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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, Inquests, Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, Abuse

Charlotte practises predominantly in the field of clinical negligence, dealing with cases of surgical and pharmaceutical negligence, dental negligence, misdiagnosis and delayed diagnosis, inappropriate treatment and failure to obtain informed consent.

She also practises in the field of personal injury, acting for Claimants and Defendants in claims for severe injury arising from employer's liability, public liability, product liability and road traffic.

Charlotte has a special interest in military claims, attending inquests on behalf of the families of service personnel, advising on claims against the MoD arising from physical injury or death, and psychiatric injury (PTSD), and represents service personnel at trial and JSM.

Charlotte is particularly experienced in the area of Coronial Law, regularly attending inquests on behalf of families and other interested parties in cases of deaths in hospital, deaths in service of the armed forces, and deaths in the course of employment. She has in-depth knowledge of the application of Article 2 ECHR to inquest proceedings, both in relation to jurisdictional issues and its effect on the scope of inquiry.

Charlotte also advises service personnel applying to the Armed Forces Compensation Authority for statutory compensation for injury or death in service. She advises on appeals to Veterans UK and represents appellants on appeals to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal.

Charlotte also represents applicants before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal Panel.

Clinical Negligence

Charlotte is instructed predominantly, but not exclusively, by Claimants in all aspects of clinical negligence litigation. She has in-depth knowledge and understanding of a wide spectrum of medical specialisms, including dentistry. Her experience includes claims arising from primary care (in particular delayed diagnosis of cancer), orthopaedics, obstetrics and gynaecology, general surgery, urology, neurosurgery, cardiology, interventional radiology, vascular surgery, plastic and hand surgery (including elective cosmetic surgery).

Personal Injury

Charlotte is instructed by both Claimants and Defendants in cases of the most serious injury, in particular brain and

spinal injury and amputations. She is frequently instructed to conduct negotiations at Joint Settlement Meetings.

Charlotte has particular interest and experience in representing injured service personnel and their families. She is currently acting for a number of Claimants in two actions against the MoD arising from death and injury in Snatch Land Rovers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Inquests

Charlotte frequently attends inquests on behalf of the families of those whose death is suspected to have been caused by clinical negligence (whether in the hospital or other medical setting) or in the course of service in the Armed Forces (whether in training or combat). Charlotte also represents families and insurers at inquests arising from fatal road traffic collisions.

She has particular experience in inquests involving peri-natal death, or in adult death arising from undiagnosed septicaemia and/or postoperative complications.

Charlotte has been led by Mike Rawlinson QC in inquests arising from the deaths of service personnel in Snatch Land Rover in Afghanistan and in Lynx 9A helicopter, also in Afghanistan.

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

Charlotte represents service personnel and ex-service personnel in pursuit of claims under the AFCS. She advises on eligibility and quantum and represents applicants at the First Tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal and Court of Appeal.

Abuse

Charlotte represents members of the Armed Forces who have been the subject of sexual assault leading to psychiatric injury and curtailment of their service careers.

Qualifications

MA (Cantab) 2002

PgDL 2004

BVC 2005

Memberships

Professional Negligence Bar Association – Member

Personal Injuries Bar Association – Member

Northern Circuit Medical Law Association – Member

Royal College of Medicine – Senior Associate

Directories

A widely respected individual, she is highly praised for her exceptional client management and noted for her work at inquest and in regards to issues of quantum.

“Has excellent client care; she builds up a rapport with clients, and gets them on board. She’s also very thorough.”

“She is excellent; she has tremendous empathy with clients, combined with a great attention to detail – a dynamic all-rounder.”

Chambers UK 2016

"She's measured and thorough; her paperwork is a dream to read."

"She is a very approachable and responsive barrister." – *Chambers UK 2015*

"Experienced in medically and legally complex clinical negligence cases" – *Legal 500 2015*

"She is methodical and thorough."

"Clients love her." – *Chambers UK 2014*