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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

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 Co Limited* [2021] EWCA Civ 34 and for the claimants in *R (on the application of Aviva Insurance Ltd & Swiss Re Co Ltd) v SSWP* [2020] EWHC 3118 (Admin).

Qualifications

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

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

Publications

Asbestos: Law & Litigation, 1st Ed. (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019): chapter on "Damages" co-authored with Harry Steinberg QC.

Immunotherapy: promise and problems. J.P.I. Law 2019, 3, 192-196: journal article co-authored with Michael Rawlinson QC and Max Archer.

Accidents Abroad (2018) Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service: author of the Applicable Law chapter.

Rules of Service. P.I.L.J. 2017, 159 (Oct), 22-24: journal article on the rules of service co-authored with Max Archer.