

## Barrister: Laura Begley

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### Overview:

Laura is a busy [clinical negligence](#) and [personal injury](#) practitioner with great attention to detail, sound judgment, good courtroom skills and positive client management. She is a well established [personal injury](#) practitioner who continues to enjoy a burgeoning practice of complex and high value work in this field. Her [clinical negligence](#) practice has expanded significantly in recent years and she enjoys this work and the challenges it presents, enormously. She cuts to the chase and provides direction in complex claims. She is sympathetic with clients but can be robust when circumstances require it.

Laura regularly lectures on [personal injury](#) and [clinical negligence](#) claims. She is a contributing editor to [Kemp & Kemp: Quantum of Damages](#) and Personal Injury Law Practice and Procedure and to Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service. She is a contributing editor to 9 Gough Square's [Clinical Negligence Claims](#) (re-published in 2011). She is also a consulting editor for Medicine, Science and the Law; the Journal of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Laura has recently been appointed as a PicArbs Arbitrator.

### What the directories say

- **The Legal 500 2019 (Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence):** Ranked Tier 1 for Personal Injury "Extremely hardworking and a very safe pair of hands for high-value and complex cases." Ranked Tier 2 for Clinical Negligence "Excellent on technical and medical issues." Clinical Negligence Ranked Tier 1 "One of the best juniors in her field – technically brilliant but also incredibly empathic."
- **Chambers UK 2019 (Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence) - ranked band 1 for Personal Injury** - "An extremely thorough performer." "Her skill and management of cases is fantastic, and her performance in court is great." Ranked band 2 for Clinical Negligence - "Meticulous, hard-working and very easy to work with. She has a wealth of knowledge on the legal and medical aspects of a clinical negligence claim and excellent client-care skills."
- **The Legal 500 2018 (Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence) - ranked UK Junior of the Year**
- **Chambers UK 2018 (Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence) - ranked band 1 for Personal Injury** - "Excellent on the medical side and thorough. She has that measured compassion to be realistic with clients but still fight their corner. She handles that balance really well." "Intellectually on top of her game. She can analyse a case and boil it down to the main issues very efficiently." Ranked band 3 for Clinical Negligence - "Really thorough and easy to work with." "She has a broad knowledge of both the legal and medical aspects of these types of claims and accomplished advocacy skills. She provides balanced and pragmatic advice, and also has a sympathetic and understanding client manner."
- **Chambers UK 2017 (Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence) - ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury** - "Excellent advocate and litigator who gives clear advice." "She's just brilliant, her technical capability is quite outstanding." Ranked Band 3 for Clinical Negligence - "She adopts a tenacious yet pragmatic approach to cases." "She's very approachable and very attuned to the commercial realities of the case."
- **Chambers UK 2015 (Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence) - ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury** - "She has a fantastic manner with clients, is incredibly approachable, is brilliant in court and displays good attention to detail." Ranked Band 3 for Negligence - "Hugely knowledgeable, caring and professional, she's very thorough, considered and thoughtful, and has a lovely manner with clients."
- **Chambers UK 2014 (Personal Injury):** Ranked Band 2 "She's meticulous and hard-working."
- **Chambers UK 2013 (Personal Injury):** Ranked Band 2 "impresses with her excellent performance in brain injury cases".
- **Chambers UK 2012 (Personal Injury):** Ranked Band 2 "respected for her intellect and thoroughness."
- **Chambers UK 2011 (Personal Injury):** Ranked Band 3 "good rapport with clients"...she enjoys the backing of the market.
- **Legal 500 2017 (Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence):** Ranked Tier 1 "Extremely hardworking and a very safe pair of hands for high-value and complex cases." Ranked Tier 2 "Excellent on technical and medical issues."
- **Legal 500 2016 (Clinical Negligence):** Ranked Tier 2 "Hugely empathetic and a highly effective advocate."

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### Clinical Negligence

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**Call: 1993**

#### Education:

LLB (Hons), Leeds University

#### Practice areas

- Arbitration
- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury

#### Recent News

- Laura Begley speaking at PIBA's London Conference - 17th January 2019
- 9 Gough Square and Laura Begley: Legal 500 UK 2018 awards in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence
- Third edition of "Clinical Negligence Claims: A Practical Guide" is now published
- John Foy QC and Laura Begley appear in the Court of Appeal in a landmark Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder case

Laura's [clinical negligence](#) work covers all aspects of [clinical negligence](#) from cosmetic and dental surgery to delayed diagnosis of cancer, failure to follow up visual complaints leading to blindness in a diabetic, failure to admit for acute psychosis leading to suicide, failure to diagnose a soft tissue sarcoma leading to above knee amputation of leg, failures associated with substandard performance of gynaecological, rectal and other lower abdominal surgery; failed hip and knee replacements. She also is instructed in wrongful birth claims and claims arising out of hypoxia at birth.

## Personal Injury

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### Personal Injury:

On the [personal injury](#) front, her case load consists of serious and catastrophic injury work including brain injuries, spinal injuries and other major orthopaedic injuries. She regularly acts for leading trade union firms and has good experience of industrial and employers' liability claims including assault and abuse claims.

She has particular expertise in criminal injuries claims having previously co-authored the main text books in this area of law including [Criminal Injuries Compensation Claims](#). She has obtained 3 maximum £500,000 awards under Tariff claims in the past 6 months and had conduct of 5 substantial pre-tariff cases, and obtained awards in each in excess of £1m over the past year. She is also instructed in judicial review proceedings arising out of these and other claims.

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### Recommendations



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