

## Turan Hursit

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### Overview

Turan practises in Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, the Court of Protection, Inquests and Inquiries, Public Law, and Human Rights and has a particular interest in medical cases raising human rights issues. She is ranked as an 'Up and Coming' barrister in Chambers & Partners and a 'Rising Star' in the Legal 500.

Turan's varied clinical negligence and personal injury caseload includes cases concerning brain injuries, cauda equina syndrome, delayed diagnosis of cancer, and claims arising from the infected blood scandal, of a value of up to £1 million. In the Court of Protection, she often appears against opponents 20 years her senior, including in cases concerning serious medical treatment. She is regularly instructed in multi-week inquests involving the NHS, the police, and prison services (particularly where Article 2 ECHR is engaged) and advises on civil claims arising from inquests. She advises on a variety of human rights issues and judicial reviews spanning healthcare, community care, actions against the police, breaches of the Human Rights Act 1998, and CICA matters. She is praised by solicitors and lay clients for her skilled advocacy, tactical advice, and sensitive conduct of cases.

Turan has experience of acting as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal and as sole counsel in the High Court. She was recently junior in the Court of Appeal case of *R (on the application of AXO, a child, by her litigation friend, JXO) v First-Tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber) v The CICA* [2024] EWCA Civ 226 concerning the recoverability of CICA damages in cases where a civil award has already been made under the Human Rights Act 1998. She was also instructed as junior counsel in *Bass v Ministry of Defence* [2020] EWHC 36 (QB), a test case against the Ministry of Defence, acting on behalf of a soldier who contracted Q Fever whilst serving in Afghanistan. She has conducted trials unled in the High Court and acted in many nationally reported inquests and pre-inquest review hearings, including those relating to the Manchester Arena bombings and Guildford pub bombings.

Turan is on the Equality and Human Rights Commission's panel of counsel for 2024 - 2028 and the Attorney General's C panel of counsel for 2024 - 2029. Turan accepts instructions in English, French, and Turkish. She was selected as a Pegasus scholar for the Paris Bar Exchange and spent a month working on cross-jurisdictional catastrophic injury claims in French at a law firm in Paris in September 2024.

Turan has written for a number of legal publications, including Munkman on Employer's Liability.

Before joining the Bar, Turan undertook a traineeship at the European Court of Justice, interned with human rights NGOs REDRESS and ARTICLE 19, and assisted victims of domestic violence as a paralegal at a family law firm. She also conducted research on pre-appointment scrutiny hearings as a research assistant at the UCL Constitution Unit, where she co-authored the Unit's report on 'Improving Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments' (2017).

As a university student, Turan led one of the first major pro-bono projects undertaken by LSE Pro Bono Matters. She was an avid mooter, winning the Herbert Smith Mooting Competition at the University of Bristol and acting as captain of the LSE team in the international Price Media Moot Competition. She also served as President of the Bristol Bar Society, Managing Editor of the Bristol Law Review, and Senior Editor of the Bristol University legal magazine. She was awarded a major scholarship for her LLM at the LSE, as well as a full scholarship from the Inner Temple for her Bar training.

### Expertise

- Administrative & Public Law
- Clinical Negligence
- Court of Protection (CoP)
- Education & Safeguarding
- Employment & Discrimination
- Health
- Inquests & Public Inquiries
- Personal Injury
- Professional Regulatory & Discipline

### Recommendations

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Turan is passionate about improving access to the Bar and regularly mentors individuals from minority ethnic communities. She sits on the Equality and Diversity Committees for chambers and for the Court of Protection Bar Association. Turan speaks fluent Turkish and French, intermediate German, and is learning Spanish. She is a Grade 8 violinist and plays for a London-based orchestra in her spare time.

### **Academics**

LLB Law with French Law, University of Bristol (2010 – 2014)

Diplôme d'Études Supérieures en Droit, Université de Bordeaux-Montesquieu IV (2012 – 2013)

LLM Public Law, London School of Economics (2014 – 2015)

BPTC, City Law School (2016 – 2017)

### **Scholarships and awards**

Winner, Herbert Smith Mooting Competition (University of Bristol, 2014)

Scholarship for LLM degree (London School of Economics, 2015)

Ashworth Scholarship, Exhibition Award, and Duke of Edinburgh Award (Inner Temple, 2015)

### **Publications**

Author, chapter in Munkman on Employer's Liability (2019 and 2025)

'Improving Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments', by Robert Hazell, Turan Hursit, Harmish Mehta, and Peter Waller, The Constitution Unit, 2017

## **Clinical Negligence**

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Turan acts in a variety of clinical negligence cases and related interlocutory applications and CCMCs. She provides a range of drafting services, conducts conferences with lay clients, solicitors, and medical experts in the lead-up to trial, and acts in multi-track trials. Her cases often involve experts from multiple disciplines. She is praised for her sensitive handling of lay clients with traumatic injuries, her tactical approach to litigation, and her clear drafting style. Examples of cases on which Turan has worked include cases concerning negligent conduct of surgery, mistaken prescription of medication, failures to diagnose and treat cauda equina syndrome, delayed diagnosis of a number of different types of cancer, birth-related injuries, brain injuries, infertility, and haemophilia. Turan has recently also assisted with cases arising from the infected blood scandal. Her caseload as sole counsel includes cases worth up to £1 million and she has experience of appearing in clinical negligence matters unled in the High Court.

Turan undertook her pupillage at a leading clinical negligence set, gaining in-depth experience of cases from both Claimant and Defendant perspectives. Whilst training, she drafted particulars of claim, defences, advices on liability and quantum, schedules and counter-schedules of loss, mediation notes, and skeleton arguments on cases up to and including Court of Appeal level, as well as preparing conferences, roundtable meetings, mediations, and trials. She assisted KCs with extensive legal research on issues of causation, quantum, and costs, including in the case of *XX v Whittington Hospital NHS Trust* [2018] EWCA Civ 2832 (at Court of Appeal stage), concerning the recoverability of the costs of commercial surrogacy.

## **Personal Injury**

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Turan acts in fast-track and multi-track trials concerning road traffic accidents, employers' liability, occupiers' liability, public liability, industrial disease, and sexual abuse. She is fast building a practice in high-value and complex cases, acting in cases worth up to £1 million as sole counsel and up to £4 million as junior counsel. Turan regularly conducts conferences with experts (often from multiple disciplines) and lay clients. She advises on liability, quantum, procedure, and tactics in all personal injury cases, including those overlapping with her other areas of practice (for example, in personal injury cases concerning claimants who lack capacity where there are simultaneous Court of Protection proceedings). She is praised for her thorough drafting of particulars of claim, attention to detail in schedules of loss, and clarity of advice on liability and quantum.

Turan has appellate experience and was instructed as a junior counsel in *Bass v Ministry of Defence* [2020] EWHC 36 (QB), a high-profile test case against the Ministry of Defence, acting on behalf of a Claimant who contracted Q Fever whilst serving as a soldier in Afghanistan. She is instructed as part of the team of counsel dealing with civil claims arising from the Grenfell Tower disaster.

Having previously worked at the European Court of Justice and being fluent in a number of languages, Turan has a particular interest in cross-jurisdictional issues. She spent a month in September 2024 working at a Parisian law firm specialising in cross-border catastrophic injury and welcomes instructions in this area. She also has experience of cases concerning issues of state immunity, service outside of the jurisdiction, and insolvent and deceased foreign defendants.

## Court of Protection

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Turan accepts instructions in all fields of health & welfare and property & financial affairs in the Court of Protection. She is ranked as an 'Up and Coming' barrister in Chambers & Partners and a 'Rising Star' in the Legal 500 for Court of Protection work. She is instructed by the Official Solicitor, local authorities, CCGs, and individuals in both interim and contested final hearings, as well as in roundtable meetings and counsel-to-counsel negotiations. She has particular experience of applications under sections 16 and 21A of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 concerning capacity and best interests. She also represents clients contesting capacity in section 16 deputyship scenarios and in costs hearings. Turan has appeared as sole counsel in the High Court before the Vice-President of the Court of Protection.

Turan has experience of serious medical treatment cases, recently acting in a case concerning an amputee who required urgent life-saving treatment for his leg wound. She has also appeared in cases concerning capacity to consent to sexual relations and use of social media. She regularly appears against opponents 15 - 20 years her senior and in multi-party cases involving litigants-in-person.

Turan acts in related civil claims concerning unlawful deprivations of liberty and violations of the Care Act 2014, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the Equality Act 2010. She also acts in cases in the Court of Protection which follow clinical negligence or personal injury proceedings (for example, for clients who have sustained brain injuries).

Turan was a contributing author to the Ministry of Justice consultation on revising the Mental Capacity Act 2005 Code of Practice. Turan sits on the Equality and Diversity Committee of the Court of Protection Bar Association.

## Inquests and Public Inquiries

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Turan represents all Interested Persons, and primarily bereaved families, in cases concerning failures by state bodies (including the NHS, the police, and prison services) and private companies, before both coroners and juries. She has particular experience of cases concerning psychiatric evidence in a healthcare context and is adept at making Article 2 arguments. She is praised by solicitors and lay clients for her skilled legal analysis and cross-examination and for her sensitive handling of clients. Turan is ranked as a 'Rising Star' in Chambers & Partners and 'Up and Coming' in the Legal 500 for her inquest work.

Turan has acted in many inquests concerning nationally-reported deaths arising from medical treatment for both physical conditions and psychiatric disorders (including eating disorders), self-inflicted deaths, police restraint, and malpractice at care homes. Her recent cases include the inquests into the deaths of Megan Davison (concerning a self-inflicted death of a sufferer of T1DE, leading to a national Preventing Future Deaths report), Neal Saunders (concerning a death following police restraint), and Cristofaro Priolo (concerning a death at a care home following a choking incident, in which the Coroner made a standalone neglect finding). She is presently instructed in several high-profile cases concerning deaths following anaphylactic shock and stress in the workplace at a national newspaper. She has also previously acted in pre-inquest review hearings for the inquest into the Manchester Arena bombings (at pre-inquiry stage) and the Guildford pub bombings.

Turan regularly advises on the bringing of civil claims in negligence, under the Human Rights Act, and under the Equality Act following inquests, and on judicial reviews of coronial decisions.

## Public Law and Human Rights

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Turan advises and acts in a range of public law and human rights matters.

Turan has experience of community care issues and regularly advises on cases concerning withdrawals of healthcare funding, breaches of the Care Act 2014, and breaches of sections 17 and 20 of the Children Act 1989. She is particularly interested in the rights of vulnerable adults, particularly those suffering from disabilities.

She acts in actions against the police arising from false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, assault, battery, discrimination, breaches of Articles 3, 5, 8, and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and problematic police investigations (including in cases concerning rape and/or sexual abuse). She has experience of related claims concerning breaches of the Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation and misuse of private information.

Turan advises on claims for damages under both the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 in a variety of contexts. Her caseload includes Article 2 claims following fatal accidents, Article 3 claims for torture/inhuman and degrading treatment, claims under Articles 5 and 8 concerning unlawful deprivations of liberty, breaches of healthcare rights, discrimination, and breaches of equality rights (including the public sector equality duty), particularly in relation to disabled and/or vulnerable individuals.

Turan acts in judicial review matters, particularly in the fields of healthcare, community care, local government, police law, and CICA matters.

## Employment and Discrimination Law

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Turan accepts instructions in all aspects of employment and discrimination law (including employment status, unfair dismissal, wrongful dismissal, whistleblowing, victimisation, health and safety, and human rights). She has a particular interest in cases concerning breaches of the public sector equality duty, having worked on cases concerning discrimination challenges whilst a trainee at the European Court of Justice (including the joined cases of *Achbita & Anor v G4S Secure Solutions NV* [2017] CJEU C-157/15 and *Bougnaoui and ADDH v Micropole SA* [2015] CJEU C-188/1, concerning religious discrimination in the workplace).

## Professional Recommendations

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### Chambers & Partners 2025

“Turan is an excellent advocate and very knowledgeable about this area of work.”

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“Turan is a highly confident advocate. She is remarkable and has a good court manner. Her drafting is excellent, and she is an extremely knowledgeable

individual. Her approach is highly measured and compelling.”

#### **The Legal 500 2025**

“Her written and oral advocacy are both excellent.”

#### **Chambers & Partners 2024**

“Turan is really hands on, she is a capable advocate, who goes an extra mile for clients.”

#### **Chambers & Partners 2024**

“She really effectively pitches the concerns to the court.”

#### **Chambers & Partners 2024**

“She is able to persuade the coroner and other interested parties on matters of the most importance to her clients in order to proceed in their best interests.”

#### **Chambers & Partners 2024**

“Turan is always well prepared.”

#### **Chambers & Partners 2024**

“Turan is extremely reasonable in negotiations and then firm in court. Her strength is her unassuming demeanour which puts opponents off-guard.”

#### **The Legal 500 2024**

##### **Client testimonials**

“Turan’s work was first class. She was extremely well prepared but had also a real grasp of the civil case. Her advocacy was excellent... Not only is Turan very able and hard-working, she was also very good with [the client]. She instilled confidence.”

“[The clients] are immensely happy with the result...That was a difficult day for all and [she] did an absolutely fantastic job, keeping [her] cool in tough circumstances.”

“We all thought [she was] amazing.”

“We were impressed not just by her skill but also her sensitivity.”