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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 over two-decades' personal injury experience. The value of claims in which he is involved typically range from £100K to over £1M. He has retained a broad practice encompassing road traffic, employers' liability, public liability, fatal accidents and industrial disease claims. He also conducts CICAP work. Gurion has particular interest in spinal and traumatic brain injuries, which is recognised in the directories. He has also developed a niche practice in prison-related litigation, defending injury claims brought by prisoners in a variety of custodial contexts, which claims also frequently involve alleged breaches of human rights.

#### Notable Personal Injury cases

Florczak v Bartlett Mitchell and ors (Settlement, October 2024)

Acted for claimant in High Court liability-contested employer's liability matter against silk involving a sous chef who suffered




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electric shock whilst unplugging a socket of a fan whilst at work. He suffered upper limb FND and was unable to continue his occupation. Causation of electric shock and quantum were contested. Settlement was achieved at £590K.

Ransom v Rogers and anor (JSM, June 2024)

Acted from outset in road traffic case for a ganger, who in his early 20s suffered life changing orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries when a car collided with his legs whilst working on the pavement. Gurion secured settlement at JSM for £1.35M.

Cyriac v London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust and anor (Trial, September 2024)

Acted from outset for a nurse in a liability-disputed employer's liability claim in which the claimant slipped on water in a corridor at work. She suffered a debilitating back injury requiring discectomy. After a failed JSM the claim succeeded following 5-day trial before HHJ Hellman, with the claimant being awarded in excess of £100K.

LXHX v G4S Care and Justice (UK) Services Ltd (High Court approval, March 2024)

Acted from outset for prison authority in High Court TBI claim against silk arising from a prisoner assault during a prison disturbance. Liability was approved on 50-50 basis with quantum settlement subsequently approved for £500K.

Goodman v Joseph (Settlement, June 2023)

Acted from outset in liability-denied High Court TBI case for a double-glazing salesman who slipped on folded sheeting whilst putting on his shoe at potential client's premises. He hit his head on the skirting, which mechanism of accident was contested and resulted in expert biomechanical evidence being obtained. The case settled prior to joint expert discussions for £475K.

Mwamba v Ministry of Defence (JSM, March 2022)

Acted from outset for soldier who developed NFCI whilst on deployment in Estonia. He was deprived of a promising Army career and suffered significant loss of earnings and pension loss. The claim settled at JSM for £330K.

Ashton v Thaddeus Forde Ltd (Trial HHJ Tindall, September 2020, JSM, November 2021)

Acted for the defendant public house in complex quantum case involving serious spinal injuries suffered by the claimant upon falling downstairs at the defendant's premises. Following 4-day trial, appeal proceedings were commenced. Prior to the appeal the matter settled at JSM for £750K.

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



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Acted from outset against silk for the Estate of a deceased employee who suffered fatal cardiac arrest some months after being subjected to racial and religious workplace discrimination. The case involved complex issues of causation, whether stress contributed to the heart attack. The claim settled at JSM for £95,000.

Brahimi v Clink (JSM 2020)

Acted from outset for employer in claim involving employee who injured his hand in a lift-door. The claim was pleaded at £750K and but Gurion secured settlement at JSM for £260K.

Cloves v Street Scaffolding Ltd (JSM 2020)

Acted from outset in High Court action brought by a scaffolder, who suffered serious upper limb and psychiatric injuries when he fell from a ladder whilst at work. Liability remained disputed but settlement was achieved before joint statements at JSM for £570K.

Ali v Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and anor [2018] EWHC 591 (Ch)

Acted from outset for security firm, whose employee gave erroneous information to the police upon the claimant taking his child from hospital. The claimant was arrested and made claim for damages arising from false imprisonment. Following 3-day trial the claim was dismissed on basis no liability attached to simply giving information which was wrong. The claimant's appeal to the High Court was also dismissed.

Gray v Bourke (Settlement, 2017)

Acted from outset for a policewoman who suffered TBI and significant loss of earnings arising from a road traffic accident. Liability was denied and accident reconstruction evidence obtained. Settlement was achieved after issue of proceedings for £1.175M.

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

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

G v First-Tier Tribunal [2016] UKUT 196 (AAC)

Acted from outset for victim of violent assault who suffered life-changing TBI. CICA had reduced G's damages under the 2001 Scheme by 25% even though a previous conviction was spent. G successfully appealed the decision on the basis that s.141 LASPO applied and the reduction was an error of law. Damages were awarded at the statutory cap of £500K.



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Krasniqi v Watford Timber Co Ltd [2016] 4 WLUK 231

Consideration of the consequence of breaching an unless order in personal injury case in light of ***British Gas Trading v Oak Cash and Carry Ltd*** [2016] EWCA Civ 153.

## Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Gurion undertakes a wide variety of clinical negligence work. He has developed particular interest in gynaecological issues, including the high-profile incontinence surgery litigation. He has acted for claimants in close to 100 such claims relating to tension-free vaginal tapes (TVT). He deals regularly with claims involving cancer misdiagnosis, and all kinds of negligent surgery. The majority of his work is for claimants but he also defends the conduct of medical professionals employed by national security companies in their dealings with prisoners in custodial settings.

### Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

Tavares v University College London Hospitals NHS Trust (JSM, June 2024)

Acted from outset for claimant who suffered extravasation injury upon undergoing chemotherapy. She developed chronic pain in the upper limb and psychiatric injury so that her career as a hairdresser was disrupted. Liability was denied but the claim was settled at JSM for £125K.

Gedge v East Suffolk and North Essex NHS FT (JSM, May 2024)

Gurion acted from the outset in claim alleging lack of informed consent in undergoing Transobturator Tape for urinary incontinence. The Claimant suffered chronic groin pain as result of the surgery and had been forced to give up her occupation in marketing. The claim settled at JSM for £150K.

Wood v East Sussex (JSM, April 2024)

Acted from outset in long-running liability-denied TVT mesh claim, in which the claimant developed FND and became wheelchair dependent. The claim involved complex issues of medical and factual causation and settled at JSM for £250K.

Chilton v Payne [2024] EWHC 451 (Admin)

Gurion acted for claimant at 5-day trial and upon High Court appeal. The claimant alleged her private surgeon did not provide appropriate aftercare, following revision abdominoplasty. The claim explores the interface of responsibility between private surgeons and the private hospitals in which they operate.



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Ranwell v G4S Health Care (UK) Ltd and ors [2024] EWCA Civ 138 [2022] EWHC 1213 (QB)

Gurion has acted from outset for defendant healthcare provider (G4S) in a claim brought by a claimant released from police custody and who proceeded to kill three elderly men. The claimant, who acquitted of murder on grounds of insanity, alleges he was released into the community negligently and in breach of human rights. Three defendants applied to strike out the claim on the basis that ***ex turpi causa*** applies. The High Court in 2022 and Court of Appeal in 2024 allowed the claim to proceed. The matter is listed for further appeal to the Supreme Court in July 2025.

Livell (Administrator of Estate of Paula Livell (deceased)) v Liverpool Women's NHS FT (JSM, February 2022)

Acted from outset in claim alleging delayed diagnosis of ovarian cancer, following a failure to investigate a mass in the left adnexa. The delay proved terminal. Following JSM the case settled for £187K on costs-inclusive basis

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.

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

Acted from the outset for defendant security company, whose FME was 90 minutes late in attending the claimant whilst in police custody. The claimant was suffering stroke and his attendance at hospital was subsequently also delayed. The claimant claimed damages for injury in negligence and breach of Article 3 and 8 rights due to the delay. At the conclusion of the 5-day trial, the claim was dismissed.

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

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.

T v Poole Hospital NHS FT (Settlement 2019)

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.



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## 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. He acts mainly for families but also healthcare providers in custodial contexts. Gurion brings a sensitive as well as determined approach in probing areas of potential concern.

### Notable Inquests cases

C (2024)

Gurion represents a custodial healthcare provider in an inquest examining events leading to the killing of three elderly gentlemen by an individual recently released from police custody.

EG (Inquest 2023)

Gurion represented the family of a labourer who fell through the void in a construction site.

C (Inquest 2020)

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

C (Inquest 2019)

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

Lockyer (Inquest 2018)

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

Newitt (Inquest 2017)

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

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.

## Costs & Commercial

Gurion conducts a wide variety of costs litigation. He acts for receiving and paying parties. Gurion has appeared regularly in the SCCO as well the High Court and Court of Appeal. As well as conducting detailed assessments, Gurion advises on a range of issues including recovery of success fees; scope of Part 36; the enforceability of CFAs and retainers. He is also very experienced in conducting budgeting hearings including budgets up to £1M. Gurion's practice also encompasses general contract disputes.

### Notable Costs & Commercial cases

Singh and ors v Ingram (in his capacity as the Liquidator of MSD Cash and Carry PLC) [2023] EWHC 3488 (KB); [2025] EWCA Civ 264

Gurion has acted for receiving party in long-running detailed assessment proceedings arising from an underlying insolvency claim. Issues arising included entitlement to success fee and the retrospectivity of the underlying CFA. Before the costs judge in 2021 and at the High Court appeal in 2023, Gurion successfully argued that the CFA was expressly retrospective. Gurion was retained as junior counsel in the paying party's further appeal to the Court of Appeal in 2025. The appeal was successfully resisted with the Court upholding the decisions below. The CA decision is also significant in stating, ***obiter*** and for the first time at CA level that retrospectively in a CFA may in principle arise by implication too.

Hulme v Handley Law Ltd [2023] EWHC 616 (SCCO)

Gurion acted for the defendant firm of solicitors in a Solicitors Act 1974 claim brought by the claimant challenging the defendant's claim for costs against her upon terminating a clinical negligence CFA retainer. The SCCO held that the firm was entitled to terminate the retainer when evidence suggested the claimant had overstated the effects of her medical problems and underplayed her active role in a business outside of her employment despite her claim that she was not fit for work. The defendant's bill of costs was subsequently assessed at £150K.

G Plc v B Ltd (Settlement 2019)

Gurion acted from the outset in successful High Court contract 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.

W Portsmouth Ltd v Lowin [2017] EWCA Civ 2172 (QB); [2016] EWHC 2301 (QB)

Gurion acted in the High Court and Court of Appeal as sole counsel for the receiving party in this leading case on the interplay between Part 36 and the costs capping provisions applicable to provisional assessments. Gurion was successful in the High Court appeal in 2016 before that decision was reversed by the Court of Appeal in 2017.



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## Education

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## Memberships

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- PIBA

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