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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Product Liability, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Inquests, Aviation

Aliyah is a specialist in personal injury law. She has a well-established practice in industrial disease with a particular focus on asbestos claims. She also specialises in group and international litigation. Aliyah acts for both claimants and defendants.

Industrial Disease

Aliyah specialises in mesothelioma claims and other cases involving asbestos related disease. She is particularly known for her work on women and asbestos and is currently an advisor on a research project into gender difference in mesothelioma with Mesothelioma UK.

She appeared in the Court of Appeal in *Carder v The University of Exeter*, an asbestosis case concerning actionable damage and causation in low contribution cases. She acted for the claimant in *Davey v Shaw-Saville* in which she obtained the highest known such award, at the time, for pain, suffering and loss of amenity in a fatal mesothelioma claim. Aliyah also represented the claimant in *Whitnell v Mepel*.

Aliyah has a particular interest in bringing product liability claims arising out of the use of asbestos products. She is currently acting in claims against Cape Plc and Artex. She is also experienced in handling cases involving low levels of asbestos exposure and those involving complex evidentiary issues including, for example, establishing the liability of a parent company on a *Chandler v Cape* basis.

She is regularly instructed in all kinds of industrial disease claims including noise induced hearing loss and hand arm vibration cases. Her experience has also involved claims arising from organophosphate exposure and from lead poisoning.

Her industrial disease practice also involves representing serving and former military personnel in claims arising from non-freezing cold injuries and noise induced hearing loss.

International & Travel

Aliyah regularly acts in claims involving an international element. She is particularly adept at handling cases involving foreign law, including cases under the Rome II Regulation and in cases involving jurisdictional issues.

She appeared in *Howe v Motor Insurers' Bureau*, a case concerning the MIB's liability for a claimant injured in a road

traffic accident in France. She has acted in a number of claims involving skiing accidents in France.

Aliyah has an in depth knowledge of employer's liability for accidents abroad and has experience in bringing claims on behalf of cabin crew. She has also acted on behalf of security personnel injured in the course of their work in Syria and Iraq.

In travel law Aliyah specialises in claims involving the Package Travel Regulations as well as those brought under the Montreal/Athens Conventions. She has acted in cases arising from accidents across Europe and from as far afield as Sri Lanka, Thailand and the Caribbean.

Her international experience also includes acting in a group action representing a number of Peruvian environmental protestors who had been attacked and tortured as a result of their involvement in a demonstration. She was additionally instructed in *The Bodo Community v The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria* where she dealt with quantum issues in a claim brought by a fishing community for extensive environmental damage caused by an oil spill in the Niger Delta.

Personal Injury

Aliyah acts in all aspects of personal injury litigation including cases involving road traffic accidents, employer's liability and occupier's liability. She focuses on claims involving catastrophic injuries. Her mesothelioma practice means that she is very familiar with claims brought under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

She is very experienced in litigation involving animals, including claims brought under the Animals Act. Her practice usually involves horse riding accidents, including acting for jockeys.

Aliyah is also a regular contributor to specialist personal injury law journals.

Product Liability

Inquests

Aliyah is experienced in acting in the Coroner's court. Her work complements her specialism in civil claims under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

Aviation

Aliyah regularly acts in claims involving an international element. She is particularly adept at handling cases involving foreign law, including cases under the Rome II Regulation and jurisdictional issues and conflicts of law.

She specialises in claims involving the Package Travel Regulations as well as those brought under the Montreal/Athens Conventions. She acted in *Anderson v British Airways*, a case addressing the definition of an accident for the purposes of the Montreal Convention.

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School

LLM in European Law, Newnham College, University of Cambridge

MA, Law, Newnham College, University of Cambridge

Queen Mother's Scholarship, Middle Temple

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Advocacy Scholarship, Kaplan Law School

Margaret Sylvia Kemp Award, Newnham College

R M Jackson Award, Newnham College

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