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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.

Personal Injury

Kate acts in fast and multi-track cases in all areas of personal injury law, including employers' liability, public liability, occupiers' liability, road traffic, sexual abuse and other intentional torts. She is frequently instructed in relation to appeals against the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority and specialises in cases with an international element.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

- Instructed as junior counsel (led by Philippa Kauffman 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 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 by a police officer in an ongoing civil claim arising out of repeated sexual assaults by her senior colleague;
- Instructed by the victim of a serious assault who sustained dental, head and facial injuries as well as serious psychiatric symptoms (pleaded at c.£300k);
- Instructed by an English claimant who sustained injuries in a road traffic accident in France (pleaded in excess of £100k);
- Instructed by a teacher at a special educational needs school, who sustained a head injury with psychiatric sequelae as a result of being assaulted by a student with autism and ADHD.

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