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A pragmatic common law practitioner and linguist, Helen Nugent acts for both claimants and defendants in high value, complex clinical negligence and personal injury litigation.

Helen has been involved in large-scale group litigation.

Expertise

Clinical Negligence

Helen has a busy clinical negligence practice, predominantly acting for claimants and with a particular focus on obstetric and gynaecological injuries.

Her work covers a full spectrum of cases in delayed diagnosis, surgical and birth injury claims, extravasation injuries, unnecessary and unwarranted surgery. She is known for her compassionate and sensitive approach to identifying and addressing client needs.

Recent cases include:

- Birth trauma
- Inappropriate management of prosthetic joint infection
- Medical mismanagement of Type 2 diabetes
- Military claims involving delayed or missed diagnosis

Regular instruction to represent families at inquests involving complex medical issues also forms an integral part of Helen's clinical negligence practice.

Personal Injury

Helen has over 10 years' experience as a personal injury practitioner specialising in complex orthopaedic injury, chronic pain, fatal accident and secondary victim claims.

She has deployed her linguistic skills in complex, multi-party actions and cases involving jurisdictional issues. She was previously selected by the Bar Council to complete a placement for a law firm in Sao Paulo and is routinely instructed in cases with Portuguese and Spanish-speaking witnesses.

A contributor to the Personal Injury Brief Update and a regular speaker at conferences and medical debates, Helen's recent work has involved:

- Settlement in a catastrophic injury claim involving the MIB
- 5-day trial in an employers' liability claim
- Advising for the purposes of approval in respect of Protected Parties
- Review of claims with defective medical devices/product liability elements

Collective Redress

Helen has been involved in large-scale, complex group litigation involving environmental disasters, clinical trials and product liability, with an emphasis on medical devices.

Recent instructions include the Município de Mariana and Ors v BHP Group Plc and Anr, a claim involving 200,000 Brazilian claimants in respect of Fundão Dam collapse in November 2015; and the largest environmental disaster in Brazil's history.

Motor Insurance Fraud

Helen acts predominantly, but not exclusively, for insurers in the field of insurance and civil fraud. She has a busy trial practice with a wealth of experience in the criminal and youth courts.

A contributor to the TGC fraud newsletter, Helen is regularly instructed in both an advisory and representative capacity in cases involving induced or staged RTAs, phantom passengers and fabricated or exaggerated injury.

Recent work has involved:

- Acting for an insurer in a suspected fraud ring
- Analysis of forensic accountancy evidence in a claim for loss of business profits
- Advising on issues involving insurable interests and contribution claims

Languages

- French
- Spanish
- Portuguese



Memberships

- Actions v Medical Accidents (AvMA)
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Personal Injury Bar (PIBA)