



Dr Kevin Naylor

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Appointments

Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Founder member Society of Doctors in Law (SODIL)

Education

- MB.Ch.B. MRCP LL.B. (Hons) LL.M.
- 1985: Qualified in Medicine.
- 1985-1989: Practised in University Teaching Hospitals in the following disciplines: General Medicine, General Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Medicine for the Elderly, General Practice and Psychiatry.
- 1989-1991: LL.B. (Hons.). Studied law whilst working full time as GP Deputy.
- 1991-1992: Inns of Court School of Law. (Very Competent)
- 1992-1993: LL.M. (International and Commercial Law)
- 1993 to date: Barrister practising on the Northern Circuit.

Overview

Prior to a life at the bar, Kevin originally qualified as a doctor and practised medicine for 7 years. He now practises in the fields of personal injury and clinical negligence, acting for both claimants and defendants. His medical background means he is somewhat unique at the bar and is an enormous asset to his clients. He is one of a small number of dual qualification barristers practising in the UK.

Kevin is routinely instructed in high value cases involving clinical negligence in all areas, injury to the central nervous system including catastrophic brain and spinal cord injury, multiple orthopaedic injuries, psychiatric injury and fatal accidents.

He has wide experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Inquests and inquiries – having represented interested parties in the Shipman Inquiry and more recently the inquiry into the death of Chloe Fahey
- Employers liability claims involving injury or disease, particularly where there are novel or complex issues of causation
- Chronic pain syndrome
- Fibromyalgia and reflex sympathetic dystrophy
- Education claims including failure to diagnose dyslexia and autistic spectrum disorder
- Civil Procedure

Recommendations

“Kevin is extremely good and his medical knowledge really makes the difference in clinical negligence cases.”

“Kevin is medically qualified which brings a really unique quality to the table. He provides very clear advice and is a great communicator and very quick on his feet.”

“Kevin can guide clients through the process so clients love him and his advice is really understanding of the expert position and the pressures experts are under. He is just top-notch.”

Chambers and Partners 2025

“Kevin practised medicine before being called to the Bar and there are very few counsel who can offer such a unique perspective on complex clinical negligence cases. His advice is always definitive and clear, which again is welcomed when the issues are so complicated.”

The Legal 500 2025

“Kevin is an excellent barrister who is client-focused.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Kevin’s background of medical knowledge is a true asset, having previously practiced as a medical professional. He tackles complex, high-value medical negligence cases with confidence, stoicism, and ease. He always has a clear vision as to how to structure the case and guide the clients throughout the medico-legal process, and experts thoroughly enjoy working with him and perceive him as a relatable, high-calibre barrister.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Kevin explains things to clients in a meticulous and methodical way. His legal and medical knowledge is brilliant.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

“Extremely good with clients. His medical knowledge is very helpful when dealing with complex clinical negligence cases. He deals with high-value cases and he is always willing to take the time to explain the case to the client in a clear and concise way.”

The Legal 500 2023

“Supportive and a team player – as he is a medical practitioner he can address the experts at their level. He also has an exceptional and calming bedside manner.”

“Very relaxed and accommodating, with great medical knowledge.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Kevin is an excellent analyst and gets to the crucial details of a case, using his background in medicine to bring added value. He is a strong tactician, and a composed advocate.

The Legal 500 2022

“He is very knowledgeable and his medical background is extremely useful when dealing with negligence claims.” “Extremely thorough and very detailed.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Kevin has a sound knowledge of medicine previously working as a doctor and therefore is able to carefully analyse complex medical negligence issues. He is very capable in dealing with complex, high value matters and is strong tactically and in settlement meetings.”

The Legal 500 2021

“He provides a very good analysis of the strengths and weaknesses in a case, and is tactically astute and very commercially aware.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Excellent insight in GP negligence and multiple defendant cases.”

“He was very robust with a difficult expert and incredibly analytical in his approach.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He has a very analytical approach to cases.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is very robust and is incredibly analytical in his approach.”

“Given his medical background he is particularly strong at assessing the strength and weaknesses of expert evidence.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“His medical expertise gives him the edge when examining medical evidence.”

The Legal 500 2017

“He was formerly a GP, which gives him some really good insight into clinical negligence cases.”

“He’s very accommodating via email and always gets back to me quickly.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“A master tactician who can immediately identify the key issues in a complex case. He is one of only a handful of UK barristers who is also a qualified doctor and his input in a case is invaluable. A silk in all but name.”

Sarah Barclay, Partner, Sarah Barclay and Co.

“A very persuasive advocate with great courtroom skills. He prepares cases meticulously and fights very hard for his clients. His medical knowledge gives him a tremendous advantage dealing with expert witnesses”

Michael Saul, Partner, TJL Solicitors

“A very sound counsel who has a calm, measured and empathetic manner with clients. Engagingly unpretentious. Helpful and approachable to those instructing him, always personable; a good eye for detail and excellent on analysis of complex issues.”

Elaine Meehan, Head of Clinical Negligence, Ralli Solicitors

“Kevin is the leader in his field. He brings a calm and measured approach to cases and has an outstanding track record. His medical background puts clients at ease as they quickly realise that they are dealing with an exceptionally knowledgeable barrister”

Pam Roberts, Head of Clinical Negligence, WHN Solicitors

“Kevin Naylor is an excellent barrister and advocate. I have always found him most efficient and reliable and I have never experienced any delay in my cases when Kevin is involved. His practical and sensible approach to his work is refreshing and I find him an absolute pleasure to work with. I cannot recommend him highly enough and I am delighted that I came across Kevin when I did because his work makes my life a little easier and it keeps my clients very happy”

Carol Sinnott, Principal, Sinnott Solicitors

“Kevin is easy to work with and provides a very personal service. He is very knowledgeable and his advice is always thorough. As a personal injury and clinical negligence specialist his medical knowledge is of considerable benefit”

Caroline Marchbank-Counce, Partner, Simon A Holt & Co.

Publications

Co-author of the 2016 British Society of Gastroenterology Guidelines (publication awaited) “Guidance for Obtaining Valid Consent for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Procedures”

Beyond the Bar

Kevin enjoys skiing. He is very enthusiastic but essentially unskilled despite over 400 hours of personal instruction. His other interests include fishing, topiary and walking to the village pub with his family and trusted labradors, Malt and Harry.