

## Carl Rix

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## Overview

Carl accepts instructions across all of chambers' main areas of practice, including employment, personal injury, and clinical negligence. He regularly appears in the County Court and Employment Tribunal acting in a wide range of hearings.

Carl's previous technical background (he studied engineering at university) has given him a keen eye for detail and a pragmatic approach when it comes to advising on all aspects of legal issues.

Prior to coming to the bar, Carl spent two and a half years working as a Litigation Executive at a large regional law firm. This has given him particular insight into how solicitors work, and how best he can assist those who instruct him.

### Academics

BTC, Distinction (BPP Law School, 2022)

GDL, Distinction (University of East Anglia, 2019)

MEng Mechanical Engineering, First Class Honours (Swansea University, 2018)

### Awards & Prizes

Certificate of Honour for BTC results (Middle Temple, 2022)

Diplock Scholarship for the BTC (Middle Temple, 2019)

Winner of the University of East Anglia's Mooting Competition (the final was held before Lady Arden at the Supreme Court) (2019)

Diplock Scholarship for the GDL (Middle Temple, 2018)

The Postgraduate Difference Scholarship (University of East Anglia, 2018)

Runner-up at the John Smith Memorial Mace debating competition (2017)

Winner of the Welsh Mace debating competition (2016)

### Publications / Articles

'*The Application of Article 2 ECHR at Inquests*', AvMA Lawyers Service Newsletter (November 2021) (Co-authored with Jonathan Metzger of 1 Crown Office Row)

'*Diplomatic immunity and the significant connection test: Tribunal has territorial jurisdiction to hear claims of former British Council employee in Dubai*', Old Square Chambers website (January 2023).

'*Maguire: Supreme Court Dismiss Article 2 Appeal*', Old Square Chambers website (June 2023).

## Employment

Carl has a broad experience across most aspects of employment law. He is in regularly instructed for preliminary and final hearings, as well as advising on claims more generally. Carl previously undertook a four-month secondment with a leading employment firm, giving him experience and insight into how best to assist those whom instruct him.

## Expertise

- Clinical Negligence
- Employment & Discrimination
- Personal Injury

## Recommendations

"Old Square are my preferred set of chambers and have been throughout my career. They will always try to accommodate needs and the set are very down to earth and approachable. We have developed very good working relationships with the team over the years." The Legal 500

## Key contacts

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Carl's previously employment law experience includes:

- Applications for strike out and deposit order
- Applications for costs
- Preliminary hearings on time limits
- Preliminary hearings on jurisdiction including issues such as qualifying service
- Rule 50 anonymity order applications
- Multi-day final hearings for both unfair dismissal and discrimination

## Personal Injury

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Carl is frequently instructed in fast track trials and has covered a wide range of applications in the civil courts. These include those related to disclosure, expert evidence, track allocation, relief from sanctions. Carl has also been instructed in cases involving fundamental dishonesty.

Carl also has experience covering CCMC's and infant approvals in the High Court. Carl recently successfully appeared for the Claimant in an approval hearing in the High Court for a settlement of £1.7 million.

Carl also has a busy paper practice, drafting pleadings and advices (on both liability and quantum) for claims in both the fast and multi-track.

## Clinical Negligence

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Carl has a keen interest in this area having spent two and a half years as a Litigation Executive, specialising in clinical negligence and inquests, at a large regional firm in Norwich. Carl was the sole fee earner on a substantial number of clinical negligence claims which involved, amongst other things, missed diagnosis, negligent surgery, and lack of informed consent.

Since coming to the bar Carl has built up a clinical negligence practice, advising on claims in both conference and paper.

## Inquests

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Carl has a keen interest in inquests and is keen to develop this area of practice. Whilst Carl's has experience in representing families at inquests, he welcomes instructions from other interested persons as well.

Carl's recent experience include the following:

- A two-day inquest involving the death of a female patient in hospital where her NEWS scores were raised. Carl successfully obtained a PFD report for the family on the issue of patient's accessing call bells to call for assistance.
- A three-day inquest involving the death of an elderly man in the community from sepsis. The inquest considered the appropriateness of his previous discharge from hospital, and the subsequent care from the community nurses. Carl successfully obtained a PFD report
- A two-day inquest involving the death of a women following a ruptured ectopic pregnancy.
- A one-day inquest involving the death of a male following a liver biopsy. Carl successfully obtained PFD reports against the local NHS Trust and the British Society of Gastroenterology, the Royal College of Radiologists, and the Royal College of Pathology.
- A 9-day inquest (which went part heard) into the death of a women in her twenties who suffered an epileptic seizure and subsequently died of positional asphyxia. She was held under a DOLs in a private care home facility. This case obtained significant media attention.