

NIA FROBISHER

Year of call
2016



Nia Frobisher specialises in clinical negligence, personal injury, inquests & inquiries law. She is ranked as an 'Up and Coming' barrister in Chambers & Partners 2025 in both the field of clinical negligence and inquest & public inquiries.

Nia's clinical negligence and personal injury work encompasses cases of medium and high value. She is instructed by both claimants and defendants. Nia also has significant experience representing interested persons in sensitive and high-profile inquests. She is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Thirlwall Inquiry.

Nia regularly appears in court both in civil matters and at inquests, and is an adaptable and confident advocate. She has appeared in multi-day and multi-week trials and inquests, with and without jury. Alongside her busy court practice, Nia is detailed and strategic in her approach to conferences, written advocacy and advisory work. Whilst most of her instructions are as sole counsel, she is also instructed as junior counsel in very complex and high value claims.

With injured or bereaved clients, Nia brings a compassionate, personable, and sensitive approach. She strives to ensure all clients are supported to enable them to better participate in the legal process, whilst keeping a sharp focus on achieving the best results.

Having maintained a mixed practice for much of her career, Nia will always consider instruction in areas adjacent to her key specialisms.

Originally from Wales, Nia is a fluent Welsh speaker. Whilst based in London, she always welcomes an opportunity to cross the border.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Clinical Negligence

Nia specialises in clinical negligence. She is ranked in Chambers and Partners 2025 as 'Up and Coming' in this field.

Nia predominantly acts for claimants, but also represents NHS Trusts/Health Boards, individual practitioners and private healthcare institutions. She is regularly instructed in medium and high value matters, attending conferences, hearings, and settlement meetings.

In addition to appearing in court, Nia has a busy advisory and paperwork practice, advising on all aspects of liability, evidence and quantum. She is meticulous in her approach to drafting pleadings. Whilst most of her instructions are as sole counsel, Nia has also been led in a number of very high value and complex matters.

Nia has gained experience in a broad range of clinical negligence work covering a range of medical disciplines.

Recent matters in which Nia has acted featured:

- Birth injuries including cerebral palsy.
- Spinal injury following delayed diagnosis of spinal vascular malformation.
- Delayed diagnosis cases including breast cancer, arterial disease, compartment syndrome, and pulmonary fibrosis.
- Orthopaedic injuries.
- Fatal cases, including those related to delayed treatment, inadequate mental health care, and deaths of babies shortly after birth.
- Abdominal injuries, in particular delayed diagnosis and negligent surgical treatment.
- Negligent obstetric and gynaecological care.
- Facial burns following phototherapy UV treatment.
- Negligent treatment by GPs, fatal and not fatal.
- Negligently performed cosmetic surgery.
- Negligent dental treatment.
- Significant pressure ulcer cases and other claims related to vulnerable claimants.

Nia's clinical negligence practice is complemented by her inquest work which forms a significant part of her court practice and for which she is recognised as 'Up and Coming' in Chambers and Partners 2024 and 2025. In this area Nia is regularly in court questioning medical experts and other medical witnesses. Previously Nia undertook public family work in which she was also tasked with cross-examining medical experts.

Nia has previously volunteered for Action Against Medical Accidents and SNAP Cymru. Particularly through her work with SNAP Cymru, Nia has developed a detailed understanding of working with children and young people with additional learning needs and disabilities.

Personal Injury

Nia has developed experience in a broad range of personal injury work. She has experience in a range of areas including Highways Act, road traffic accidents, employers and occupiers' liability, and product liability matters. In this field, Nia is frequently instructed by defendants acting for local authorities, large companies and other institutions, but she also retains a balance of claimant instructions (complementing her largely claimant clinical negligence practice).

Nia is regularly instructed in multi-track matters, attending conferences, interim hearings, case management conferences, trials and settlement meetings. In addition to significant time spent in court, Nia has a busy paperwork and advisory practice, advising on all aspects of liability, evidence and quantum, and drafting pleadings.

Whilst most of her instructions are as sole counsel, Nia has also been led in a number of high value and complex matters.

Recent matters in which Nia has acted have included/featured:

- Successfully defended at trial a claim for permanent wrist injury suffered whilst at work.
- Successfully defended at trial a claim for multiple site fractures following fall on the highway.
- Six figure settlement for claimant with chronic pain following fall on highway.
- Cycling accident resulting in hip fracture.
- Amputation of arm following workplace injury (led).
- Multi-site injury and significant scarring following fall from a fairground ride.
- Lengthy surveillance evidence in a multi-injury, high value case, following road traffic collision where fundamental dishonesty was alleged (led).
- Severe leg injury following dog bite during work training exercise.

Nia is experienced in handling claims where fundamental dishonesty is alleged, having acted both for claimants who have had allegations made against them and for defendants making allegations.

Inquests & Inquiries

Nia is ranked in Chambers and Partners 2024 and 2025 as 'Up and Coming' in the field of Inquests & Public Inquiries.

Most, but not all, of Nia's inquest work is within the healthcare setting. She predominantly acts for bereaved families, NHS Trusts/Health Boards and other health bodies and professionals. Nia has also represented at inquests involving death in custody, those involving accident and misadventure, and inquests relating to unlawful killing. She has acted for housing authorities and the police.

Nia frequently represents in multi-day and multi-week inquests, with and without jury. Many of her inquests engage Article 2 and she has successfully achieved neglect findings for many of her clients.

Nia has been involved in a number of high-profile matters which have resulted in national press coverage. She

has also represented at inquest leading to prevention of future death report being sent to the Secretary of State for Health.

Nia has represented numerous families who have suffered the death of a baby or child. The analytical, yet sensitive, compassionate and personable approach she brings to these cases has allowed families to gain the most from these difficult proceedings. She always prioritises seeking answers to the questions the family has and strives to achieve some sense of resolution for them through the coronial process.

Following inquests, Nia is often instructed in subsequent civil claims in common-law and Human Rights Act claims.

Recent inquests have concerned:

- Death of a woman in her 40s whilst in intensive care following inadequate monitoring.
- Death of a four-year-old child of sepsis, following numerous hospital admissions.
- Death of a baby shortly after birth, following inadequate monitoring during labour.
- Death by suicide of a 14-year-old following deficiencies in mental health care.
- Death by suicide of a man in his 40s following deficiencies in mental health care.
- Death of a young man by drowning.
- Death following failings in care by ambulance service.

Nia has experience in public inquiries.

In 2018 – 2019 she was instructed by the Metropolitan Police in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

She is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Thirlwall Inquiry.

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- PIBA
- APIL

Education

- BPTC, BPP Law School, Graded Outstanding
- LLB, King's College London, Graded 2.1

Scholarships & Awards

- Major Scholar, Prince of Wales Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Residential Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn