

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 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. His research has been included in written evidence to the Treasury Committee.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

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

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.

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.

JHP v Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS FT (2021)

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

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.

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.

Rebecca Kruza (2018)

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

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).

Kane Gorny Inquest (2012)

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

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

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.

Civil Fraud

Shortly after becoming a tenant in chambers, he was part of a team of lawyers instructed by the Defendant in a \$97million constructive trust claim concerning the profits of a hedge fund.

Craig maintains a varied practice in commercial work with a focus on claims involving allegations of professional negligence. 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. He has experience in claims involving unfair terms, sale of goods and services, agency and misrepresentation.

Memberships

- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL)
- Middle Temple
- South Eastern Circuit

Education

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