

Helen Waller

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Inquests, Insurance, International & Travel, Sport

Helen is a highly experienced junior with a practice well beyond her year of call. She specialises in personal injury and industrial disease work. Her practice includes catastrophic injury and fatal accidents, both as sole and junior counsel. Helen is regularly instructed on multi-million-pound cases, including complex traumatic brain injuries and amputations. She works for both claimants and defendants, receiving instructions from leading solicitors and major insurers. She has developed particular expertise in quantum. Helen has been instructed as junior to a number of leading practitioners in the field, including Paul Russell KC, Chris Kennedy KC, William Audland KC, David Sanderson, Nigel Lewers and John-Paul Swoboda.

Helen regularly appears in trials, CCMCs, approval hearings and applications against opponents of all seniority, including silks. She also has considerable experience of JSMs, both as sole and junior counsel.

Away from 12KBW Helen enjoys wine tasting, cycling, and travelling.

Clinical Negligence

Helen's experience includes cases involving failures to diagnose and sub-standard post-surgical care in hospital. She has worked on cases involving conditions such as cerebral abscesses and loss of sight as well as cosmetic procedures such as laser hair removal and fat grafting. Helen has recently secured a favourable settlement in a multi-party "Brazilian butt lift" case.

She has a strong interest in this field and is keen to develop her practice further, accepting instructions in all aspects of clinical negligence litigation.

Publications

A Practical Guide to Injury Claims Involving Cyclists (2022), Patrick Kerr and Helen Waller

Asbestos Law and Litigation, First and Second editions (contributor)

Case report: Dryden v Johnson Matthey plc [2018] UKSC 18, Personal Injury Law Journal June 2018 #166

Clarity from the Supreme Court on the scope of actionable personal injury, PI Focus, May 2018

Thomas Lundmark & Helen Waller (2016) *Using statutes and cases in common and civil law*, Transnational Legal

Theory, 7:4, 429-469

Qualifications & Awards

BPTC – Outstanding

LL.M. Deutsches Recht (German Law) – 1st in year

BA (Law) (Cantab)

Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple

Harmsworth Exhibition, Middle Temple