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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.

Abuse

Kate regularly acts in sexual abuse cases, in the context of both civil actions and claims under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority scheme.

She has been instructed in claims against institutions including schools, children's homes, local authorities, and youth organisations, as well as in claims against individual defendants.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

- historic sexual abuse claims brought by multiple claimants arising out of abuse by the same school teacher;
- historic sexual abuse claims against the Sea Cadets;
- appeal of the CICA's damages award of £9,500 in an historic abuse case, in which the applicant was eventually awarded over £100k;
- failure to remove cases post *CN v Poole*;
- claim brought by a police officer arising out of repeated sexual assault by a senior colleague;
- claim brought by a victim of a serious and prolonged campaign of voyeurism which led to epileptic and psychiatric symptoms;
- appeal of the CICA's rejection of a childhood sexual abuse victim's claim which was brought more than 20 years out of time;
- appeal of the CICA's rejection of a claim brought by a victim of marital rape.

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