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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Inquests, Fraud, Costs, Industrial Disease, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Product Liability

Mary practices predominantly in personal injury and clinical negligence. She acts for both claimants and defendants in a wide range of multi-track cases. Mary is regularly instructed in cases involving fatal accidents, brain injuries and serious and multiple injuries. She is also very familiar with cases where there is an interplay between physical and psychological injuries. She is comfortable with cases involving multiple experts, causation problems and complex calculations of loss, whether they conclude at trial or at JSM. Mary has an interest in personal injury claims with an international dimension and is familiar with the jurisdictional and evidential issues which arise in such cases.

Mary has substantial experience in road traffic litigation, including cases involving allegations of fraud and coverage/indemnity issues. She also specialises in employers' liability claims (including disease claims) and public liability cases, often involving multiple defendants.

Mary's clinical negligence practice includes cases where consideration is given to bringing additional claims for negligent medical treatment following an accident as well as free-standing claims against medical professionals for late diagnosis or negligent treatment.

Mary is regularly instructed to appear in the Coroner's Court and has experience of substantial inquests involving juries, potential unlawful killing verdicts, deaths in the care of the state and DOLS orders.

Mary is striving to become paperless in her practice and welcomes instructions in PDF format and by email.

Mary provides lectures and seminars to solicitors and insurers and can do so in-house.

Mary is currently living in Manchester and is happy to cover hearings in the north west area.

Inquests

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Recent interesting hearings include:

- Jury inquest concerning death from fall from scaffolding, with unlawful killing verdicts considered
- Inquest concerning death in RTA while driving electric quadricycle on public road
- Inquest concerning death from sepsis of resident in care home
- Jury inquest concerning suicide of patient detained under Mental Health Act

Qualifications & Awards

BVC, Inns of Court School of Law

PgDL, City University

BA (Hons) Modern History, St Catherine's College, Oxford

Lord Brougham Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn, 2001

Memberships

PIBA, PNBA

Cases

- Successfully defending at trial an action by a teacher against a residential school for children with autism following alleged assault by a pupil
- Advising numerous child claimants in a multi-claimant action against nursery for food poisoning
- Acting (at first instance and on appeal) in a claim against a holiday camp for injury occurring during a game of rounders
- Advising in a claim involving aggravation of pre-existing fibromyalgia
- Advising in a case involving potential contributory negligence as joint enterprise between employees
- Representing a claimant who developed OCD as a result of assault and bullying at work
- Advising in a claim involving a traumatic brain injury to a claimant with congenital hydrocephalus
- Advising in a claim for legionnaires disease contracted by care home worker
- Advising in and settling a case involving negligent hernia repair
- Acting in a claim involving fractured limb in a patient lacking capacity while an inpatient in hospital
- Advising in a claim involving unwanted pregnancy following vasectomy
- Additional claim relating to delayed diagnosis of cauda equina following back injury at work
- Acting in a professional negligence claim involving a physiotherapist
- Successfully defending at trial a claim arising out of allegedly incorrect ski boot bindings in Austria
- Advising re. jurisdiction and application of law in the Falkland Islands in relation to an accident at work
- Successfully acting (from conference to trial) in an employer's liability case involving allegations of fraud, interference with witnesses and fabrication of evidence under duress