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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Abuse, Aviation, Environment, Personal Injury, Inquests

Kate acts in all of 12KBW's core areas, with an emphasis on cross-border group actions, industrial disease, and claims arising out of intentional physical or sexual abuse.

She has considerable advocacy experience, having acted as sole counsel at multi-day trials and appeared in front of a jury. She is equally comfortable working on large-scale litigation as part of a team, and is regularly brought into complex cases by the pre-eminent silks in her fields of work.

She is presently instructed in several private international law claims brought by groups of foreign nationals against multinational corporations, including cases which arise out of mass environmental damage, workplace sexual abuse, and mistreatment by private security forces.

She regularly acts in cases involving the application of foreign law under Rome I and Rome II, and issues of jurisdiction.

She has a particular specialism in claims arising out of asbestos exposure. She is junior counsel for the claimant in *Head v Culver Heating*, which is due to be heard by the Court of Appeal in December 2020.

Inquests

Kate usually acts in inquests where she is instructed in a connected civil claim. She has appeared at inquests into deaths arising out of aviation, workplace, and road traffic accidents, and exposure to asbestos. She has acted in multi-day inquests as sole counsel, and has experience of appearing in front of a jury.

Cases include:

- *Inquest touching upon the deaths of Peter Stacey & Christopher Nicholls*: five-day jury inquest in which Kate acted for the family of a man who died during a Tiger Moth biplane flight experience, which had been purchased for him as a birthday present. Press coverage can be viewed [here](#).
- *Inquest touching upon the death of Linda Johns*: acting for the family of a woman who died of mesothelioma having had no known occupational exposure. Dr Fiona Wilcox, Senior Coroner, concluded that the deceased had been exposed to asbestos when resident in housing owned by Wandsworth Council. Press coverage can be viewed [here](#).

Qualifications

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

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