

Michael Brooks Reid

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Michael Brooks Reid joined Chambers as a tenant in 2025 upon completion of pupillage under the supervision of Matthew Brunning, David White and Sian Reeves.

Michael is developing a broad mixed practice spanning all of Chambers' core practice areas and has already built strong relationships with both professional and lay clients. As well as his busy court-based practice, Michael accepts both drafting and advisory paperwork instructions.

Michael is already developing a multi-track personal injury practice and has been instructed to conduct conferences with medical experts, advise on litigation strategy and draft schedules of loss. In tenancy, Michael is building on the experience he gained during pupillage under the supervision of Matthew Brunning, during which Michael drafted complex schedules of past and future loss in catastrophic injury cases and advised on issues of causation and breach in a range of personal injury and clinical negligence claims.

Michael is also developing a public law practice. He is a member of the Attorney General's Junior Junior scheme and has been instructed to draft Summary Grounds of Defence in immigration judicial review claims. Under the supervision of Sian Reeves, an Attorney General A-Panellist, during pupillage, Michael observed a range of High Court judicial review hearings and drafted Summary and Detailed Grounds of Defence and PAP responses in complex areas of law, including human trafficking under Article 4 and ECAT.

Michael also accepts instructions in extradition and has appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on a number of interim hearings and bail applications.

In Inquests and Inquiries, Michael accepts instructions on behalf of families and interested parties, including acting pro bono in appropriate cases. During pupillage, Michael worked under the supervision of Sian Reeves sitting as part-time Assistant Coroner, giving him insight as to how to best support and advocate on behalf of families and interested parties within the framework of the inquisitorial process. His soft people skills and life experience enable him to support clients in the most difficult of circumstances. Michael has been instructed on the Covid-19 Inquiry and has provided legal assistance to Lead Counsel to the Stockport Inquiry.

Before pupillage, Michael worked as Judicial Assistant to the Rt Hon Lady Justice Whipple and Lord Justice Warby in the Court of Appeal (2023-24) where he assisted with matters spanning public law, credit hire, tax, immigration, regulatory, employment and criminal law. Prior to this, Michael worked as a volunteer at APPEAL where he assisted preparing a case for the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and drafting an



application to the European Court of Human Rights.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Michael is already developing a multi-track practice and has been instructed to conduct conferences with medical experts, advise on litigation strategy and draft schedules of loss. During pupillage, under the supervision of Matthew Brunning, Michael drafted several complex schedules of loss in catastrophic injury cases and advised on complex issues of causation and breach in both personal injury and clinical negligence claims.

Michael also has a busy Court practice and accepts instructions on all tracks, whether trial or application.

During pupillage, Michael worked under the supervision of Matthew Brunning and David White. He undertook further work on behalf of Benjamin Casey, Tim Sharpe, James Laughland, Joanna Hughes and Peter Freeman.

Michael has experience with claims involving road traffic accidents, workplace accidents, claims under the Fatal Accidents Act, public liability claims, including quad bikes, playgrounds and adventure parks, as well as claims under the Highways Act 1980.

Whilst still early into his practice, Michael's strategic astuteness and people skills have already been noted by clients, giving him an edge, whether acting in Court, advising on litigation strategy or in negotiating with opponents.

Clinical Negligence

Michael has a particular interest in clinical negligence and is keen to accept instructions, including Claimant instructions on a CFA basis in an appropriate case.

During pupillage, Michael worked under the supervision of Matthew Brunning where he worked on a broad range of clinical negligence claims.

Michael's experience includes:

- Advising a Claimant on prospects of defeating an NHS Trust's causation defence in a delayed diagnosis case leading to a fatal aortic dissection.
- Drafting a Schedule of Loss in a case in which a negligent insertion of a jugular vein catheter caused delayed cancer treatment and significantly reduced life expectancy.
- Planning an expert conference with several medical professionals in an effort to advise on liability in a case of delayed diagnosis of acute limb ischaemia.



Public Law

During pupillage, Michael worked under the supervision of Sian Reeves, a member of the Attorney General's A-Panel of Counsel.

Under Sian's supervision, Michael worked on a range of complex judicial review cases and permission hearings, including claims against the Home Office and the Department of Education involving complex areas of law such as human trafficking under ECAT and ECHR Article 4. Michael observed a range of hearings in the High Court and drafted Summary Grounds of Defence and PAP responses.

Michael is now developing his own public law practice as a member of the Attorney General's Junior Junior scheme, and has already been instructed to draft Summary Grounds of Defence in immigration judicial review claims.

Inquests & Inquiries

Michael accepts instructions on behalf of families and interested parties in both inquest and inquiry work, including acting pro bono in appropriate cases.

During pupillage, Michael worked under the supervision of Sian Reeves sitting as part-time Assistant Coroner. Michael assisted on a range of inquests including delayed emergency response, death in hospital and a fatal car vs pedestrian accident.

Michael's understanding of the technical aspects of an inquest alongside his people skills and life experience put him in an excellent position to support and advocate for clients under the most difficult of circumstances. He engages effectively with both lay and professional clients, offering clear, measured guidance delivered with sensitivity and professionalism.

Michael has been instructed on the Covid-19 Inquiry and has provided legal assistance to Lead Counsel to the Stockport Inquiry.

Extradition & Interpol

Michael accepts extradition instructions and has appeared in several interim hearings and bail applications on behalf of Requested Persons at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

During pupillage, Michael spent time shadowing CPS prosecutors acting on behalf of Requesting States in extradition hearings at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

Michael also gained experience in international criminal law during a week observing proceedings and conducting research at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague under the supervision of Aidan Ellis and Rodney Dixon KC.



Awards

- Lincoln's Inn Essay Prize 2020/21

Education

- LLM (Distinction) – City, University of London
- Bar Vocational Studies (Distinction) – City, University of London
- Graduate Diploma of Law (Distinction) – BPP University

Memberships

- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Publications

“The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007: A Critical Analysis”, 2021 Lincoln's Inn Student Law Journal.