

Gideon Barth

Call: 2015



Gideon has a busy practice spanning all areas of Chambers' work. He has extensive experience in clinical negligence and personal injury, public and human rights law, inquests and public inquiries, and tax. Gideon is recognised as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners and as a rising star by the Legal 500.

Before coming to the Bar, Gideon obtained a First Class degree from Cambridge University where he read History, and a distinction on the GDL.

"He is astute and good on his feet." "He was exceptional at handling the witnesses. He was organised and a pleasure to work with."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"A serious lawyer, who is impressive on his feet and great in front of clients."

Legal 500 2023

Clinical Negligence

Gideon is regularly instructed in clinical negligence claims on behalf of both claimants and defendants.

His experience in clinical negligence claims covers a broad spectrum of medical practice, including healthcare in the community, and in NHS and private hospitals. He has experience in high-value claims, complex causation arguments, secondary victim claims, issues of informed consent and Fatal Accidents Act claims.

Gideon also has extensive inquest experience concerning physical and mental health care, and often represents families, clinicians and others in anticipation of litigation.

Listen to Gideon discuss secondary victim claims on episode 122 of our podcast LawPod UK [here](#).

Personal Injury

Gideon is regularly instructed in personal injury claims by both claimants and defendants. These include claims arising from accidents at work, employers' liability and public liability claims, prison-related claims and serious road traffic injuries. He also has experience acting for the victims of sexual assaults.

He often acts in inquests relating to topics ranging from medical negligence to mental health issues, nursing care to road traffic accidents.

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Inquests

Gideon regularly represents bereaved families, doctors, government departments and other interested persons at inquests. He has extensive and broad experience covering inquests dealing with medical care, deaths in custody, mental health issues and road traffic deaths.

He also has experience in police-related inquests. He was instructed as junior counsel for the Metropolitan Police in the inquests into the deaths of the victims of serial killer Stephen Port, and was instructed as junior counsel to the Coroner in the Inquests into the Birmingham Pub Bombings (1974). He appeared in the Court of Appeal in the associated judicial review, *Coroner for the Birmingham Inquests (1974) v Hambleton and others* [2018] EWCA Civ 2081.

Public Inquiries

Gideon is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Metropolitan Police on the Dawn Sturgess Inquiry.

He was previously instructed as junior counsel to the inquiry on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), working on the Accountability and Reparations investigation.

Listen to Gideon discuss Judge led inquiries on episode 18 of our podcast Law Pod UK [here](#).

Public Law

Gideon has a varied practice in public and human rights law.

He regularly advises and represents government departments across a range of issues including prison-

related claims, privacy and data protection issues, discrimination, malicious prosecution and misfeasance in public office.

Gideon's public law practice also touches on other areas including tax and inquests and inquiries. For example, he appeared as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal in the judicial review case of *Coroner for the Birmingham Inquests (1974) v Hambleton and others* [2018] EWCA Civ 2081.

Gideon has been instructed on immigration judicial review claims, unlawful detention, claims relating to discrimination in prisons and articles 2, 3 and 8 ECHR matters. He has worked claims against the police and claims involving breaches of confidentiality, privacy and data protection. Gideon is keen to expand his practice across a range of public law matters, spanning prisons, data protection / cybersecurity and tax.

He has added to a wealth of experience gained during pupillage in which Gideon assisted in judicial review claims in respect of deaths in custody, immigration appeals and a number of article 8 challenges. He also worked on group litigation touching on private and public international law, conflict of laws, jurisdictional disputes and claims for breaches of A1P1 in environmental law.

He is appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel.

Tax

Gideon has a growing practice in indirect tax. He has appeared in a number of customs classification appeals concerning fire alarms, plywood panels and others.

Gideon was instructed by HMRC in an appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) relating to authorisation under the WOWGR legislation (*Whittalls Wines Limited and Another v HMRC* [2018] UKFTT 0036(TC)). He was led by Stephen Nathan KC and Isabel McArdle.

He also has experience of cases involving MTIC frauds, the 'fall-back' provisions and anti-dumping duty.

Appointments

- Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel (2020 – present)

Awards

- Inner Temple Advocacy Prize Semi-Finalist (2015)
- Major Scholarship BPTC, Inner Temple (2015)
- Exhibition Award GDL, Inner Temple (2014)
- Ivo Forde History Prize (2013)

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), City University, London (2015)

- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City University, London (2014)
- BA (Hons) History (First Class), St Catharine's College, Cambridge (2013)

Memberships

- ALBA
- ILPA
- PIBA

Publications

- 'Blanket doping bans and human rights. Does a blanket ban on Russian athletes competing at Rio 2016 contravene human rights law?' [2016] Global Sports Law and Taxation Reports, with Richard Booth QC.
- 'Judicial Interpretation or Judicial Vandalism? Section 3 of the Human Rights Act 1998' [2016] Judicial Review 99, with Adam Wagner.
- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Gideon is a contributor to 1COR's [UK Human Right's Blog](#) and [Law Pod UK Ep. 18 & 122](#).