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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Inquests, Costs, Industrial Disease, Credit Hire, Fraud

Roisin practices in all aspects of Personal Injury law. She is an experienced advocate and is instructed by both claimants and defendants in fast track and multi-track cases. She regularly conducts trials, JSMs, CCMCs and CMCs. She also enjoys a busy paper practice advising on a broad range of complex and varied liability and causation issues. She is very thorough and user-friendly and is able to give advice quickly.

Roisin has considerable expertise in road traffic litigation, including cases involving allegations of fraud, credit hire and insurance issues. She is regularly instructed in highways claims, public liability, inquests, and the liabilities of employers and occupiers. She is regularly instructed in cases involving multiple experts, causation issues and complex calculations of loss.

Roisin was recently seconded to a specialist clinical negligence team in a leading firm of solicitors. Here she gained invaluable experience of a wide variety of clinical negligence work ranging from cosmetic negligence and dental claims including laser treatment, breast augmentation surgery, blepharoplasty surgery and tummy tucks, to cases of unnecessary and negligent surgery, non-disclosure of risk, and delayed diagnosis of spinal fractures resulting in severe cauda equina syndrome.

Roisin has a developing practice in industrial disease. She has considerable experience with noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) claims and the associated preliminary trials on the issue of limitation.

Personal Injury

Roisin has considerable experience in all areas of personal injury work including: road traffic (including RTA 1988 and MIB issues), highways, public liability, product liability, Animals Act claims, CICA claims, inquests, and the liabilities of employers and occupiers. Her experience includes claims under the Fatal Accidents Act and cases involving life-changing injuries.

Clinical Negligence

Roisin has a keen interest in clinical negligence. She has experience of a wide variety of clinical negligence work ranging from cosmetic negligence and dental claims including laser treatment, breast augmentation surgery, blepharoplasty surgery and tummy tucks, to cases of unnecessary and negligent surgery, non-disclosure of risk, and

delayed diagnosis of spinal fractures resulting in permanent paralysis. She has also advised: bereaved parents as to the merits of a claim following the death of their child in hospital arising from complications associated with sickle cell disease; and on negligent hip and knee operations;

International & Travel

Roisin is a member of Chambers' International & Travel Group. Recent work includes: advising on jurisdictional and limitation arguments arising from accidents in hotels and road traffic accidents abroad; advising on service of documents on a Turkish third party in a claim involving a fatal ballooning accident in Turkey; and, drafting a defence pleading Chinese limitation law.

Inquests

Roisin represents families and other interested parties at all types of inquests. Roisin recently attended a three-day inquest, instructed on behalf of the local authority, into the death by drowning of a young man with autism and epilepsy in the local leisure centre swimming pool. She also recently attended a five-day inquest on behalf of the family of the deceased in circumstances where the deceased sustained fatal head injuries at work whilst dismantling a faulty vehicle lift.

Costs

Roisin is regularly instructed to appear for both claimants and defendants at costs and case management hearings.

Roisin also has experience in cases involving the disapplication of the qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS) regime.

She is also experienced in handling costs disputes, including applications for wasted costs.

Industrial Disease

Roisin acts for claimants and defendants in NIHL cases including limitation trials. She also has a keen interest in other areas of industrial disease including asbestos, occupational asthma and dermatitis.

Credit Hire

Roisin is regularly instructed by defendants in such claims and has built up extensive experience in this area.

Fraud

Roisin has considerable experience of fraudulent and exaggerated personal injury claims where careful and thorough cross-examination is required. She regularly advises and acts on behalf of defendants in claims arising from staged or "LVI" road traffic accidents. She is very familiar with issues surrounding the use of surveillance evidence and contempt of court.

Qualifications

University of Oxford, BA Jurisprudence 2002 – 2005

Called to the Bar of England and Wales, 2006

Called to the Northern Ireland Bar, 2009

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

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South Eastern Circuit

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Northern Irish Bar