



Neil Block KC

Year of Call 1980

Silk 2002

Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator

Specialist areas: Range from commercial and Insurance to sports law regulation and discipline, product liability, personal injury and clinical negligence.

Neil is a Registered Mediator with the Civil Mediation Council and is regularly appointed as mediator across a broad range of disputes.

He is also on the mediation and arbitration panels of Sports Resolution.

Examples of recent mediations are in cases involving:

- 'Liability and quantum issues in a number of catastrophic personal injury claims arising out of road traffic accidents, employers liability and public liability.
- Insurance coverage disputes involving property damage, public liability and motor insurance.
- Liability and quantum issues in a number of clinical negligence cases involving birth trauma, orthopaedic trauma and product liability.
- Professional negligence disputes

Approach

Neil Block KC has a reputation as a sensitive but brave advocate, a skilled negotiator and commercially aware practitioner. For many years, Neil has represented a range of clients involved in substantial and complex disputes which are resolved with or without resort to litigation and/or mediation or other form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Historically, his clients have usually been insurers, their insured, defence organisations, the government or other major institutions, and sports regulators, ruling bodies and clubs. He has considerable experience of multi-party litigation and jurisdictional disputes.

He is currently representing HM Treasury, HMRC and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry, the RFU in the Rugby Union Concussion Litigation, and Showsec/LiveNation in the Manchester Arena and Brixton Academy claims.

Neil is one of the few current practitioners who can properly claim to be a specialist in a number of areas of practice ranging from commercial and insurance to sports law regulation and discipline, product liability, personal injury and clinical negligence. His commercial and insurance practice is based in professional indemnity, material damage, fraud and product liability, and insurance coverage disputes.

Qualifications and Registrations

Neil is consistently ranked highly in the legal directories for his work in insurance and reinsurance, professional negligence, clinical negligence, personal injury, product liability and travel. He continues to be ranked as one of Chambers and Partners' 'Star Individuals'.

Chambers and Partners also named Neil in the Chambers 100, a list of the top 100 barristers practising at the Bar across all practice areas. Neil is an accredited mediator and has conducted wide-ranging mediations. He is a Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator.

He is also a member of the Sports Resolution Legal Arbitrator and Mediation panels. He is a member of the LTA and Football Association Judicial Panels. He is a member of two Premier League committees.

He is a member of the Judicial Panel hearing HSSA appeals (in relation to compensation for postmasters). Neil was named Personal Injury Silk of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards 2021.

He was also awarded Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Silk of the Year in The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019.

Memberships

Common Law Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Personal Injury Bar Association

Civil Mediation Council

Recommendations

‘He is sensible and user-friendly.’
Chambers and Partners, 2026

Neil manages to be tough but reasonable at the same time.’
Chambers and Partners, 2026

‘Neil is really fantastic. He is calm, reassuring and responsive. He is very responsive and a real team player. He thinks ahead to possibilities coming down the line.’
Chambers and Partners, 2025

‘Neil is excellent. He is very responsive, popular and yet accessible.’
Chambers and Partners, 2025

‘Hugely knowledgeable; very responsive; very highly respected in his area.’
Legal 500, 2025

‘A heavyweight silk for the highest value and most complex of cases. Extremely knowledgeable; excellent negotiator and strategist. He works as a true member of the team with insurers and solicitors.’
The Legal 500 2021: Personal Injury

‘Instils calm in clients through a measured but confident approach.’
The Legal 500 2021: Clinical Negligence

‘He is very much a team player, who is excellent with clients and particularly skilled in negotiations.’
Chambers and Partners 2018: Product Liability