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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Abuse, Military Claims, International & Travel, Criminal Injuries Compensation, Industrial Disease, Human Rights, Public Authority Liability, Insurance, Fraud, Group Litigation

Nina acts for claimants and defendants across all Chambers' practice areas. She specialises in claims arising out of sexual and physical assaults; military claims; international and group litigation; and human rights aspects of personal injury law. She has been instructed in high-profile litigation in these fields, including in:

- *X v Kuoni* [2019] UKSC 37 (led by William Audland QC): a claim brought under the 1992 *Package Travel Regulations* for sexual assaults committed by a hotel employee in Sri Lanka. The case has been referred by the Supreme Court to the CJEU for a preliminary ruling on a point of European law.
- *Alseran & Others v Ministry of Defence* [2017] EWHC 3289 (QB) [2018] 3 W.L.R. 95 (led by Richard Hermer QC and Harry Steinberg QC): claims against the MoD brought by Iraqi civilians who allege that they were assaulted and unlawfully detained by UK military personnel during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Given her areas of specialism, Nina has particular experience of claims for psychiatric injury and cases where limitation is in issue. She is co-author of *Personal Injury Limitation Law*, Bloomsbury (2020).

Before coming to the Bar, Nina worked on torture and abuse cases in the international and group claims department of Leigh Day & Co Solicitors; at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Netherlands; as well as at JUSTICE; Liberty; and the Legal Resources Centre in Durban, South Africa.

Military

Nina specialises in Armed Forces claims. She has particular experience of acting for service personnel in claims arising out of sexual and physical assault; non-freezing cold injuries; and PTSD.

Examples of recent cases include:

- A claim brought by a British naval officer who was sexually assaulted by a senior officer in Bahrain
- Claims brought under the *HRA 1998* and in Afghan law by the family of a boy who was shot and killed in Kandahar City by British military personnel following the US invasion of Afghanistan
- A group claim arising out of the alleged failure of the MoD to identify and treat psychiatric injuries sustained by military personnel in combat
- A claim brought by a soldier who was harassed and assaulted by his peers during initiation ceremonies
- A claim brought by a soldier for NFCI, PTSD and NIHL leading to loss of military career

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Qualifications & Awards

Bar Vocational Course (Outstanding), BPP College of Professional Studies

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City University

MA (Distinction), Islamic, Hindu and Buddhist Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

BA Hons, English Language and Literature, Balliol College, University of Oxford

Major scholar, Middle Temple Inns of Court

Shakespeare scholar, Balliol College, University of Oxford

Cases

FXF v Ampleforth Abbey Trustees [2020] EWHC 791 (QB): a claim arising out of the alleged sexual assault of the claimant by a Roman Catholic priest, in which the key issue was limitation.

GXG v S [2019] EWHC 3644 (QB): a claim for psychiatric injuries arising out of serious sexual assaults inflicted upon the claimant by his neighbour when the claimant was a child. The award of damages included an award for wasted expenditure on alcohol.

X v Kuoni [2019] UKSC 37: a claim brought under the 1992 Package Travel Regulations for sexual assaults committed by a hotel employee in Sri Lanka. The case has been referred by the Supreme Court to the CJEU for a preliminary ruling on a point of EU law.

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Various claimants v (1) British Airways; (2) Wood: group litigation against British Airways for child sexual abuse carried out by a pilot during stopovers in Kenya.

AW v Lancashire County Council: claim against a local authority for failure to remove a child with learning disabilities from her parents' care.