

## CRAIG CARR

Year of call  
2005



Craig Carr is a civil practitioner, specialising in clinical negligence, personal injury, professional negligence, and public authority liability. He is a highly experienced advocate who has appeared regularly against King's Counsel.

He is instructed in complex high value claims and frequently in large multi-party actions. His practice extends to civil claims seeking damages for ECHR breaches and inquests in medical cases. His clinical negligence practice is predominantly for Claimants. In personal injury, he has particular expertise acting for claimants in military and sexual abuse claims, and for defendants in EL, PL and Highways Claims.

He is ranked as a leading junior in the Legal 500 (clinical negligence and personal injury). He was lead counsel in one of the largest child abuse group actions (over 600 Claimants). In 2018 he was appointed to sit on the Lambeth Redress Scheme Appeal Panel chaired by Sir John Goldring. He has had articles published by APIL, ACAL, LexisNexis and the New Law Journal and his research has been included in written evidence to the Treasury Committee.

From February 2024 to February 2025 he was instructed as a member of the Inquiry Legal team in the Thirlwall Inquiry. The terms of reference are available [here](#). Craig had a significant role in the investigation of external bodies and the calling of evidence in respect of the RCPCH and CQC.

## LEGAL EXPERTISE

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### Clinical Negligence

Craig has a wide-ranging clinical negligence practice covering the full range of medical disciplines, and typically with a six to seven-figure valuation. He is instructed in birth injury, delayed diagnosis, surgical error and consent cases. He acts in claims against NHS Trusts, GPs and private practitioners/organisations. Where

death has resulted from the treatment he is often instructed to act on behalf of the bereaved family at the inquest.

## Selected Cases

### DJO v Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust (2024)

£0.5m settlement of a High Court claim following a suicide of a detained mental health patient.

### BLC v Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (2024)

Junior counsel in a high value High Court complex birth injury claim on behalf of a child with significant and permanent brain injury where a compromise of liability has been approved by the High Court.

### AG v Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust (2023)

Junior counsel in a high value (£10m+) wrongful birth claim which was compromised by way of a PPO (following ECHR arguments on the applicability of the same in wrongful birth claims) which may continue beyond the life of the parent.

### Various Claimant v Nair (2022)

Junior Counsel advising in multiple claims against a Consultant Urologist in respect of negligent prostate treatment.

### FH v Medway NHSFT (2019)

£1.5m claim concerning amputation following negligent medical treatment.

### SW v University Hospitals Birmingham NHSFT (2018)

Junior Counsel in a claim exceeding £2.2million following renal failure caused by (mis)prescribed medication.

### JD v Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (2022)

Representing for the family in a £1.4m following the suicide of the mother.

### EM v Optical Express Ltd (2021)

Acted for the claimant in a £475k claim following laser eye surgery.

### JHP v Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS FT (2021)

Represented the claimant in a £315k claim following delayed diagnosis of Crohn's disease.

### KW v Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT (2020)

Represented the claimant in a £70k claim following injuries to the mother during childbirth.

### CS v One Health Group Limited (2020)

Represented the claimant in a £275k claim following spinal infection following surgery.

### LW v CA & SC (2016)

Acted for the family in a £600k claim for the death of a father following the failure to diagnose cardiac abnormalities prior to a fatal heart attack.

### OS v West Hertfordshire NHSFT (2016)

Junior counsel in a £1million claim alleging a negligently performed hip replacement.

### Wooding (2014)

Inquest (and subsequent civil claim) into a death following the failure to give adequate DVT prophylaxis following surgery and where the Coroner made a finding of neglect.

### Matthews (2013)

Inquest into a death following the failure to diagnose lung cancer (neglect verdict).

## Personal Injury

Craig undertakes work on behalf of Claimants and Defendants in EL, PL, military and RTA claims. He specialises in private law claims alleging civil liability against public bodies in the exercise of their statutory/public functions and he has considerable experience defending s.41 claims against Highway Authorities. He has appeared in the Tribunal in CICA claims and CRU appeals.

Since 2008, a significant part of his practice has been representing vulnerable Claimants in civil claims for damages following physical and/or sexual abuse. His practice covers claims against the individual abusers and/or their employers, and those claims of professional negligence against social workers or medical professionals. He also advises in claims involving infringement of ECHR rights (Articles 3, 6 or 8), whether as standalone claims or as an adjunct to the common law claim, where there has been a failure or delay by a public body to protect a vulnerable party from harm.

He is lead counsel in the claims alleging the physical and sexual abuse of vulnerable individuals and more generally Manchester Children's Homes (No.2) Group Litigation and has advised in many of the individual claims (of which there are over 600, making it one of the largest ever child abuse GLOs). He has advised individual claimants in the Nugent Care Group Action, the St Williams Group Action and the Medomsley claims. As well as Children's Homes and Detention Centre cases, he has been instructed in claims against

Private Schools, the Church, the Scouts, NHS Trusts and private therapists as well as claims against individual abusers.

## Selected Cases

### Stafford-Wilson v Co-Operative Stores Limited (2024)

Represented the Claimant in a compromised High Court claim in which the Claimant alleged she developed selective mutism following an accident in a supermarket.

### Thompson v NHS Property Services Limited (2023)

Successfully represented the Claimant at a trial on liability in an Occupiers' Liability CRPS claim.

### CHA & CHB v PBB (2023)

Compromised and approved High Court claim on behalf of a family following a RTA resulting in the death of a cyclist.

### Manchester Children's Homes (No.2) Group Litigation (2008 – 2022)

Represented the Group in generic litigation and numerous of the individual claims within the group (which totals over 600) in claims against a local authority for historic sexual and physical abuse at its children's homes.

### Essex CC v Davies & Ors [2019] EWHC 3443

Represented the defendant local authority landlord at trial, and in the successful appeal following trial, in a multi-party claim for injury following exposure to carbon monoxide. Also acted in the subsequent part 20 claim.

### JM v LH (2021)

Junior counsel in a claim valued in excess of £10million following an RTA in which a child sustained a brain injury.

### OZP v Ronald Potter (2021)

Represented the claimant in a claim alleging sexual abuse and exploitation by a former Police Special Constable.

### AW v CP (2021)

Represented the claimant cyclist in a £650k claim following an RTA causing a significant shoulder injury.

### KH, SH v Thomas Cook (2020)

Representing a Group of ex pupils of St Annes in their claims for damages as a result of sexual abuse by the Headmaster.

### Essex Firefighters (2020)

Represented the defendant local authority in claims pursued by firefighters alleging mistreatment and assaults by colleagues.

### SC v Essex CC (2020)

Defended the Highway Authority in claim pleaded at £2.5million following an RTA on a flooded carriageway.

### Oliver Doyle v Essex CC (2019)

Successfully represented the defendant at a limitation trial in a £900,000 claim pursued by a former employee assaulted at work.

### OHG and others v Manchester City Council (2014 - 2019)

Represented dozens of claimants in the multi-party claims alleging sexual abuse by a headteacher at St Anne's School in Ancoats, Manchester.

### Michael Dwyer (2014 – 2017)

Represented the family of the deceased at the jury inquest following a death at work, and then represented the family in the subsequent civil claim against his employer.

### PA (2017)

Acted for the claimant in a £0.87million shipping/personal injury claim.

### EB (2017)

Defended a local authority in a claim for damages arising from the brutal assault of the Claimant by a third party who was the subject of a supervision order.

### KA (2015)

Represented the claimant in a £1.1million RTA claim where there were significant orthopaedic and other injuries.

## Professional Negligence and Commercial

Beyond clinical negligence Craig undertakes professional negligence claims involving other professions, notably accountants, teachers, social workers, and lawyers. He was instructed by the Claimant companies in a claim pleaded at over £4.6million against their former accountants, which concluded at mediation. He was instructed by the Defendant in a claim in the Chancery Division alleging losses resulting from breaches of the FSA's Conduct of Business Rules. He acted for the Claimant in a professional negligence claim following an oil spillage on local authority land. He has received instructions from the largest provider of asset finance in the UK in contested debt recovery trials. He acted on behalf of an African Airline in a claim for damage to their aircraft and consequent loss of profits.

## Inquests & Public Inquiries

Craig regularly undertakes inquests as part of his clinical negligence practice and also has experience of Public Inquiries. From February 2024 to February 2025 he was instructed as a member of the Inquiry Legal team in the Thirlwall Inquiry. The terms of reference are available [here](#). Craig had a significant role in the investigation of external bodies and the calling of evidence in respect of the RCPCH and CQC.

## Selected Cases

### Alfie Stone (2021)

Represented the family of the deceased at inquest, concerning a death following an epileptic seizure and in which the Coroner issued a Regulation 28 report.

### Annalise Luffingham (2021)

Represented the family of the deceased at inquest (and in the ongoing civil claim), concerning a death from meningitis in which the Coroner made a finding of neglect.

### Rebecca Kruza (2018)

Acted for the family at the Inquest into the death of a mother who suffered postnatal depression.

### Kane Gorny Inquest (2012)

Acted for the family in a case where a patient suffered dehydration whilst in the hospital recovering from orthopaedic surgery.

## Memberships

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- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)

- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL)
- Medico Legal Society
- Middle Temple
- South Eastern Circuit

## Education

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- St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, MA (Oxon) (Foundation Scholar and Exhibitioner)
- Inns of Court School of Law (Middle Temple Astbury Scholar)