

Oliver Carr

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Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
University of Manchester – LLB Law with Politics – First Class, Ranked 1st in year	The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple	Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit)
University of Oxford – Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)	Northern Circuit	
BPP University – Bar Professional Training Course	Personal Injuries Bar Association	

Areas of Specialism
Civil & Insurance Fraud
Personal Injuries and Clinical Negligence
Inquests and Inquiries

Oliver has a broad medical and healthcare practice. He specialises in Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, and Coroner's Inquests.

Oliver completed a civil pupillage at Deans Court, joining Chambers as a tenant in November 2021.

Clinical Negligence

Oliver regularly advises on, and prepares pleadings in respect of, Clinical Negligence matters. He is available to assist with case strategy and the drafting of pre-action correspondence in respect of the same. His experience also includes having conferences with experts, and regularly advising in respect of quantum.

He has experience in cases involving allegations of:

Negligent misdiagnosis

Delayed diagnosis

Negligently performed surgery

Negligent mismanagement of cancer treatment

The misadministration and wrongful withholding of medication

The negligent development of pressure sores

Oliver's recent experience includes cases involving infant injury/death in clinical settings.

Oliver's experience in inquest work is such that he is in a position to work on matters involving fatalities in healthcare settings from the 'get go', being well placed thereafter to assist with civil claims in clinical negligence that naturally follow.

Personal Injury

Oliver's practice is concentrated in claims of intermediate and multi-track value.

He accepts instructions in the broadest range of personal injury litigation, dealing in disputed expert evidence across a range of medical

disciplines.

He has an interest in claims involving:

Chronic pain presentations

Complex future losses

Fatal accidents

For Defendants, Oliver regularly works on cases that involve allegations of dishonesty and insurance fraud at their core, and is on all of the major panels.

Inquests

Oliver accepts instructions both on behalf of families and other interested persons at Inquests.

His experience includes inquest proceedings into deaths occurring:

In the workplace

As a result of road traffic accidents

During the provision of psychiatric care

Oliver operates with sensitivity at inquest proceedings, but is quick to identify salient issues, being ever conscious of the utility and effect of investigations when considering future proceedings which naturally follow.

Notable Cases

Practice Area: Inquest

Oliver Carr represents Family at the Inquest into the Death of a 33 year old Father Crushed by Lift whilst at Work

Over the course of a multi-day inquest at Rochdale Coroner's Court, the Coroner concluded that Mr Sandy Noble, who was working as an engineer's mate/labourer as part of lift refurbishment works at the Royal Oldham Hospital, died as a result of head and neck injuries after the lift collided with him.

The Coroner concluded that Mr Noble had pressed a defective stop button which should have had the effect of preventing lift movement. The button failed, leading to the lift system re-energising which enabled the lift to continue moving. This was found to have directly resulted in the impact which caused Mr Noble's death.

In her conclusion, Joanne Kearsley, Senior Coroner for Manchester North, noted the failure of safety measures which should have, in isolation, prevented the lift from being able to move.

Practice Area: Inquest

Oliver Carr appeared for the family at an inquest into the tragic death of a 16 year old in a road traffic collision. The deceased was riding a motorcycle when he was dislodged upon a collision with another vehicle.

The Assistant Coroner noted the sad and tragic circumstances in which the deceased lost his life and extended his thanks to the legal team representing the deceased for their assistance at the inquest.

Practice Area: Personal Injury - Fundamental Dishonesty

Oliver Carr represented a local authority in proceedings brought against it by a Claimant who alleged that he had injured his elbow and back when he slipped on a churchyard pathway.

The Claimant's evidence was that he was unable to play golf for three weeks post-accident and that, after an attempt to play caused him too much pain and discomfort, he altogether avoided playing golf for around one year.

The Defendant obtained evidence which demonstrated that the Claimant had posted on his social media account photographs of him playing golf on a nationally famous course and commenting that he had "nailed a drive" within one week of his alleged accident. The evidence demonstrated that the Claimant had continued to play golf (including at times at competition level) consistently over a year following the accident. The Claimant was served with this evidence, as well as a letter reserving the Defendant's right to allege Fundamental Dishonesty. He discontinued his claim thereafter.

Oliver advised after the Claimant's discontinuance in relation to prospects and case strategy, assisting the Defendant in preparing and attending an application which was made pursuant to Paragraph 12.4 (c) of PD 44 for the Court to list the discontinued claim for a final

hearing in order to make a determination on the issue of Fundamental Dishonesty. The Defendant's application was successful.

Oliver attended a final hearing in the County Court at which the District Judge made a finding of Fundamental Dishonesty. The Court found that the Claimant had significantly exaggerated his injuries, and further that he had concealed both a previous back injury and a relevant previous claim from his medical experts.

The Claimant was ordered to pay the Defendant's costs of over £11,000 on an enforceable basis.

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