

# 12

King's Bench Walk

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Personal Injury, Abuse, Product Liability, Aviation, Credit Hire

Kate acts for claimants and defendants in all of 12KBW's core areas. She specialises in international personal injury, industrial disease, and sexual abuse.

In addition to her paper-based practice, she regularly appears in trials, interim applications, case management hearings and appeals. She has particular experience of cross-border group actions and enjoys working on large-scale litigation as part of a team.

### International & Travel

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Kate has extensive experience of acting in international cases, including major group actions. She frequently advises in claims arising out of accidents abroad, including those brought under the Package Travel Regulations. She is knowledgeable about questions of applicable law and jurisdiction. Kate speaks fluent French.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

- Instructed as junior counsel (led by Phillippa Kaufmann QC and Harry Steinberg QC) for the claimants in *Vilca & Ors v Xstrata Plc & Xstrata Tintaya SA*, one of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2016, in which 22 Peruvian environmental protestors brought claims for serious injuries and mistreatment sustained during demonstrations at an Andean copper mine;
- Instructed as junior counsel (led by William Audland QC) for a claimant residing in Spain and employed by a Spanish company, who sustained serious spinal injuries in the course of work in England;
- Instructed as junior counsel (led by William Audland QC) for a Spanish claimant who was seriously injured in a road traffic accident which took place in the UK;
- Instructed by an English family who sustained injuries as primary and secondary victims due to an accident in France;
- Instructed by four dependent children in their claim arising out of a road traffic accident in Lithuania in which their mother was killed (pleaded at c.£500k)
- Instructed in relation to numerous road traffic accidents giving rise to issues under Rome II;
- Instructed by the Government Legal Department in the *Kenyan Emergency Group Litigation*, in which 40,000 claimants seek compensation for alleged abuses during the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya in the 1950s;
- As a pupil, assisted with the *Bomu-Bonny Oil Pipeline Litigation*, in which 15,600 claimants settled their claims against Shell for £55 million, following two oil spills in the Niger Delta.

Kate is on the committee of 12 International & Travel, and is a regular contributor to its blog.

## **Qualifications & Awards**

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2012-2014: GDL & BPTC, City University Law School

2006-2010: BA (Hons) Modern Languages, Oxford University

Hardwicke and Levitt Scholar of Lincoln's Inn

## **Appointments & Memberships**

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Attorney General's off-panel 'junior junior' scheme

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

European Circuit of the Bar