical negligence and personal injury)

### Medical posts:

- 1992 to 2004 – Worked periodically as a locum medical General Practitioner as well as doing hospital locum work in medicine, accident and emergency, ENT, ophthalmology, care of the elderly, dermatology, surgery and psychiatry
- July 1993 to October 1993 – Worked as a locum medical General Practitioner in Brisbane, Australia
- 1989 to 1992 – Fife General Practice Vocational Training Scheme. Qualified as a GP following two years in various hospital posts as a senior house officer (accident and emergency, obstetrics and gynaecology, ENT, ophthalmology and psychiatry) and a year with a general practice in Kirkcaldy

2 Temple Gardens

London EC4Y 9AY

T +44 (0)20 7822 1200

F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)

[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)



---

# VINIT KHURANA QC (SCOT.)

---

- February 1989 to July 1989 – junior house officer in Surgery, Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary
- August 1988 to January 1989 – junior house officer in Medicine, Stirling Royal Infirmary

2 Temple Gardens  
London EC4Y 9AY  
T +44 (0)20 7822 1200  
F +44 (0)20 7822 1300

[clerks@2tg.co.uk](mailto:clerks@2tg.co.uk)  
[www.2tg.co.uk](http://www.2tg.co.uk)

