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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Inquests, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Public Authority Liability, Credit Hire, Insurance

Elizabeth's personal injury practice has particular specialisms in clinical negligence, inquests, employers' liability and international and travel claims.

She frequently represents parties in trials, CCMCs and application hearings. Elizabeth also has a busy paperwork practice advising and drafting pleadings. She is comfortable dealing with multi-track and high value cases.

Elizabeth has advised in clinical negligence cases and in industrial disease claims relating to NIHL and HAVS. She is a co-editor of 12KBW's clinical negligence blog.

Prior to her legal studies, she achieved 2 science Masters Degrees, with particular focus on virology, immunology, cancer biology and laboratory research.

Personal Injury

Elizabeth regularly acts in a variety of aspects of personal injury litigation, including in employers' liability and public liability claims.

In particular, Elizabeth has experience of:

- Employers' liability claims, especially in relation to the construction industry
- Occupiers' liability claims
- Highways claims
- Road traffic accident claims, including fatal accidents and LVI claims

Elizabeth is proficient in acting in trials, applications and CCMCs, as well as drafting pleadings and advising on both liability and quantum. She is happy to deal with fast track and high value cases.

Clinical Negligence

Elizabeth acts for both Claimants and Defendants. She is adept at advising on liability and quantum, as well as settling pleadings and clarifying expert evidence in conference.

With her background of 2 science Masters degrees, Elizabeth is well-placed to understand the complex biological issues which can arise in expert evidence.

Elizabeth has dealt with cases involving:

- Alleged negligence in surgical procedures, including orthopaedic surgery/treatment and general surgery
- Alleged negligence in diagnostic procedures e.g. colonoscopy
- Delays in diagnosis/treatment, including in respect of various types of cancer
- Alleged deficiencies in nursing care, in particular relating to care of the elderly
- Obstetric/gynaecological cases, including those involving uterine injury and also neonatal death
- Administration of incorrect medication doses
- Optometry and ophthalmology

Elizabeth is a co-editor of the 12KBW Clinical Negligence blog <https://clinicalnegligence.blog/>

She is happy to act on a CFA basis.

Inquests

Elizabeth has represented families and other interested persons at inquests.

She has previously acted in inquests involving alleged deficiencies in medical care/treatment and in inquests concerning road traffic collisions. Elizabeth's recent inquests include:

- Acting for an interested person in an Article 2 jury inquest, where there was a verdict of unlawful killing
- Acting for the family in an inquest where the deceased died in hospital, where the delay in investigating, diagnosing and treating sepsis contributed to the death
- Acting for the family in an inquest where the deceased died during a routine medical procedure

Elizabeth understands the need for sensitivity in inquests, as well as for a full and fair exploration of the circumstances of each case.

She is happy to act on a CFA basis.

International & Travel

Elizabeth accepts instructions in cases relating to injury and illness abroad.

She is familiar with claims under the Package Travel Regulations and is comfortable advising on matters relating to local standards evidence.

Elizabeth is also happy to advise on points relating to applicable law and jurisdiction under the Brussels Recast and Rome II Regulations, and to deal with cases under the Athens Convention and Montreal Convention.

Industrial Disease

Elizabeth accepts instructions in NIHL and HAVS/VWF cases, and is happy to deal with both fast track and high value cases.

Elizabeth has experience of drafting pleadings and advising for Claimants in NIHL cases. She is familiar with the issues of causation and limitation that arise in such cases. She has more recently been instructed in military NIHL cases.

Abuse

Elizabeth accepts instructions in cases relating to allegations of historic sex abuse, and is looking to develop her practice in this area. She recognises the importance of claimants seeking justice in such cases, as well as recognising the often crucial issue of limitation.

Elizabeth already has experience advising in employers' liability cases involving allegations of assaults in the workplace.

Credit Hire

Elizabeth frequently acts for Defendants in credit hire claims. She has a good knowledge of the case law and takes a forensic approach to quantum.

She is adept at dealing with issues of need, period, intervention and impecuniosity, as well as at analysing basic hire rates evidence.

Insurance

Elizabeth's experience of dealing with RTA and credit hire claims has often involved issues of insurance law, and she has a good understanding of policy disputes.

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), BPP University

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), BPP University

MPhil, Imperial College London

BA and MSci, Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge (2007-2011)

Queen Mother Scholarship (Major Scholarship), The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Certificate of Honour, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

AvMA (Action Against Medical Accidents)

Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers