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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Fraud, Clinical Negligence, Industrial Disease, Insurance, International & Travel, Product Liability, Costs, Health & Safety, Inquests, Property

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder: 2018 (North Eastern Circuit – Crime)

Angela's main area of practice is Personal Injury but she has a breadth of experience across Chambers practice areas.

Angela acts for Claimants and Defendants in cases involving serious and high value personal injury, particularly in cases involving chronic pain. She has a loyal following of both solicitors and insurers due to her practical and no-nonsense approach to claims.

Claimant solicitors appreciate Angela's ability to engage with their clients and the way in which she is able to deliver often complex and difficult information and advice in a way that is appropriate and comprehensible to the individual in front of her.

Angela has particular experience in claims involving fraud, whether exaggerated/feigned injury or staged accidents. Leading insurers turn to Angela at an early stage to advise in cases where fraud is suspected and can rely on her to deliver targeted and precise cross examination at trial.

She is often able to turn around papers at short notice and is happy to receive instructions electronically.

She is instructed nationally by leading firms and insurers.

Angela is able to advise at the first intimation of a claim and work in collaboration with the solicitor and insurer.

Personal Injury

Angela's areas of expertise are principally:

- Chronic Pain and cases involving unusual psychiatric injury such as somatoform disorders
- Fraud – cases involving malingering/exaggeration as well as fraud rings, ghost passengers and low velocity impacts
- Brain Injury

- Cases involving injury to teachers, carers, and nurses caused by pupils and patients
- Fatal Accidents

She is able to advise on liability issues across the spectrum of road traffic, public liability and employers' liability claims and regularly deals with cases involving multiple defendants.

Angela has a wealth of experience in cases involving the MIB and in cases where insurance issues under the Road Traffic Act 1988 arise.

Fraud

Angela has extensive experience of cases involving:

- Exaggeration/Malingering – in particular those cases involving alleged chronic pain syndromes and psychologically driven pain.
- Ghost passengers
- Fraud Rings
- Low velocity
- Staged accidents
- Findings of fundamental dishonesty

She is regularly instructed by leading insurers to draft Defences and advise in cases where fraud is suspected. Angela frequently confers with medical experts in fraud cases and is happy to advise at an early stage on evidence and tactics.

Angela has had success in persuading Courts to make findings of fundamental dishonesty in QUOCS cases.

Angela is adept at scrutinising, assessing and deploying surveillance evidence, social media evidence and insurance database material.

Clinical Negligence

Angela has a range of experience across the breath of clinical negligence cases. She is particularly interested in cases with tricky causation issues such as those where there is interplay between personal injury claims and subsequent clinical negligence allegations. Angela also has experience in claims arising out of beauty treatments.

Angela acts for both Claimants and Defendants.

Recent cases include:

- Negligent hip surgery arising out of an accident at work for which there was an ongoing personal injury claim for which liability was in dispute.
- Alleged negligently performed gynaecological surgery resulting in urinary incontinence and prolapse.
- Case involving the death of a patient arising from admitted negligence where the issue was the length and quality of life the deceased would have enjoyed had she lived for the purposes of a dependency claim.
- Case arising from a failure to diagnose diabetes with significant causation issues.
- Bowel injury arising out of alleged negligent insertion of a suprapubic catheter where significant changes to quality of life were alleged against a background of significant pre-morbid history.

Industrial Disease

Angela is regularly instructed in cases involving:

- Occupational asthma
- Dermatological conditions

- Vibration White Finger
- Industrial deafness

She is able to advise in complex and historical cases involving multiple defendants.

Insurance

With experience of policy issues in both road traffic and property insurance, Angela is able to advise on a wide range of insurance issue including issues of indemnity and fraud.

International & Travel

Angela has an interest in personal injury claims with an international dimension and is familiar with the jurisdictional and evidential issues which arise in such cases. Angela studied French Law at university so is always keen to see cases which allow her to utilise that knowledge.

Past cases include:

- Negligent cosmetic dentistry whilst on board a cruise ship in the Caribbean
- A road traffic accident in France involving parties from multiple EU countries
- Slippery tiles on an 'island feature' in the middle of a swimming pool in a Mediterranean holiday resort

Product Liability

Angela has advised in cases involving beauty products including a case involving extensive burns alleged to have been caused by home waxing products.

Costs

Angela regularly represents Claimants and Defendants at CCMC and can advise on costs budgeting prior to the CCMC to help formulate the budget in conjunction with the Solicitor.

Health & Safety

Angela spent several years practising criminal law before joining 12KBW and therefore has extensive experience of the criminal courts and jury trials.

She receives instructions in health and safety prosecutions in both the Magistrates and Crown Courts and is experienced in drafting Friskies statements.

Angela is happy to attend site visits.

Inquests

Angela has received many instructions to attend inquests in a range of cases from unexplained deaths in hotel rooms, to road traffic collisions and cases linked to health and safety prosecutions. Angela is known for her sensitive handling of witnesses and family members.

Property

Angela is able to advise in cases involving:

- Boundary disputes
- Easements
- Property Damage

Qualifications

- Advocacy trainer – Inner Temple
- BA (Hons) Law with French – Sheffield (2:1)
- Diplôme de droit Français – Université Aix Marseille

Appointments & Memberships

- Recorder: 2018 (North Eastern Circuit – Crime)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Advocacy Trainer Inner Temple

Cases

Recently advised in a case involving a defence of automatism in a road traffic accident.

Advised in and subsequently settled a claim where exaggeration was suspected. Successfully deployed surveillance evidence and medical evidence to substantially reduce the claim – settled at ¼ of the pleaded value.

Successfully defended a claim where low velocity arguments were deployed and feigned injury was alleged. Angela utilised social media evidence in cross examination. Resulted in a finding of fundamental dishonesty.

R v Freemantle Trust (2013) – plea and Friskies statement in a case involving the death of a care home resident.