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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Costs, Property

Lisa practices principally in personal injury and employment law. Lisa acts for both claimants and defendants in the employment field. She has also acted in discrimination cases.

Her specialist personal injury expertise includes road traffic (including the application of MIB agreements), employers' liability (with particular knowledge of the "six pack" regulations), occupiers' liability (including defective premises) and highways. She also has experience in industrial disease work (primarily asbestos-related). She acts for both claimants and defendants and is regularly instructed by local authorities and their insurers.

Lisa is also experienced in employment law and regularly advises and appears before Tribunals and County Courts in unfair dismissal and contractual claims.

Lisa taught tort law at King's College London from 2003-5. She is a fluent French speaker (including legal French). She was awarded the Sir Thomas More Bursary and a Hardwicke Scholarship in 1998 by Lincoln's Inn and the Weiner-Anspach Scholarship from Brussels University in 1997.

Qualifications

Brasenose College, Oxford (BA Hons);
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Diplôme d'Etudes spécialisées (droit européen)

Cases

Personal Injury

Lisa is happy to take instructions on a CFA basis. She has recently acted in this capacity for claimants in several fatal accident claims, with values ranging from £70,000 to in excess of £400,000. Lisa has experience in drafting pleadings, advising on prospects of success and negotiating settlement.

Lisa also acts for defendants in high value claims. Lisa has experience advising on claim valuation and trial advocacy in multi track claims.

Lisa has acted for the defendant in an interlocutory matter involving a fraudulent claim; an amateur footballer falsely claimed that he had injured his knee stumbling on an uneven pavement. He had actually injured his knee playing

football and was ultimately jailed for 14 days for contempt.

She has recently acted for the local authority in a claim against a primary school for an accident which occurred at a school sports day. The claim was dismissed due to lack of evidence of any negligence on the part of the local authority.

Lisa is currently acting for the defendant in an interesting matter where a very small child was injured whilst in a museum. The defendant has brought in the parents as third parties under the Phipps v Rochester Corporation principal that defendants were entitled to assume that parents would behave in a prudent way and were not obliged to take upon themselves parental duties.

Employment

She has recently succeeded in obtaining damages for unfair dismissal for a former employee of a major airline.

Acted for an employee in a racial discrimination matter. The claim was settled.

Ancillary matters

Lisa is regularly involved in matters ancillary to personal injury claims. For example, she has recently acted for the insurers of a local authority as occupier, against whom damages by way of indemnity, by the insurer of the claimant's employers. The matter was settled. Lisa was involved in the settlement negotiations.

Lisa regularly attends hearings in matters relating to costs. She recently represented the defendant in a matter where there was a dispute as to whether or not the claimant had prematurely issued the claim in order to avoid the rules relating to predictive costs. The court found that the claimant had not issued the claim prematurely but reduced the schedule of costs considerably by way of sanction, as the claimant's solicitors had delayed the case significantly in the year prior to issue by failing to respond to the defendant's insurers' requests for information.