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Georgina Cursham

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Overview

Georgina is a top-ranked leading junior in the Legal 500 directory for personal injury and inquest work, as well as having been recommended in Chambers & Partners Guide for Personal Injury every year for the last 7 years.

She has a wide-ranging personal injury and clinical negligence practice, with a particular focus on catastrophic injury and fatal accident claims. She is esteemed for her specialist expertise in personal injury claims involving the Animals Act, as well as equine contractual disputes.

She knows her way around the Coroner's Courts, with extensive experience in Article 2 jury inquests arising from deaths in custody, as well as inquests into deaths arising from suspected failures in diagnosis and medical treatment. Georgina combines a strong academic background and thorough attention to detail with an approachable, down-to-earth attitude, which enables her to relate well to clients.

Expertise

Animals & Equine

Georgina is a specialist in equine litigation, dog bite/strike claims and other disputes involving animals. She has in-depth knowledge of the complex provisions of the Animals Act 1971 and associated case law.

She has advised and represented claimants and defendants in claims arising from horse riding accidents on private premises and in equestrian schools, cattle attacks resulting in fatal and catastrophic injuries, road traffic incidents involving horses and livestock, dog bites and strikes, and employer's liability claims in animal-related incidents.

She has expertise in cases involving trespass and nuisance, including damage to, and caused by, livestock.

She also has experience of veterinary negligence and farriers' work and disputes arising from the sale of horses and ponies.

After many years specialising in animal-related litigation, Georgina is adept at handling liability experts in court and in conference and is happy to assist with expert recommendations.

Serious Injury

The majority of Georgina's caseload is on the multi-track in 6- or 7-figure claims. Representing claimants and defendants, her experience in catastrophic injury work includes:

- Moderate to severe head injuries, including permanent vegetative state
- Spinal injuries, resulting in paraplegia or other significant disability
- Fatal accidents
- Serious psychiatric injuries resulting in severe long-term disability

She routinely undertakes advocacy in the High Court and provides a full drafting service, including advice on liability and quantum, and complex schedules of loss and counter-schedules. She is a skilled negotiator in joint settlement meetings.

She has experience of a wide variety of claims, including employers' liability, road traffic accidents, occupiers' liability, highways and other public liability accidents, product liability, and claims involving alleged breaches of human rights.

Clinical Negligence

Georgina receives instructions on behalf of both claimants and defendants in claims involving alleged negligent care and treatment. She represents families, as well as medical and caring professionals, at inquests in which medical care is scrutinised.

With a strong analytical approach, she is adept at dealing with complex issues of breach and causation, and is confident dealing with conflicting expert evidence, both in conference and at trial.

Georgina has provided advice and representation in claims arising from:

- Alleged negligent dental treatment
- Unnecessary and / or negligently executed plastic surgery
- Inadequate care in a nursing home
- Delayed diagnosis and negligent treatment of kidney stones

- Negligent orthopaedic/paediatric treatment
- Delayed diagnosis and treatment of infection, leading to fatal sepsis
- Failures in emergency care of diabetes-related illness, resulting in fatality
- Negligent treatment of psychiatric illness, resulting in death

Failures in emergency care of diabetes-related illness.

Inquests

Georgina has appeared at numerous regularly appears at inquests on behalf of a range of interested parties, including the family of the deceased, insurers, and, in her previous capacity as the Attorney General's Regional Panel Counsel, the Ministry of Justice.

Her experience includes inquests involving deaths in custody, Article 2 ECHR, clinical negligence, deaths of vulnerable adults in care, mesothelioma and other industrial diseases, accidents at work, road traffic accidents and highways matters, including dangerous road surface defects, and suicide following psychiatric treatment in hospital and/or in the community.

She has frequently appeared in jury inquests involving deaths in custody following drug overdose or self-harm.

Wills, Probate & Inheritance

Georgina's probate and trusts experience encompasses advisory, drafting and advocacy work in contentious probate proceedings and Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims.

She is often instructed in will disputes, including rectification, proceedings for the administration of a will, removal of personal representatives and claims against executors. She has experience of professional negligence arising from the drafting and / or administration of a will.

Notable Cases

Owen v Singh (Nottingham District Registry 2022). Successful representation at 5-day trial on liability for the Claimant bricklayer who was rendered paraplegic in a catastrophic fall from scaffolding on the Defendant's construction project.

Re Blades (Lincoln Coroner's Court 2022). Representation for the family at the inquest touching on the death of a lady who received negligent treatment on admission to hospital with diabetes-related illness.

T v M (High Court of Justice QBD 2020). Sole counsel for the Defendant in a claim pleaded at £11.8 million, arising out of the death of a young man who developed mesothelioma following exposure to asbestos at the Defendant's premises.

N v T & E (High Court of Justice QBD 2020). Representing the Claimant in his claim arising out of a road traffic accident, in which he suffered multiple life-threatening brain and chest injuries. Claim settled for £1m.

A & N v M (Leeds County Court 2020). Representing the Defendant employer in a vicarious liability claim for sexual assaults perpetrated by one of the Claimants' colleagues. Claims for alleged career-ending psychiatric injuries pleaded at over £1m.

C v M (Bournemouth & Poole County Court 2020). Representing the Defendant in an employer's liability claim pleaded at £0.5m. Settled at £35,000 with allegations of dishonest exaggeration.

W v R (High Court QBD 2019). Representing the Claimant, who was trampled by a herd of cattle and suffered severe, life-threatening rib and spinal injuries. Successful 6-figure settlement at JSM.

Hancox v Lindsay-Brown (Newcastle County Court 2019). Represented the successful Claimant in a 3-day multi-track trial

against the seller of a horse which was not fit for purpose.

Re RB (Nottingham Coroner's Court 2019). Representing the bereaved family of an elderly man who died suddenly of sepsis, following a minor graze to the leg which became infected. Ongoing civil claim.

KK v SE (2019). Representing the successful Claimants in their £700,000+ dependency claim arising from a road traffic accident leading to the death of a 27-year-old husband/father.

P & Others v MOJ (Central London County Court 2019). Counsel for the Defendant in a multi-claimant action arising from assaults by prisoners on 7 members of staff, with a total pleaded value over £1m.

T v M (Lincoln District Registry 2017). Junior counsel in a four-day trial in the High Court, in a catastrophic brain injury claim arising out of a fall downstairs in allegedly defective premises.

F v W (2016). Fatal bull attack on public footpath. Settlement achieved on behalf of the Claimant who suffered serious injuries, as well as losing her husband in the attack.

Re: MAH (Deceased) (Nottingham Coroner's Court 2015) & AH v NCC (2016). Representation at a two-week inquest on behalf of the family of a young man with severe autism, who drowned on a trip to a local reservoir whilst in the care of the local authority.

Kozlowska v Thurloe (t/a Judi Thurloe Sports Horses) **[2012] EWCA Civ 236.** Successful appeal and re-trial on behalf of a defendant livery yard owner in a claim by a former employee arising from a horse-riding accident.

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge
- Mental Health Tribunal Judge
- Attorney General's Regional Panel from 2012 to 2023
- Recorder, Midlands Circuit

Professional Membership

- Personal Injuries Bar Association

Qualifications

- LLB (Graduate) First Class Honours, Nottingham Law School
  - Nottingham Law School Prize for first place on the Graduate Diploma in Law
  - Taylor Prize for the highest result on the Bar Vocational Course
- MA (Oxon) Modern Languages, Pembroke College, Oxford

Recommendations

"She is exceptional. She is well prepared and easy to get on with."

- Chambers UK 2026

"Georgina's depth of knowledge relating to Animal Act claims has resulted in excellent outcomes for myself and my clients. Her pleadings are thorough and to the point."

- Chambers UK 2026

"Georgina Cursham has excellent client skills and excellent knowledge of the complex law surrounding the Animals Act. She gives clear advice in respect of quantum."

- Chambers UK 2026

"Georgina is bright, calm and an excellent negotiator who holds her ground. She is a skilled advocate and is fantastic with clients, inspiring confidence and trust."

- The Legal 500 2026

"Georgina has excellent drafting skills and a lovely way with clients. She has a great eye for detail and especially for the complexities of inquest work."

- The Legal 500 2026

"The Animals Act is often woolly, and Georgina is fantastic at explaining and breaking the matters down for the lay clients."

- Chambers UK 2025

"She has an excellent eye for detail and is brilliant with the clients."

- Chambers UK 2025

"She is very realistic in her evaluation and will explore all options so that when you start negotiating, the client has already been prepared."

- Chambers UK 2025

"Georgina is extremely good with dealing with clients and explaining to them the various issues and difficulties involved. She is reassuring and sympathetic."

- Chambers UK

"Georgina is wonderfully precise and focused. She has impressive knowledge of the Animals Act (a notoriously difficulty drafted piece of law) and is brilliant at breaking it all down for a lay client. She is also a highly skilled negotiator and an astute tactician."

- The Legal 500 2025

"Georgina remains calm and professional throughout the inquest process. She develops a rapport with clients quickly and really helps to put clients at ease who are experiencing very difficult and delicate circumstances. She is an excellent and experienced advocate who is available for advice."

- The Legal 500 2025

''Georgina is a very strong all-round barrister. She is very thorough in her review and preparation of a case. In court or an inquest, she is not fazed by the complexity of a matter and stays calm even in difficult and challenging circumstances."

- Legal 500 2024

"Georgina is excellent with clients. Her attention to detail is second-to-none. She is very good on her feet with thorough preparation."

- Legal 500 2024

"Georgina has excellent knowledge of law and procedure and is very thorough with a keen eye for detail. She is an excellent advocate who works very hard for the client and has a good rapport with clients, which is essential in personal injury claims where the claimant may be vulnerable."

- Legal 500 2023

"Georgina's attention to detail is second to none. She provides clear, concise technical and strategic advice in an approachable and friendly manner."

- Chambers and Partners 2023

"Georgina is extremely thorough and knowledgeable. She gives great attention to detail and provides comprehensive, sensible and thorough advice. She is very approachable and personable."

"*Georgina related well to the clients, she was well prepared, and a polite but effective advocate"*

- Legal 500 2022

"*She is phenomenally clever." "She's friendly, approachable, always well prepared and an excellent advocate."*

- Chambers and Partners 2022

"*A very talented advocate with a calm but persuasive style."*

"*Very knowledgeable on coronial law and procedure, getting to the crux of matters quickly."*

- Legal 500 2021

"*She is so clever and extraordinarily good." "She's a safe pair of hands and is very down to earth."*

- Chambers and Partners 2021

"*She provides pragmatic advice. Very knowledgeable, especially on equine cases.*"

- Legal 500 2020

"*Her written work is very thorough and detailed, and she has very good judgement.*"

- Chambers and Partners 2020

"Responsive, approachable and thorough."

- Legal 500 2019

"Her attention to detail is very good. She analyses the legal issues very well. Georgina is excellent at dealing with equine cases in particular. She is very thorough and does not miss a thing."

- Chambers and Partners 2018

"*Very prompt, has an eye for detail, good on her feet and efficient. Has a very good way of explaining the complexities of the Animals Act to clients.*"

- Chambers and Partners 2017

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