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King's Bench Walk

## Sarah Beslee

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

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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.

## **Qualifications & Awards**

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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**

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Middle Temple

Personal Injuries Bar Association

## **Cases**

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### **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.