



# Gurion Taussig

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Gurion Taussig is an experienced practitioner specialising in personal injury and clinical negligence.

He also practices in costs and commercial law. The majority of his personal injury and clinical negligence practice is claimant work but Gurion is also instructed by defendants in all areas of practice. Gurion also undertakes direct access work.

Gurion regularly appears in the High Court as well as County Court. He has High Court experience both in liability trials (*Watling v Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary*, and appeals (*Ali v G4S Facilities Management (UK) Ltd; G4S Care & Justice Services (UK) Ltd v Manley*). He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal (*W Portsmouth & Co Ltd v Lowin*).

Whether in Court or at JSM, Gurion is a tenacious advocate. He believes strongly in servicing a caseload efficiently and making himself available for his clients. He is known for cutting to the quick of a case or issue and providing clear, practical advice together with a sympathetic approach.

## Areas of Expertise

### Personal Injury

Gurion has two-decades' personal injury experience. The value of claims in which he is involved typically range from £100K to over £1M. His practice encompasses employers' liability, public and occupiers' liability, fatal accidents, disease and road traffic claims. He also conducts CICAP work. Gurion has particular interest in spinal and traumatic brain injuries. He has also developed a niche practice in prison-related litigation, largely defending injury claims brought by prisoners in a variety of custodial contexts.

### Notable Personal Injury cases

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*Drummy v Aeropark Ltd (JSM 2020; High Court approval 2021)*

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Acted from outset for the Estate of deceased employee who suffered fatal cardiac arrest a few months after being subjected to racial and religious workplace discrimination. The case involved complex issues of medical causation. Settled at JSM for £95,000.

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*Brahimi v Clink (JSM 2020)*

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Gurion acted for employer in claim involving employee who injured his hand in a lift-door. The claim was pleaded at £750K and

settled at JSM for £260K.

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Cloves v Street Scaffolding Ltd (JSM 2020)

Acted from outset in High Court action brought by a scaffolder, who was seriously injured when he fell from a ladder whilst at work. Liability remained disputed but settlement was achieved at JSM for £570K.

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Faller v Foreman & Anor (JSM 2016; Settlement 2017)

Acted from outset for cyclist suffering traumatic brain injury when knocked off his bicycle. Settled at JSM for £920K gross of 95-5 liability apportionment.

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White v MCCH Society Ltd (JSM 2016; Approval 2017)

Acted for protected party who suffered serious injuries falling off a ramp at a day-care centre. Significant claims for accommodation and Court of Protection costs. Achieved £775K settlement.

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Gray v Bourke (Settlement, 2017)

Acted from outset for claimant in liability denied road traffic accident, who suffered traumatic brain injury and significant loss of earnings. Achieved settlement after issue of proceedings for £1.175M.

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G4S Care & Justice Services (UK) Ltd v Manley [2016] EWHC 2355

High Court appeal in Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 personal injury claim considering a prison's responsibility to restore electricity timeously where prisoner with mobility problems fell in his cell and suffered injury in reduced lighting.

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## **Clinical Negligence & Healthcare**

Gurion undertakes a wide variety of clinical negligence work which encompasses cancer misdiagnosis, and all kinds of negligent surgery. In addition, he has developed particular interest in gynaecological issues, including cancer misdiagnosis and the increasingly high-profile negligence incontinence surgery litigation. He has acted for claimant in over 50 such claims relating to tension-free vaginal tapes (TVT) in the last two years alone. In his defendant practice, he defends the conduct of medical professionals engaged in national security companies in their dealings with prisoners in custody and in prison.

### **Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases**

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Brownson v Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (Settlement 2020)

Gurion acted from the outset for a claimant who suffered chronic pain as result of TVT insertion. Settlement was achieved at JSM for

£150K.

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Lockyer v Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS FT (Settlement 2019; High Court approval 2019)

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Acted from outset in claim brought by Estate where a hospital failed to diagnose widened mediastinum, resulting in the deceased suffering fatal aortic dissection one week later. Settlement was achieved pre-issue for £750K with High Court approval of minor's damages at £225K.

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Watling v Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary and anor [2019] EWHC 2342 (QB)

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Successfully defended G4S in 5-day High Court trial in which the claimant alleged breach of Article 3 and 8 rights as result of delay in providing treatment for stroke whilst in police custody.

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T v Poole Hospital NHS FT (Settlement 2019)

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Acted for claimant who suffered brain injury when dermoid cyst was not identified by reason of the hospital's cancellation of MRI scan. The claimant went on to suffer dermoid tumour and hydrocephalus with far-reaching consequences. Settlement achieved at mediation for £337.5K.

## Inquests

Gurion is regularly instructed to attend inquests arising from medical malpractice as well as workplace and road traffic accidents. He has significant experience of the Coroner's Court and in cross-examining surgeons, doctors as well as employers. Gurion brings a sensitive as well as determined approach in probing areas of potential concern.

### Notable Inquests cases

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C (Inquest 2020)

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Gurion represented a national security company in 5-day inquest involving a death in custody.

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C (Inquest 2019)

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Gurion represented family of 5-year girl who was discharged from hospital having suffered seizure and suffered fatal further seizure shortly thereafter.

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Lockyer (Inquest 2018)

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Gurion represented the family of a patient who suffered fatal cardiac arrest one week after being discharged from hospital.

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Newitt (Inquest 2017)

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Gurion represented family of workman who died when falling through the roof at a workplace.

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O'Neill (Inquest 2016)

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Gurion represented a national security company in a 2-week inquest involving the death of a prisoner in prison.

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## Costs & Commercial

Gurion conducts a wide variety of costs litigation. He acts for receiving and paying parties. He appears regularly in the SCCO. He advises on a range of issues including recovery of success fees; scope of Part 36; funding arrangements; the enforceability of CFAs and retainers. In commercial matters, Gurion's work ranges from debt claims, the construction of insurance contracts and general contract disputes.

### Notable Costs & Commercial cases

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W Portsmouth Ltd v Lowin [2017] EWCA Civ 2172 (QB)

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Gurion acted for the receiving party in both the successful High Court appeal and in the Court of Appeal. The case remains the leading case on the interplay between Part 36 and provisional assessments.

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G Plc v B Ltd (Settlement 2019)

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Gurion acted from the outset in successful High Court litigation for nationwide company alleging its supplier of hygiene products were in breach of contract for charging the claimant more than other customers for similar quantities of goods. Settlement was achieved before CCMC for £750K.

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## Education

- English Literature BA (Hons), Cambridge University 1993
- English Literature MA (Hons), Leeds University 1994
- English Literature PhD, Leeds University 1999
- PGDL BPP Law School 2000
- BVC BPP Law School 2001

## Memberships

- APIL
- AVMA
- PIBA

## Awards

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## Accreditation Logos

