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## Neil Rees

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### Practice Overview

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Neil's principal areas of practice are personal injury and fatal accidents. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants in claims involving the RTA, EL/PL, OLA, and the FAA and accepts instructions on the small claims track, fast track and the multi-track.

Neil accepts instructions under a CFA and has a particular interest in liability disputes and has developed a specialism in acting for motorcyclists and cyclists.

In addition to his core practice areas, Neil is building a practice in most areas of civil litigation having represented parties in clinical negligence, PPI mis-selling, housing disrepair, and contractual disputes. He also advises on professional conduct matters.

Neil is instructed on several cases pleaded in excess of £100,000 and has drafted schedules of loss exceeding £500,000. He has a national practice and is happy to travel to court and to meet clients at their home if required.

Neil is always happy to talk through a potential instruction with the instructing party before becoming formally engaged if desired.

Prior to his call to the Bar, Neil worked as a solicitor for 12 years and qualified as a solicitor-advocate in 2017. He specialised in serious and catastrophic injury claims and was involved in multi-million pound settlements. He was also responsible for delivering MOJ training and supervision to more junior lawyers which provided him with a broad knowledge of claims of all values. His time as a solicitor provided an in depth understanding of both his professional and lay client's needs, and an invaluable appreciation of the commercial practicalities that face both Claimants and Defendants in litigation.

#### Notable and Reported cases

- EE V ZI

Neil was instructed by a Defendant insurance company to defend a claim for vehicle damage. Liability was admitted but quantum was in dispute. Neil successfully argued that whilst damages were payable, the Claimant's conduct in litigating the matter through to trial was unreasonable such that the Court debarred the Claimant from recovering any of his costs of the litigation and the Claimants solicitors were ordered to pay Neil's brief fee.

- MJ v JD



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Neil was instructed to act for a Defendant in road traffic accident when it was alleged that the Defendant had overtaken the Claimants stationary vehicle whilst it was waiting for oncoming traffic to pass. Neil was able to establish the plausibility that the accident had occurred in a manner other than that which had been suggested by the Claimant such that the Claimant had failed to prove her case and the case was dismissed.

## Practice Areas

**Personal Injury:** Neil acts for both Claimants and Defendants in claims for damages for personal injury and associated losses arising from road traffic accidents, accidents involving employers liability, public liability, occupiers liability, and the consumer protection act. He attends hearings at all levels from stage 3 hearings to trial.

**Fatal Accidents:** Neil acts for both Claimants and Defendants in actions arising under the Fatal Accident Act.

**Employers Liability/Public Liability:** Neil accepts instructions for Claimants and Defendants to act on EL and PL cases. He has represented parties in claims for work related stress and accidents at work.

## Education & Qualification

- University of Glamorgan post-graduate diploma in legal practice
- University of Glamorgan post-graduate diploma in law
- University of Wales Swansea BscEcon (Sociology)

## Memberships

- Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

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