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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Credit Hire, Public Authority Liability, Health & Safety, Fraud, Insurance, Inquests, Costs, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Property

Sarah acts for both Claimants and Defendants in all aspects of personal injury work. She has particular knowledge and experience of highways law, road traffic cases, credit hire, employers' liability and fraud, as well as experience in industrial disease, sports law, inquests and MIB and RTA 1998 related matters.

Sarah has considerable experience of fast and multi track trial work as well as applications, CMC's and CCMC's. Sarah has a busy paperwork practice, which includes advising, pleading and drafting schedules and counter-schedules.

Sarah also has experience of costs-related matters. She is very familiar with the MOJ Protocols and the applicable costs rules.

Sarah has extensive experience of credit hire law and appeared at first instance in both *Copley v Lawn* [2009] EWCA Civ 580 and *Singh v Yaquibi* [2013] EWCA Civ 23.

Sarah regularly represents Local Authorities and advises in all aspects of highways law.

Sarah also has a developing industrial disease practice and regularly advises and represents both Claimants and Defendants in NIHL cases. She appeared (successfully) as a junior in the case of *British Telecommunications Plc v Royal Mail Group Ltd* Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2010] EWCA Civ 974 – a case involving indemnity against asbestos disease liabilities.

Sarah has been a visiting academic tutor at King's College, London.

Sarah spent most of her childhood in Kenya where she competed at both a national and international level in equestrian sports. She has two children and lives in Cheltenham.

Personal Injury

Sarah has considerable experience in all aspects of personal injury work and regularly advises on quantum, liability and tactics. She frequently drafts schedules and counter-schedules and represents both Claimants and Defendants at trial as well as for interim applications.

She has particular experience in occupiers' liability, tripping and slipping claims, employers' liability, public liability and road traffic accidents. Sarah also has considerable experience in valuing claims for general damages.

Credit Hire

Sarah has extensive experience in cases concerning credit hire at both fast track and multi track level. She regularly advises Defendants on prospects and tactics and often drafts Part 18 Questions. She has considerable credit hire trial experience and appeared at first instance in both *Copley v Lawn* [2009] EWCA Civ 580 (concerning intervention letters) and *Singh v Yaquibi* [2013] EWCA Civ 23 (where a Claimant failed to establish need and his claim for just under £100,000 of hire was dismissed).

Sarah regularly provides credit hire talks to insurers and solicitors.

Public Authority Liability

Sarah has a very busy highways law practice and has considerable experience in representing Defendant Local Authorities. She regularly advises Defendants in all aspects of highways law and appears in both fast and multi track trials.

Health & Safety

Sarah has a busy employers' liability practice and regularly advises, drafts pleadings and represents Claimants and Defendants at trial.

Fraud

Sarah has considerable experience of cases concerning allegations of fraud, including alleged low velocity impacts, alleged phantom passengers, alleged staged accidents and allegedly induced collisions. She regularly advises on evidence and tactics and has considerable experience of drafting pleadings and appearing in trials where fraud is alleged or suspected.

Insurance

Sarah has experience of all MIB and RTA 1998 matters and regularly advises insurers in relation to these aspects of insurance law.

Inquests

Sarah represents interested parties at inquests and has experience of various types of inquests where there is potential for a civil claim.

Costs

Sarah has considerable experience in dealing with costs issues and is very familiar with the MOJ Protocols and applicable costs rules. She regularly appears at CCMC's.

Industrial Disease

Sarah has a keen interest in industrial disease work and regularly advises and represents both Claimants and Defendants in NIHL cases.

International & Travel

Sarah has a keen interest in international and travel law and advises on the applicable law in the context of accidents abroad (Rome II).

Property

Sarah has experience of dealing with many aspects of property law, including property damage (including flooding) and claims against Landlords and Housing Authorities for personal injury.

Qualifications & Awards

LLB Law, (First Class Hons) King's College, London

BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (Very competent)

Harmsworth Scholar (Middle Temple, 2005)

Appointments & Memberships

Middle Temple

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Cases

Credit Hire

Copley v Lawn [2009] EWCA Civ 580 (first instance)

Singh v Yaquibi [2013] EWCA Civ 23 (first instance)

Industrial disease

Led by Andrew Hogarth QC – *British Telecommunications Plc v Royal Mail Group Ltd* Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2010] EWCA Civ 974 – a case involving indemnity against asbestos disease liabilities.

Inquests

Recent inquests include:

Inquest involving an RTA where pedestrian killed

Inquest involving care home where resident died after a fall.

Other recent cases:

Successfully defended a claim against beautician for the alleged negligent application of semi-permanent make-up, leaving permanent unwanted effects.

Advised on the value of a claim relating to a minor with complex multi-sited injuries. Settlement successfully reached and approved by the Court.