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King's Bench Walk

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Professional Negligence, Insurance, Costs, Fraud, Abuse, 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.

### Mediation

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Catherine is an accredited mediator (both Civil and Commercial, and Workplace disputes). Her interest in people and detail help her to get to the heart of a dispute. She has successful experience in mediating disputes in her fields of expertise (including personal injury and costs) but has also successfully conducted several mediations under a pilot scheme at the Royal Courts of Justice in areas of law further afield including commercial and landlord and

tenant/property disputes. Her interest in mediation in workplace claims stems from an awareness of the cost of stress claims (both financial to those involved) and a belief that litigation is not always the best way to resolve such issues. She is well equipped to enable parties to see beyond their dispute.