

Devonshires Solicitors Honours Nicola Bould

Introduction

Devonshires Solicitors wish to pay tribute to an 'excellent medical negligence solicitor' with over 30 years' experience in clinical negligence. Nicola Bould passed away on 15th October 2021 leaving behind a legacy of incredible focus, care and commitment to her clients.

Nicola began her career as medical negligence solicitor in 1985 and helped many get the treatment they needed.

Prior to joining Devonshires in September 2011, she worked at Colemans in Kingston for two years and at Christian Khan for nine years.

Nicola noted the most rewarding aspect of her role was *"working with clients to achieve the best outcome possible and to recover compensation which will enable them to purchase the care and assistance they need"*

Nicola will be greatly missed by her colleagues and her clients.

Nicola's Contribution Will Be Remembered

Leading the tributes from the Devonshires team Philip Barden, Senior Partner at Devonshires Solicitors, said:

"I had the pleasure to know Nicola and she was a deeply caring and considered lawyer and person whose main interest was to help others in need."

Nick Grant, Managing Director and Partner at Devonshires Claims also paid tribute:

"I do not need to tell you that Nicola was an excellent medical negligence solicitor and greatly loved and appreciated by everyone in our team and beyond. She will be greatly missed by everyone"

Sandra Wheeler, Medical Negligence Solicitor at Devonshires Claims, honoured Nicola:

"I have the utmost respect for Nicola as a Clinical Negligence Solicitor and believe that Nicola was proud of her standing as a Clinical Negligence Solicitor – and quite rightly so! She was excellent!"

Katie Hughes, Medical Negligence Solicitor at Devonshires Claims, paid tribute:

“Nicola was a huge part of the start of my legal career and is one of the main reasons that I am where I am today. She was an excellent teacher with a huge amount of patience and a true passion for what she did. She would always make time for me even as I progressed through my career and I will miss asking for her advice. She was extremely intelligent and had an incredible attention to detail and went above and beyond for her clients. She was a character who will be missed by all of those who had the pleasure to know her.”

“One of the kindest and most attentive supervisors I’ve had the pleasure of working with”

Nicola’s previous Trainee, Nat Cartwright, also paid tribute to his mentor:

“The first seat of my training contract was in Clin Neg and I worked closely with Nicola; she had her quirks, routines and habits but she was one of the kindest and most attentive supervisors I’ve had the pleasure of working with at Devonshires. My parents are both clinical negligence lawyers so naturally she took a shine to me, but what really made her stand out as a mentor was the dedication she showed in helping those who had suffered as a result of medical negligence – her membership with AvMA is a testament to her devotion to making a difference in that field.

Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) Clinical Negligence Specialist Panel Member

As an accredited Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) Clinical Negligence Specialist Panel member and a ‘*longstanding supporter of AvMA*’ Nicola was honoured by her colleagues.

Liz Thomas, Policy & Research Manager at AvMA paid tribute:

"In order to meet the requirements for AvMA accreditation, a lawyer has to demonstrate not only legal expertise and experience in the field of clinical negligence but also a strong client focus and commitment to achieving the best outcome for their clients. In addition to Nicola's membership of the AvMA Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel, she was a longstanding supporter of AvMA and was a regular attender at AvMA events and was well known within the clinical negligence community. A number of lawyers, particularly her contemporaries, have been in touch to express how sad they were to learn of her death. Although known to be a very private person, she was also known as one of life's genuinely nice people."

Lisa O’Dwyer, Legal Director at AvMA said:

"An extremely able and committed clinical negligence specialist, Nicki was one of the early cohort of lawyers to achieve AvMA Panel status and to promote the importance of client care. Much respected and missed, may she rest in peace."

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