

12

King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Professional Negligence, Insurance, Costs, Fraud, Mediation

Catherine specialises in high value complex personal injury and clinical negligence disputes. She has a loyal following from both claimant and defendant solicitors.

In a claimant capacity, much of Catherine's work involves catastrophic injury which has had a life-changing impact on her clients. Whether the injuries have resulted in severe pain, mobility restrictions, disfigurement, reduced life expectancy or bereavement, Catherine's approachable nature and excellent care skills mean her clients are able to feel fully engaged. She deals with claims in a practical and productive manner and gains job satisfaction from knowing that she is able to help her clients not only through the litigation process, but also to move on with their lives.

Catherine is regularly instructed by most of the country's leading defendant solicitors, who value her sound practical and tactical advice as much as her experience of the claimant's perspective/motivation. Catherine's interest in the detail of a claim equips her to anticipate what will be the decisive issues even in the most document heavy of cases. Whilst Catherine always has an eye on the commerciality of litigation (and finding a commercially acceptable resolution if possible) she equally has a skill for spotting the cases on which her clients should stand firm. As a result of successful outcomes in even the most difficult of claims, Catherine is also regularly instructed by most of the country's leading insurers.

Whether acting for claimants or defendants, Catherine has built strong working relationships with those instructing her, resulting in regular repeat instructions.

Catherine is an accredited mediator (civil and commercial disputes; workplace disputes) and has a particular interest in the psychology and tactics of negotiation. She regularly provides talks to solicitors and is a very experienced advocacy trainer.

Aside from regularly acting on her own in very high value claims, Catherine has acted as junior counsel on a number of occasions being led by Frank Burton QC, Andrew Hogarth QC, Ronnie Walker QC, William Featherby QC and Susan Rodway QC.

Personal Injury

A significant proportion of Catherine's work relates to the assessment of damages in very high value claims involving complicated medico-legal / causation issues. She is also very experienced at dealing with liability disputes and has a broad range of experience in claims across chambers areas of practice, including employers' liability, public liability, product liability, occupiers' liability, road traffic accidents and Animals' Act claims.

Catherine has over 20 years' experience at the Personal Injury Bar. During her time at 12 King's Bench Walk she has dealt with claims involving most types of injury including (but not limited to):

- Orthopaedic injury (including catastrophic)
- Multiple injury
- Brain injury
- Pain cases
- Psychiatric injury (and in particular the overlap with brain injury and aggravation of previous conditions)
- Fatal accidents
- Disease claims

She is regularly instructed in cases requiring detailed fact management and forensic analysis in document heavy cases.