



# Sharan Sanghera

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## Overview

Sharan Sanghera is a specialist barrister in personal injury, with particular expertise in insurance fraud litigation. She regularly defends insurers in dishonesty claims and is highly valued for her strategic approach to operational claims.

In addition to her busy court work, Sharan maintains a busy paperwork practice. She is available to take on suitable personal injury and clinical negligence cases on a Conditional Fee Agreement (CFA) basis.

Recognised for her approachability, efficiency, and client-focused approach, Sharan is a trusted choice for insurers and individuals seeking practical, effective advocacy and advice.

## Recommendations

"Superb, very clever and very quick thinking".

### Lay client

"Working with Sharan has been a real pleasure. She is knowledgeable, grasps the key issues quickly and drives cases forward. Her expertise have proved invaluable at bringing the matter to an early settlement. Above all Sharan is approachable and always willing to assist and go the extra mile. I would not hesitate to recommend her to colleagues and clients alike."

### Instructing solicitor

## Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons) Jurisprudence Exeter College, University of Oxford
- Bar Vocational Course, BPP College London

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- BVC, BPP College London
- Called 2009; Inner Temple
- Legal advisor on the Nursing and Midwifery Council's Legal Panel

## Professional bodies

- Member of PIBA
- Member of ARDL

## Expertise

### Personal Injury

#### Fraud work

Sharan has vast trial experience of claims involving fraud including layering claims. She has acted for defendants regularly in cases where there are concerns involving additional key players in litigation. She understands that often there is a "bigger picture" which goes beyond one particular case and is happy to work alongside firms developing strategies to combat linked dishonest claims.

Sharan has frequently cross examined experts whose reports are challenged on the basis that they are unreliable. This has led to several dismissals and findings having been made in relation to the poor quality of the expert's evidence. She has particular experience of defending such claims in which psychological injuries are pursued.

Sharan has acted in multiple trials at which findings of FD have been secured against claimants with consequent costs orders following i.e. QOCS protection being removed including the following:

- Dismissal of a claim with findings of FD were made in C's absence. C's expert was cross-examined with the Court finding that the expert's evidence did not stand up "to the most superficial analysis"
- Psychological injury element of a claim dismissed where the expert, who attended trial for cross examination, was found to have been "an unsatisfactory witness"
- Claim dismissed with findings of FD and an order made for the CHO to be brought into proceedings in respect of costs
- Multiple findings of FD made against claimants involved in RTCs along with consequent enforceable costs orders

#### Non-fraud work

Sharan represents claimants in multi-track claims where injuries are permanent and life-changing. She enjoys being involved in a claim from the early stages of settling pleadings and advising on evidence through to trial.

Within the claimant work that she undertakes she has a particular interest in employer's liability and occupier's liability claims. Sharan has been successful in settling many claims involving complex loss of earnings claims on behalf of self-employed persons or claimants who were in partnership prior to injury.

More recently, Sharan has advised and assisted in the following claims:

- C injured while using angle grinder causing metal fragments to enter his eyes leaving him with corneal scarring and photophobia
- C suffered a Lisfranc fracture leaving her with ongoing permanent difficulties with walking and which affected her ability to manage her business. D denied liability and surveillance footage was obtained but the claim was ultimately settled favourably.
- C developed a PTSD when involved in a RTC in which a motorcyclist was fatally injured
- C, a cyclist was left with permanent symptoms when involved in an RTC with a car

- C was injured when, as a minor, he fell through the ceiling of a derelict building. The case was further complicated by reasons of capacity and pre-existing vulnerabilities.

In addition, Sharan has represented clients appealing CICA decisions with good success.

## Clinical Negligence

Sharan undertakes a variety of clinical negligence work including dental, GP and hospital treatment. She acts for both claimants and defendants from inception of the claim to trial.

Sharan is often instructed to undertake conferences with claimants and experts with a view to exploring prospects of success at the early stage of a claim. While understanding of client perspectives she is exceptionally well versed in cutting through the issues and imparting objective advice with care and diplomacy.

Recently Sharan has advised and assisted in the following claims:

### For Claimants

- Acted for C in a claim in which D's failure to diagnose bilateral fistula led to months of suffering, requirement for several invasive procedures and which left her with psychological symptoms
- Advised C in a difficult claim in which the bowel was allegedly perforated during a hysterectomy
- Several delayed diagnoses/wrong diagnoses claims causing protracted recovery

### For Defendants

- Advised D in a claim pleaded at over £1million in which it was alleged that there was a failure to diagnose and treat appendicitis and leaving C with permanent bowel symptoms
- Advised the Health Board in a claim involving a prescribing error in which C was alleged to have developed consequent GI symptoms
- Advised the Health Board in a claim in which it was alleged that there was a delay in referring the deceased claimant for radiotherapy

## Articles

3PB personal injury and clinical negligence barrister [Sharan Sanghera](#) comments on a recent case regarding healthcare enabled fraud in claims for psychological injury arising from road traffic accidents.

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3PB's Sharan Sanghera analyses the provision of PPE during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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Sharan Sanghera examines the Court's decision finding that two claimants were precluded by the ex turpi causa principle from recovering damages in *Joseph Thomas Beaumont & Lewis O'Neill v David Ferrer* [2016] EWHC Civ 768.

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The correct application of cpr 45.49c by Sharan Sanghera – *Bruno Manuel dos Santos Mendes V Hochtief (UK) Construction Ltd* [2016] EWHC 976 (QB)

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Andrew Perfect and Sharan Sanghera analyse the recent Supreme Court decision on collateral lies in insurance contracts. The Court by a majority held that a collateral lie is not subject to the fraudulent claims rule. The telling of a lie, if truly collateral to the claim being made, does not permit an insurer to refuse to pay. Lords Sumption, Clarke, Hughes and Toulson concurred, Lord Mance dissented. *Versloot Dredging BV and another v HDI Gerling Industrie Versicherung AG and others* [2016] UKSC 45

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