

## Matthew Flinn

Call: 2010



Matthew Flinn is developing a broad practice in the main areas of Chambers' work, in particular public law, human rights, clinical negligence and personal injury. He is developing particular expertise in inquests, and clinical and dental negligence claims, acting for both Claimants and Defendants. He undertakes a wide range of advisory and court work, from small claims hearings to the High Court.

He is a regular contributor to the [UK Human Rights Blog](#), and a number of his articles have been reproduced by, or linked to, other legal websites.

### Significant cases include:

- Guildford Pub Bombings
- In Amenas Inquests
- *Webley v St George's Hospital NHS Trust* [2014] EWHC 299 (QB)
- Al Sweady Public Inquiry

## Inquests

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Matthew has an extremely busy practice in the field of coronial law and inquests. He has extensive experience of acting for a range of parties, including aggrieved families, prisons, NHS Trusts and individual clinicians. Recently, Matthew represented a Resident Medical Officer at an inquest into the death of a young mother after plastic surgery.

His past experience includes appearances in large-scale and complex inquests. In particular, the inquest into the [Guildford Pub Bombings](#) led by Oliver Sanders QC as Counsel to the Inquest. Between 2013 and 2015, Matthew acted for the families of four British residents who were tragically killed in the terrorist attacks on the

In Amenas gas production facility in Algeria. Matthew was led by Sir Neil Garnham.

Read his latest articles for Lexis Nexis PSL examining the impact of COVID-19 on coroners' inquests and the investigation of deaths ([here](#)) and remote participation at inquests ([here](#)).

## Selected Cases

- [Guildford Pub Bombings](#)
- [Re Tatifi \(2020\)](#)
- [In Amenas Inquest](#)

## Data, Information & Technology

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Prior to commencing his training for the bar, Matthew worked in the area of information law in New Zealand, where he was employed as an advisor to Prime Minister Helen Clark in relation to issues arising from the Official Information Act 1982.

In the United Kingdom, Matthew has gained experience in proceedings arising from the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and advised in private litigation stemming from the Data Protection Act 1998.

Data Protection is one of the most important and increasingly pervasive areas of modern law, and Matthew is keen to continue to develop his practice in this field. In particular, he is looking forward to assisting clients navigate the legal landscape following the coming into force of the General Data Protection Regulation.

## Selected Cases

- **Wynn v (1) The Information Commission and (2) The Serious Fraud Office (EA/2011/0084).**

## Personal Injury

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Matthew has a broad range of experience in acting for both Claimants and Defendants in personal injury claims, ranging from fast-track litigation, to cases of catastrophic injury and fatal accidents. Led by Phillippa Kaufman QC, and following on from his extensive involvement in the In Amenas inquests, he is currently representing a large number of claimants involved in complex litigation against BP, stemming from the terrorist attack at the In Amemas gas production facility in Algeria in January 2013.

## Selected Cases

- **Webley v St George's Hospital NHS Trust [2014] EWHC 299 (QB)**

# Clinical Negligence

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Matthew has extensive experience in acting for Claimants and Defendants in both the procedural and substantive aspects of clinical negligence litigation. He has particular experience of fatal accident claims, as well as cases involving delayed diagnoses of cancer, orthopaedic injury and serious dental claims. He has a particular interest in the topic of human rights law and its interaction with clinical negligence claims in tort, and has spoken widely on the strategic opportunities arising in that context.

## Appointments

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- Attorney General's Panel of Counsel C panel (2015)
- Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark

## Awards

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- Lord Mansfield Scholar, Lincoln's Inn (2008)
- Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn (2008)
- Foundation Scholar, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (2007)
- Avory Scholar, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (2005, 2007)
- Simmons and Simmons Award, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (2006)

## Education

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- Bar Vocational Course, Outstanding – City University, London (2009)
- BA (Hons) in Law, Double First Class Honours – Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (2007)

## Publications

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- Editorial Team for the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Contributor to the [UK Human Rights Blog](#)
- Law Pod UK Episode 183
- *Impact of COVID-19 on Inquests* LexisNexisPSL, 2020
- *Remote Participation in Coroners' Inquests* LexisNexisPSL, 2020
- *Changes to interest rates for Court Funds Office*, LexisNexisPSL, 2020