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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.

Industrial Disease

Kate has considerable experience of advising in relation to both liability and quantum in industrial disease claims, with particular experience of acting in claims arising out of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases.

In addition to asbestos claims, Kate accepts instructions across the full range of disease work, including noise induced hearing loss, hand-arm vibration syndrome, carpal tunnel syndrome, repetitive strain injury, and occupational asthma.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

- Instructed as junior counsel (led by Harry Steinberg QC) in a mesothelioma case on behalf of a widow whose husband was exposed to asbestos in the course of his work as a tiler (press coverage here: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7286115/family-of-tiler-who-died-wins-asbestos-settlement-from-firm/>);
- Instructed as junior counsel (led by Harry Steinberg QC) in a mesothelioma case giving rise to low-exposure issues post-*Bussey*;
- Acting as sole counsel for a claimant who developed mesothelioma as a result of asbestos exposure in the course of her work at M&S;
- Acting as sole counsel for a widow whose husband died of mesothelioma, and whose dependency claim gave rise to difficult causation issues;
- Acting as sole counsel in numerous claims arising out of asbestosis and diffuse pleural thickening.

Kate is on the committee of the industrial disease group in chambers and edits a blog with asbestos law updates: <https://asbestoslawblog.wordpress.com/>

Qualifications & Awards

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

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