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Jonathan Hand KC specialises in **Clinical Negligence** and **Personal Injury** work.

He has wide-ranging experience across both these fields, and acts for a mix of Claimant and Defendant clients. Much of his work involves catastrophic brain and spinal injuries as well as fatal accident claims.

He has a particular specialism in equine and other animal related litigation, and is well-known for his expertise in this area.

Other aspects of his practice include representation at Inquests and **Professional Negligence** claims arising out of the conduct of personal injury and clinical negligence litigation.

Jonathan is ranked by Chambers & Partners as a leading silk in both Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Jonathan has experience of a wide range of clinical negligence cases, acting on behalf of Claimants, the NHSLA, and medical defence organisations. He is frequently instructed in cases involving complex liability issues and high value quantum, including claims arising from birth injury resulting in cerebral palsy and from other neurological injury.

Recent examples of contested cases in which he has acted involve the specialisms of obstetrics, neurosurgery, cardiology, oncology, accident and emergency medicine, and general surgery.

He has extensive experience of multi-party litigation, having acted in the claims arising out of the misdiagnosis and mistreatment of epilepsy at Leicester Royal Infirmary during the 1990s. He was closely involved in the successful ADR process devised to manage the several hundred claims which were brought.

He is frequently asked to speak on topics in this field. Recent talks include presentations on NHS Outsourcing (for AvMA) and on Claims for Psychiatric Injury.

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Notable Clinical Negligence cases

Peppard v Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Nottingham District Registry)

Liability trial arising from delayed diagnosis and treatment of spinal epidural abscess resulting in paraplegia.

Jacobs v Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [2016] EWHC 121 (QB)

Trial on liability and quantum arising out of complications following surgery to repair inguinal hernia.

A v NHS Trust

Acting for child claimant who suffered severe brain injury following delayed diagnosis and treatment of endocarditis and subsequent stroke. Settlement achieved on basis of 80% liability shortly before six day High Court liability trial. Quantum ongoing.

B v NHS Trust

Acting for claimant in claim arising out of delayed diagnosis and treatment of hydrocephalus resulting in severe brain injury. Settlement achieved on basis of 90% liability shortly before six day High Court liability trial. Quantum ongoing.

C v NHS Trust

Acted for claimant who suffered birth injury resulting in cerebral palsy. Liability settlement achieved, and quantum subsequently agreed at capital value of £6.75 million (based on 70% of value). Led by David Westcott QC.

D v Spire Healthcare Ltd

Acted for claimant who suffered severe brain injury following delayed treatment of E coli infection. Complex causation issues with total of 12 medical experts instructed. Settled for £700,000.

E v NHS Trust

Acted for claimant who suffered birth injury resulting in cerebral palsy following delivery of twins. Settled for capital value of £10.3 million. Led by Christopher Wilson-Smith QC.

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Personal Injury

Jonathan has experience of a wide range of personal injury cases, acting on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants and their insurers.

Much of his personal injury work involves catastrophic spinal and head injuries as well as fatal accident claims.

He has a particular interest in equine and other animal related litigation including claims under the Animals Act 1971, where his expertise in this area can bring a real benefit. He is the author of the Liability for Animals section in the Westlaw Insight service. He is a legally qualified chair for British Equestrian Federation panels.

He is frequently asked to speak and write on topics in this field. Recent talks include presentations on Head Injuries in Sport (for Headway) and on Claims for Psychiatric Injury.

Published articles include two articles on the Animals Act which he co-authored with Ben Compton QC for the Journal of Personal Injury Law: The Animals Act 1971 – where are we now? (JPIL 2009, 1-11) and The statutory defences to strict liability (JPIL 2012, 18-24).

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Notable Personal Injury cases

Lockwood v Renforth (Nottingham District Registry)

Claim against owner of riding yard by claimant who suffered severe head injury causing blindness in fall from horse when riding in outdoor arena. Liability trial involving issues about appropriate construction of structures enclosing riding arenas.

S v S

Claims arising out of serious RTA in which two members of same family killed and two others seriously injured. Represented family at inquest and in multiple claims under Fatal Accidents Act and for personal injury by surviving claimants.

G v S

Claimant suffered severe brain injury when kicked by horse during covering at stud. Liability issues involving duty of care owed during covering of mare and application of the Animals Act 1971. Achieved successful settlement following mediation. Led by Ben Compton QC.

Cheung v Zhu [2011] EWHC 2913 (QB)

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Liability trial arising out of slip on shop floor by employee resulting in spinal injury causing paraplegia. Liability established on basis of employer's breaches of statutory duty. Indemnity costs awarded as result of Defendant's conduct. Led by Gordon Bebb QC.

Davenport v Farrow [2010] EWHC 550 (QB)

Liability trial arising out of sports injury. Claim by former international youth athlete against coach in relation to vertebral stress fractures alleged to have been sustained during training and which ended his career.

Palmer v Cornwall County Council [2009] EWCA Civ 456

Claim by pupil who suffered eye injury when struck by stone thrown by another pupil during break time. Issues on appeal concerning standard of care required of those supervising children at school and causation.

Memberships

- [Personal Injury Bar Association](#)
- [Professional Negligence Bar Association](#)
- [Association of Personal Injury Lawyers](#)

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