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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 is ranked as a leading junior in personal injury in the current editions of Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, which note that Nina is “*crystal-clear in her thinking and analysis*” (Legal 500) and has “*a commanding presence when on her feet*” (Chambers and Partners).

Nina specialises in claims arising out of sexual and physical assaults; harassment claims; 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:

- *Sayn-Wittgenstein v Juan Carlos 1* [2023] EWHC 2478 (KB) (led by Jonathan Caplan KC and Andrew Green KC): claim for harassment brought against the former King of Spain
- *X v Kuoni* [2021] UKSC 34 (led by William Audland KC): a claim brought under the 1992 Package Travel Regulations for sexual assaults committed by a hotel employee in Sri Lanka, which was 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 KC and Harry Steinberg KC): 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 the complex issues of causation that arise.

She is an authority on limitation periods and is co-author of *Personal Injury Limitation Law*, Bloomsbury (2020) which has received excellent reviews: <https://www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/personal-injury-limitation-law-9781526508607/>

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.

Personal Injury

Nina is a leading personal injury practitioner instructed in complex and high-profile litigation.

She acts for claimants and defendants in all manner of personal injury litigation, including sexual abuse claims; military

claims; claims arising from accidents abroad; road traffic accident claims; employers' liability claims; claims for occupational stress; chronic pain cases; occupier's, public and product liability claims; highways cases; defective premises claims; and Animals Act claims.

Nina is an authority on limitation periods and is co-author of *Personal Injury Limitation Law*, Bloomsbury (2020). Given her specialism in abuse and military claims, Nina has particular experience of claims for psychiatric injury and the complex issues of diagnosis and causation that arise. She is often instructed in cases involving novel points for example in relation to the scope and nature of the duty of care.

Her recent personal injury work includes a personal injury claim arising out of the torture of a Palestinian civilian in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; a claim for lifelong selective mutism allegedly caused to a child by a minor accident in a supermarket; numerous claims for chronic pain arising out of physical assaults suffered by teachers; a claim arising out of the suicide of a junior doctor following stress at work; and a product liability claim relating to allegedly defective sexual lubricant.

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

Sayn-Wittgenstein v Juan Carlos 1 [2023] EWHC 2478 (KB) (led by Jonathan Caplan KC and Andrew Green KC): *claim for harassment brought against the former King of Spain.*

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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.

Alseran & Others v Ministry of Defence [2017] EWHC 3289 (QB) [2018] 3 W.L.R. 95: 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.

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.