

Carin Hunt

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Carin Hunt joined Chambers in September 2019, following her pupillage in which she gained experience across the core practice areas of chambers, including **clinical negligence** and **personal injury, employment, international injury and travel, private client, court of protection, pensions, and public law.**

Prior to the Bar, Carin read Law at St Catherine's College Oxford, after which she became a Consultant at the **UNRWA Dispute Tribunal** in Jordan, dealing principally with UN employment law.

Carin has a background in Medical Ethics and Medical Law. She interned at the Global Health Ethics Department of the World Health Organisation in 2014 and then completed a Masters in Medical Law and Ethics at King's College London (2015/2016), receiving a Distinction. Thereafter Carin held roles as a Lecturer at Trinity College Dublin, a Seminar Leader at University College Dublin, and as a Research Assistant in the Law Faculties of Oxford and UCL. She has presented academic papers in the fields of Neurolaw, consent systems in organ donation, and the regulation of human reproductive technologies.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

As part of her personal injury practice, in which she acts for both Claimants and Defendants, Carin regularly appears at trial, CCMC's, application hearings, and infant settlement approval hearings. She takes instructions in a broad range of personal injury cases including accidents at work, historic sexual abuse, road traffic accidents, and claims arising under the Animals Act 1971, the Highways Act 1989, and the OLA 1957.

Carin has also acted for claimants appealing the quantum of their awards from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. She has experience of acting for those who have witnessed a violent attack on a loved one, suffering psychiatric injury as a result, and those who have been bereaved by a violent crime.

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Clinical Negligence

Carin acts for both Claimants and Defendants. She has experience of claims brought under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 and has been instructed to advise on liability and quantum in claims arising from various circumstances including the following:

- Contraction of MRSA on an obstetrics ward
- Delayed diagnosis of appendicitis (resulting in perforation)
- Delayed diagnosis of cancers including lung cancer and nasal cancer (resulting in reduced life expectancy)
- Delayed diagnosis of stroke (resulting in patient's ineligibility for thrombolysis)
- Delayed diagnosis of Crohn's disease
- Failure to promptly treat an aneurysm (resulting in death)
- Failure to properly consent patients for surgeries including abdominoplasty and endometrial ablation (resulting in the loss of the ability to bear children)
- Failure to properly manage wound sites (resulting in infection and protracted recovery)
- Failure to properly manage treatment of a patient presenting at A&E with mental health issues and suicidal ideation (resulting in death)
- Falls in hospital (resulting in various injuries, including, in one instance, a fatal haematoma)
- Misdiagnosis of a fracture as a sprain
- Unnecessary surgery to remove cannulated screws from a hip joint in a patient with SUFE

Carin represents both Claimants and Defendants in clinical negligence CCMCs. She also has experience of acting for parties at mediation of clinical negligence disputes.

Carin represents interested parties at inquests with a healthcare element alongside her clinical negligence practice.

Travel Law

Carin has a busy travel and cross-border practice and is regularly instructed in injury claims with a foreign element. She acts for both Claimants and Defendants.

Carin regularly appears in the county court in respect of claims involving the Package Travel Regulations 1992 and the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Carin's experience of package travel claims extends to those involving fatal accidents. She has advised Defendants on the conduct of package travel claims in following Griffiths v TUI [2020] and regularly takes instructions to draft Part 35 questions as the first step in controverting expert evidence.

Carin also regularly advises and drafts pleadings in clinical negligence claims arising from medical treatment abroad. Recently, Carin appeared on behalf of the family at an Inquest into the death of a patient who underwent bariatric surgery in Turkey.

Carin has also advised and drafted pleadings in respect of Odenbreit claims, Montreal Convention claims, and Athens Convention claims.

Carin has presented talks on the following topics:

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- The scope and operation of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 (OTC's Defending Cross Border Personal Injury Claims seminar, February 2020)
- The impact of Griffiths v TUI on package travel claims (OTC's Annual Travel Law Conference, November 2020)
- Insurance indemnity and the challenges of insolvent defendants (co-presented with Sarah Crowther QC at the APIL Accidents Abroad Conference, December 2020)

Carin's article on the recent Court of Appeal judgment in *Brownlie (No 2)* [2020] EWCA Civ 996 appeared in the *New Law Journal* in October 2020 and is available [here](#).

Employment & Discrimination

Whilst a pupil, Carin was supervised by Andrew Allen whose broad practice gave Carin an opportunity to work on a wide range of employment and discrimination claims.

Carin has advised and represented clients in unfair dismissal, discrimination and victimisation claims, both at the liability and remedy stage. She has also represented clients in judicial mediations where settlement was reached. Carin also regularly appears at preliminary hearings, including those dealing with applications for strike out and deposit orders.

When acting on a pro bono basis for a Claimant alleging race discrimination, Carin received the following feedback from her opposing counsel: "Carin was meticulously prepared, her written submissions were excellent, as were her pleadings – but perhaps most importantly she was a natural and eloquent advocate who took only her best points with brevity and persuasiveness".

Education

Carin has appeared in the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs & Disability) on behalf of the Appellant on a number of occasions. In a recent appeal concerning a contested diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and a number of proposed education and health provisions to be added to the Appellant's EHC plan, Carin was delighted to get a positive result for her client after the hearing. Carin's instructing solicitor described her performance as follows:

"Carin's preparation prior to the hearing was meticulous and detailed; it included a level of research that left the tribunal panel in no doubt that all recommendations sought should be ordered. As a result of the hearing, the client secured extensive and comprehensive education and social care provision in his EHC plan. This would not have been possible were it not for Carin's strong advocacy skills and ability to understand complex issues with ease. I would not hesitate to recommend her and look forward to working with her again."

Recently, Carin prepared written submissions on behalf of a student who complained that a Prevent referral made about him was improper and discriminatory.

Carin also regularly advises and drafts submissions in respect of University complaints and academic appeals.

Carin is particularly interested in retrospective negligence claims for lack of educational provision, school admissions and exclusions, safeguarding, and higher education law.

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Court of Protection

Claire Van Overdijk supervised Carin for four months during her pupillage. During this time, Carin was exposed to Claire's work in the Court of Protection and benefited from Claire's extensive experience in mental capacity law.

Carin has a busy Court of Protection practice and regularly appears in respect of Section 21A and Section 16 matters. In this context, she has acted for the Official Solicitor, local authorities, and family members. Carin has also represented local authorities and family members in cases involving contested applications to revoke LPAs. In November 2019, Carin spoke at an event organised by Outer Temple Chambers on the topic of 'Capacity and Social Media'.

Recently, Carin acted as a junior in a complex matter involving a patient detained under Section 3 of the MHA 1983 which was heard pursuant to the High Court's inherent jurisdiction.

Public Law

Carin is a member of the Attorney General's Junior Junior scheme. In this capacity, she acted as junior junior for a government department subject to a judicial review of its framework for awarding contracts to renewable energy companies, which was eventually withdrawn. Recently, Carin has drafted grounds of resistance in respect of judicial review of police response to a complaint from a member of the public.

Please go to the 'Education' section of Carin's profile for details of this aspect of her public law practice.

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Court of Protection Bar Association
- European Circuit of the Bar
- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Pan-European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers
- Personal Injuries Bar Association

Languages

- French (proficient)
- Irish

Awards

- Winner, Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition (2018)

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- Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple (2018)
- Astbury Scholarship and Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple (2016)
- Advocacy Award, BPP University (2016)
- Undergraduate Internship Award, University of Oxford (2014)
- Bailey Prize, St Catherine's College Oxford (2013)
- Winner, John Smith Memorial Mace (2012)

Recommendations

Privacy Policy

Read Carin's [Privacy Policy](#).

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