

Gideon Barth

Call: 2015



Gideon has a busy practice spanning all areas of Chambers' work including clinical negligence and personal injury, public and human rights law, inquests and public inquiries, tax, and equality law.

Gideon is regularly instructed in clinical negligence and personal injury claims by both claimants and defendants in claims in the High Court and County Court. He has experience in high-value claims, complex causation arguments, issues of informed consent and Fatal Accidents Act claims. His experience stretches from GPs to surgery, stillbirths and birth injury, midwifery and nursing care, ophthalmology and dentistry. In addition to clinical negligence, Gideon is instructed in personal injury claims arising from accidents at work, employers' liability claims and serious road traffic injuries.

Gideon often appears in inquests relating to topics ranging from medical negligence, mental health issues, nursing care to road traffic accidents. He is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Coroner in the Inquest into the Birmingham Pub Bombings (1974).

Gideon is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), working on the Accountability and Reparations investigation.

Gideon is also developing a varied public law practice. In addition to his work on the Inquests into the Birmingham Pub Bombings (*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 article 2, article 3 and article 8 matters. He is keen to expand his public law practice.

He is also interested in developing his experience in the field of tax litigation. He was instructed by HMRC in an appeal in relation to authorisation under the WOWGR legislative scheme in the First-Tier Tribunal (*Whittalls Wines Limited and Another v HMRC [2018] UKFTT 0036(TC)*).

While the bedrock of his practice is civil litigation, Gideon has also developed a criminal law practice, prosecuting in

the Magistrates' Court and also appearing in the Crown Court.

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

Clinical Negligence

Gideon is regularly instructed in clinical negligence claims by both claimants and defendants.

He regularly advises and settles pleadings in clinical negligence claims across a broad spectrum of medical work. He has experience in high-value claims, complex causation arguments, issues of informed consent and Fatal Accidents Act claims. His experience stretches from GPs to surgery, stillbirths and birth injury, midwifery and nursing care, ophthalmology and dentistry.

Gideon often appears before coroners in inquests relating to topics ranging from medical negligence, mental health issues, nursing care to road traffic accidents.

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 claims and serious road traffic injuries. His experience also includes claims relating to sexual assaults.

Gideon often appears before Coroners in inquests relating to topics ranging from medical negligence, mental health issues, nursing care to road traffic accidents.

Inquests

Gideon often appears in inquests relating to topics ranging from medical negligence, mental health issues, nursing care to road traffic accidents. He represents families and other interested persons.

He is currently 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 in the Inquests into the Birmingham Pub Bombings \(1974\).](#))

Public Law

Gideon is developing a varied practice in public law and human rights.

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 QC and Isabel McArdle.

He is also currently instructed by the Coroner in the Inquest into the Birmingham Pub Bombings (1974), and appeared as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal in *Coroner for the Birmingham Inquests (1974) v Hambleton and others [2018] EWCA Civ 2081*. He is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), working on the Accountability and Reparations investigation. Gideon has a particular interest in major inquests and inquiries into historical and contemporary events.

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 on unlawful detention claims, 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 immigration law, 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.

Public Inquiries

Gideon is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), working on the Accountability and Reparations investigation.

Tax

Gideon was instructed by HMRC in an appeal in relation to authorisation under the WOWGR legislative scheme in the First-Tier Tribunal (*Whittalls Wines Limited and Another v HMRC [2018] UKFTT 0036(TC)*). He was led by Stephen Nathan QC and Isabel McArdle.

Employment & Equality

Gideon has a growing interest in equality law work. He has appeared for a bus company in a claim for disability discrimination for a failure to make reasonable adjustments and acted for a mother and child in the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Tribunal. He also has experience in claims relating to discrimination in prisons.

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.
- Gideon is a contributor to 1COR's [UK Human Right's Blog](#).