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King's Bench Walk

## Lois Aldred

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Industrial Disease,  
Costs, Common Law

Lois is known for her approachable style and tenacious advocacy. Her ability to think effectively and communicate on her feet has recently been recognised by her being one of the youngest ever appointed Recorders at age 35.

Away from Law Lois has a keen interest in travel, languages, when she isn't marshalling her trio of sons.

She speaks French after her time living and studying in Strasbourg along with basic Spanish and Japanese.

Before coming to the Bar Lois Taught English Language Oral Communication in Osaka, Japan.

### Personal Injury

Lois specialises in serious and high value personal injury litigation. She acts for both claimants and defendants and is sought after for her ability to efficiently advise on complex claims involving difficult liability and causation issues.

Her experience covers all aspects of personal injury litigation including EL, PL, Motor, at all stages of proceedings along with inquests.

Cases involving suspected fraud form an important area of Lois' practice. She is consistently approached at an early stage to assess the merits and advise on tactics in investigating and proving suspected fundamental dishonesty. While much of her work in the area is on the instructions of Defendants, she receives Claimant instructions in high value cases where Lois' ability to provide early advice on the evidence is sought. Most recently Lois advised and acted for a major tour operator in a trial solely on the issue of fundamental dishonesty in an early-discontinued group litigation and was successful in securing a finding of fundamental dishonesty in the claims with an enforceable costs order against the Claimants pursuant to CPR 44.16(1)

### International and Travel

Travel litigation is a central pillar of Lois' work with a significant proportion of her work being in the field. She works for most of the major tour operators and is recognised for her skill and experience in the field. Lois advises and acts in all types of claim involving accidents abroad from gastrointestinal illness group actions to employers' liability claims brought under Rome II. Her considerable experience firstly as a PI practitioner means that she is particularly sought in claims involving very serious illness and injury including mass illness outbreaks, legionnaires contamination and

accidents that result in serious brain injury.

More generally Lois has experience in cases involving most aspects of travel litigation and is experienced in dealing with the jurisdictional and evidential issues arising in such cases.

Her aviation work encompasses claims under the Montreal Convention and Denied Boarding Regulations.

She has particular interest in claims involving accidents in France and francophone countries, having studied French Law in Strasbourg. Lois can also bring useful insight to cultural issues involved claims with a Japanese element, having lived and worked in Japan prior to becoming a barrister.

## **Industrial Disease**

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Lois is recognised as an experienced and able industrial disease junior. She advises and acts in cases involving occupational respiratory conditions, dermatological conditions, industrial deafness, and upper limb disorders.

Lois is able to advise on the most complex cases that pose difficult limitation and causation issues involving multiple Defendants.

## **Costs**

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Lois is regularly instructed in detailed assessment proceedings, costs applications and cases involving costs arguments relating to claims falling out of the MOJ portal.

Lois has experience of costs appeals, including a successful appeal against the judge's tariff-based approach to the assessment of costs on the standard basis following a fast track trial.

Having been an employment practitioner Lois is properly equipped to handle detailed assessment proceedings that relate to costs orders from the employment tribunal.

## **Common Law**

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Lois' practice includes general contractual and commercial disputes and credit hire.

## **Qualifications**

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LLB Law with French Law and French Language ( First Class Honours)

BVC (Very Competent)

Diplôme d'études juridiques françaises, Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg

## **Memberships & Awards**

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Personal Injuries Bar Association

Oxford University Press prize for Best 1st year mark in Law French/Law German Degrees

Inner Temple Scholarship

Inner Temple Entrance Exhibition

Hubert Parry Benefactor's Scholarship

Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Exhibition

## Judicial Appointments

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Recorder (Midlands Circuit 2019)