



## Christopher Gibson QC

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Christopher Gibson QC practises in all types of high value clinical negligence and personal injury cases.

He has extensive experience in cases involving injuries of maximum severity including, in particular, cases of cerebral palsy involving birth injuries where allegations are made in respect of the obstetric and neonatal management. He has experience of psychiatric cases, involving Post Traumatic Stress Disorder cases where the injury is secondary to clinical negligence, as well as cases of psychiatric negligence.

Christopher also undertakes high value non-medical personal injury cases, and he has considerable expertise in legal negligence cases arising out of personal injury and medical cases where the allegation is that they have been mishandled or under-settled.

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## Clinical Negligence

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Christopher has extensive experience in cases of all types of clinical negligence, particularly in cases of high value and technical complexity. Many of his cases involve claims resulting from birth injuries and cerebral palsy, but he has wide experience of many different fields of clinical negligence.

Since representing the Claimant in the case of *Bailey v Ministry of Defence* he is often asked to advise in cases of complex medical causation and where the causation of the final injury or condition is uncertain. In addition he has experience of cases involving PTSD and claims based on inadequate mental health care.

The case of *Leigh v London Ambulance Service* was a case involving complexity in causation as well as the development of PTSD, and he has successfully represented Claimants who have been failed by the mental health services. Christopher is easy to work with, and is noted for developing a good rapport with his clients and their families.

## Cases

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### **Bailey v Ministry of Defence**

Material contribution causation.

### **Fenton v Independence Homes**

Further brain injury suffered by a Claimant with intractable epilepsy.

### **Joseph Davies v East London & The City Mental Health NHS Trust**

Defendants failed to section the claimant who tried to commit suicide and suffered serious brain and spinal injuries.

### **Martin Jacques v The Hong Kong Hospital Authority**

Fatal accident claim in Hong Kong involving negligence in the treatment and resuscitation of someone presenting with an epileptic fit.

### **Leigh v London Ambulance Service**

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PTSD suffered as a result of delay in the arrival of an ambulance. Material contribution causation.

**Ellen Saunders v Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust**

Delay in transferring mother to hospital following high risk developments in a home birth.

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## Product Liability

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Christopher has experience of product liability claims in the medical field, and is currently involved in a number of claims relating to defective hip prostheses, and hip replacement surgery.

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## Personal Injury

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Christopher is instructed in high value personal injury claims. As a motorcyclist himself, he is always pleased to represent motorcyclists if the worst happens, and he has extensive experience of accident claims involving spinal injuries as well as brain injuries, and the complexities that can arise in the quantification of such claims.

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## Child & Adult Abuse

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Christopher has considerable experience of different types of abuse cases – including claims involving abuse by priests on schoolboys and other types of abuse; and he also advises in cases against local authorities where there has been a safeguarding failure and children have suffered abuse as a result.

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## Professional Negligence

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With his background in professional negligence work of different sorts, Christopher continues to advise Claimants in cases where there is an allegation that clinical negligence or personal injury claims have been mishandled or under-settled. He has an ability to analyse extensive (and often disordered) files to identify where mistakes have been made. In addition he has acted in a number of cases where the consequences of a head injury have been underestimated with the result that a claim has been under-settled and a Claimant left with inadequate compensation.

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## Recommendations



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## Testimonials

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“Intellectually clear and impressive, as well as being sensitive to the ear of the court” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2021**

“An excellent clinical negligence silk. He is very personable and extremely knowledgeable.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2020**

“A joy to work with. Clients love his kind, sympathetic approach, while experts are impressed by his ability to grasp complicated medicine very quickly.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2019**

“He is excellent with clients.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2019**

“Excellent with clients and extremely knowledgeable.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2018**

“Assured, sensible and experienced.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2018**

“He is incredibly experienced and articulate.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2017**

“Highly experienced and has the ability to cut through complex issues.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2017**

“A highly intelligent and thoughtful barrister who listens, assimilates the information and then gets to the point promptly.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2017**

“A powerhouse of intelligence and excellent to work with.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2016**

“Christopher has it all; he’s a striking courtroom presence, shows good judgement, is always delightful and fun to work with, is highly intelligent, is well prepared and he articulates points with a bold, clear, authoritative style that is an absolute pleasure to listen to.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2016**

“The most striking thing about him is his great courtroom manner. He has a beautiful way of connecting with the judge and tribunal, and a clear way of expressing arguments in court. He’s totally authoritative and a good tactician, as well as being lovely to work with.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2015**

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“Very good at getting to the heart of a case.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2015**

“He has great empathy with clients, and yet is fierce in court.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2014**

Highly recommended Christopher Gibson QC is “a pleasure to work with” and “a powerful advocate” who offers “rigorous legal analysis and steadfast judgement.” **Clinical Negligence, Chambers & Partners 2013**

Christopher Gibson QC has a “charming courtroom manner.” **Clinical Negligence, Legal 500 2013**

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