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Judith Rogerson

Call: 2003

Judith Rogerson has a civil practice with a particular focus on cases involving healthcare professionals.

She has for many years been recognised in the legal directories as a leading junior in her areas of practice. She has been praised for being *"very well prepared, assured, calm"* and *"persuasive"* and for providing *"timely and easily understood advice"*. Clients have noted her *"exceptional grasp"* of medical issues and ability to quickly get on top of the facts and key issues in a case. Judith has been called *"a fearless advocate"* who is *"perfectly at home in a trial"*. She is described as *"a pleasure to work with"* and as having an *"excellent"* and *"sensitive"* manner with clients and witnesses.

She has extensive experience of acting on behalf of patients, NHS Resolution and individual medical practitioners in a wide range of cases arising out of allegations of clinical negligence.

She also has a good knowledge of professional discipline having been involved in cases in a range of healthcare tribunals including the MPTS, GDC, NMC and HCPC as well as internal Trust disciplinary proceedings and fitness to practise hearings involving medical students.

Judith frequently appears in the Coroner's Court where she represents families, clinicians and other interested persons.

"Judith is fantastic. She is incredibly well prepared. She is very good at making everyone feel part of the process, with clients able to articulate their view."

Chambers and Partners 2025

Judith is unflappable, thinks very quickly on her feet and is a formidable ally in any situation, including settlement meetings and at trial.'

Legal 500 2025

"Judith is highly approachable, technically excellent and a pleasure to work with. She has a great manner with witnesses and is meticulous in her preparation; providing timely and easily understood advice."

Legal 500 2023

"Judith gets a grasp of the facts and key issues very quickly. She is able to handle inquests (including the advocacy) very well and to the complete satisfaction of lay clients."

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"Calm, intelligent and responsive."

Legal 500 2022

Clinical Negligence

Judith has extensive experience of advisory and advocacy work for both claimants and defendants, as well as a strong record of successfully resolving claims through ADR.

Her practice involves cases in a wide variety of disciplines including claims related to general practice, obstetrics and gynaecology, oncology, gastroenterology, orthopaedics, neurology and plastic surgery. She has acted in numerous high value catastrophic brain injury cases dealing with complicated issues of both liability and quantum, where she has been instructed both as junior counsel and alone, often appearing against leading counsel.

Her trial experience includes successfully defending claims alleging a failure by a nurse to properly manage glaucoma, a bowel perforation during a radical hysterectomy, negligence during surgery to correct spinal scoliosis resulting in paralysis and allegations against a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon concerning avascular necrosis of the hip.

In addition to substantive arguments relating to liability and quantum, Judith has wide experience of:

- Claims involving complicated issues relating to limitation.
- Allegations of interference with the rights conferred by Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the ECHR in the context of healthcare claims.
- Claims involving periodical payments. She was extensively involved in the finalisation of the many claims which had been on hold pending the conclusion of the proceedings in *Thompstone* v *Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust* concerning the indexation of periodical payments.
- Procedural and interlocutory matters that often arise in clinical negligence litigation.

Judith is recognised by the legal directories as a leading junior in clinical negligence.

"Judith is an absolute joy to work with. She is calm, technically excellent, meticulous and she is ferocious when required. She is highly responsive and brilliant with clients." (Chambers and Partners 2026)

"She is a hard negotiator and very pleasant." (Chambers and Partners 2026)

"Judith continues to provide pragmatic and sensible advice. She is a pleasure to work with." (Chambers and Partners 2026)

"Judith stood her ground really well and she was very well prepared. She has given really good advice she gets back to you very quickly." (Chambers and Partners 2026)

"*Judith is an absolute joy to work with. She is detailed, calm and thorough."* (Legal 500 2026)

"Judith is incredibly thoughtful, well prepared and collegiate in her dealings with her instructing solicitors. Judith is unflappable, thinks very quickly on her feet and is a formidable ally in any situation, including settlement meetings and at trial." (Legal 500 2025)

"Judith is fantastic. She is incredibly well prepared. She is very good at making everyone feel part of the process, with clients able to articulate their view." (Chambers and Partners 2025)

"She is excellent with scheduling." (Chambers and Partners 2025)

"Judith is highly approachable, technically excellent and a pleasure to work with. She has a great manner with witnesses and is meticulous in her preparation; providing timely and easily understood advice." (Legal 500 2023)

"Judith gets a grasp of the facts and key issues very quickly. She is able to handle inquests (including the advocacy) very well and to the complete satisfaction of lay clients." (Legal 500 2023)

"Calm, intelligent and responsive." (Legal 500 2022)

"She always remains very calm and is a real team player. She's also extremely thorough on top of the detail and very clever." (Chambers and Partners 2020)

"She is calm, sensible, pragmatic and practical." (Legal 500 2019)

"She knows her stuff and is good at what she does." "Very sensible, pragmatic and calm." (Chambers & Partners 2019)

"She is sensitive with clients but also sensible. She takes realistic views on cases." (Chambers & Partners 2018)

"She is experienced in handling high-value claims." (Legal 500 2017)

"She's ambitious and realistic and makes sure she gets the best outcome for the client." (Chambers & Partners 2017)

"She displays excellent attention to detail and is very thorough." (Legal 500 2016)

"She is very well prepared, assured, calm, persuasive and perfectly at home in a trial. She is also excellent with clients." (Chambers & Partners 2016)

"A well-respected individual with significant experience of obstetrics, gynaecology, orthopaedics and plastic surgery claims. Also praised for her work as junior counsel on several high-value brain injury cases involving both liability and quantum…She thinks things through properly and invariably gets the right answer." (Chambers

& Partners 2015)

*"A fearless advocate who does an excellent job." (*Legal 500 2015)

"Very good…a widely known junior who acts for claimants and defendants across many medical disciplines" whose *"advice is very clear."* (Chambers & Partners 2014)

"She is intuitive, and has an exceptional grasp of the medical issues involved in cases." (Legal 500 2014)

"Highly sought after." (Chambers & Partners 2013)

"She has a good technical knowledge and the ability to convey it." (Legal 500 2012)

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Judith has appeared before Interim Orders panels and at Fitness to Practise hearings in a number of healthcare tribunals including the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service, the General Dental Council and the Health and Care Professions Council. She has also been involved in internal Trust disciplinary proceedings and fitness to practise hearings concerning medical students.

Her experience includes representing practitioners during investigations related to performance, health and conduct, including cases arising from criminal convictions and allegations of dishonesty.

She also has a good track record of drafting lengthy written submissions to assist in the resolution of claims at the early stages of proceedings. Her most recent experience in this respect includes complaints against doctors, psychotherapists and psychologists.

Judith appeared alongside leading counsel on behalf a doctor facing proceedings in the lengthy Fitness to Practise hearing arising out of a clinical trial into the relationship between cardiac defects and migraine headaches and in the subsequent s.40 appeal before the High Court. Her experience also includes acting as junior counsel in a long running hearing concerning allegations made against a GP who had previously been tried in the criminal courts for sexual assault.

In addition to appearing in professional disciplinary tribunals, she has previously appeared in the Magistrates' and Crown Court on behalf of healthcare professionals facing criminal allegations arising out of their professional conduct.

During her second six months of pupillage Judith was appointed by the Council of the Inns of Court as a Clerk to the Bar Standards Board disciplinary tribunal. She continued in this role for seven years and was subsequently instructed as counsel for the BSB in proceedings before the Visitors to the Inns of Court. She therefore has extensive knowledge and experience of professional conduct and disciplinary proceedings at the Bar.

"Her cross-over practice includes medical discipline as well as clinical negligence cases." (Legal 500)

"She's ambitious and realistic and makes sure she gets the best outcome for the client." (Chambers & Partners)

"She displays excellent attention to detail and is very thorough." (Legal 500)

"She is very well prepared, assured, calm, persuasive and perfectly at home in a trial. She is also excellent with clients." (Chambers & Partners)

Inquests

Judith frequently appears in the Coroner's Court where she has represented families, clinicians and other interested parties and pre-inquest reviews and substantive hearings.

Her experience includes inquests following missed or late diagnoses, surgical complications and the sudden unexplained death of small children. She has been involved in a number of case where there have been significant issues related to mental health care.

She has also appeared at inquests arising out of the unexpected deaths of individuals under the care of local authorities or the NHS, whilst in custody or as a result of accidents at work.

She has particular experience of representing clinicians and Ambulance Trusts at inquests arising from delays in responding to emergency calls and is familiar with the policy and resources issues which arise at such hearings.

The Legal 500 notes that "*Judith's advocacy is brilliantly succinct and incisive."*

Healthcare and Court of Protection

Early in her career Judith was instructed by Primary Care Trusts as junior counsel in judicial review proceedings relating to the closure of the maternity department of a hospital and as an interested party in proceedings seeking to challenge the Secretary of State for Health's approval of a major hospital rebuilding project in the North East of England.

She has represented NHS Trusts in judicial review proceedings, in claims seeking injunctive relief on behalf of hospital staff and in claims seeking declarations relating to the treatment of patients.

She has also been involved in proceedings brought by individual doctors seeking to challenge decisions made by the GMC.

Judith has been instructed in claims seeking declarations from the Court in respect of the treatment of patients in 'best interests' cases and where the Court has had to consider Deprivation of Liberty safeguards. Her experience includes cases relating to the administration or discontinuation of treatment and the issue of whether patients should remain in hospital or be discharged into alternative care. In addition she has advised in respect of the protection of the assets of individuals who lack capacity to manage their own affairs. She has made applications on behalf of hospital staff for injunctive relief under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, including a number of such applications involving mental health issues.

She has also acted in possession proceedings on behalf of Trusts seeking to remove patients who have refused to leave hospital after the conclusion of their treatment.

Personal Injury

Judith has significant experience of advising and representing both claimants and defendants.

In addition to civil proceedings, she has appeared before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal Panel on behalf of appellants who have been injured as a result of criminal acts.

In the early years of her practice she assisted the Treasury Solicitor's private law team in a number of claims, including actions against the Prison Service, claims for stress at work and allegations of misfeasance in public office. She was also involved in claims against the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Defence.

Appointments

- Mentor at Social Mobility Foundation

Awards

- Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2003)
- Denning & Hardwicke Scholarships, Lincoln's Inn (2002)

Education

- BVC (Very Competent), Inns of Court School of Law (2003)
- BA Jurisprudence (1st Class), Brasenose College, Oxford (2001)
- Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, Oxford (2000)

Memberships

- PIBA
- PNBA
- South Eastern Circuit

Publications

Judith has given lectures and seminars on a range of subjects, most recently including the issue of apportionment and contribution proceedings in clinical negligence litigation, material contribution and the impact of the Supreme Court decision of *Knauer* in Fatal Accidents Act claims.

For several years she was responsible for compiling a quarterly newsletter produced for the NHSLA dealing with all relevant development in human rights law.

She is a contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)