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# Alex Denton

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## Overview

Alex has been described by her clients as a 'very impressive' advocate with a 'robust' approach to drafting. She accepts instructions in Chambers' key practice areas on behalf of claimants and defendants alike, with particular experience and interest in personal injury law.

Alex regularly delivers seminars (and particularly in the midst or wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, webinars) on developments within civil law. Recent topics include employers' liability, occupiers' liability and procedural changes following the implementation and progress of the Damages Claims Portal.

Alex studied law at the University of Leeds. She graduated in 2013 with a first class degree in the top 5% of her year and was awarded the University Prize for Jurisprudence. She completed the BPTC in London and was awarded a Harmsworth Scholarship by the Middle Temple.

Prior to joining Ropewalk Chambers, Alex worked within litigation teams in law firms based in the UK and abroad, gained experience as a County Court advocate and undertook pro bono casework for the Free Representation Unit and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Prior to a career in law, Alex lived and worked in Shenyang, China as an English language teacher, obtaining a teaching qualification from Beijing University of International Business and Economics in 2009.

Away from the Bar, you will likely find Alex wakeboarding or attempting to walk her enormous Alaskan malamute dog. She also (for unknown reasons) enjoys completing gruelling fitness challenges, including most recently Tough Mudder, Rough Runner and a half marathon. Alex volunteers as a legal consultant on the Consultative Council of a national children's charity.

# Expertise

## Personal Injury

Alex is regularly instructed by clients across all areas of personal injury matters. She has experience attending trials in Multi Track, Fast Track and Small Claims Track cases. The majority of her court attendances relate to claims involving: public liability; employers' liability; occupiers' liability; defective premises; construction accidents; Highways Act claims; and road traffic collisions.

Alex has a busy paperwork practice and is regularly instructed to draft pleadings and advise on issues of liability, quantum and strategy. She is regularly instructed to advise both in writing and in conference.

## Inquests

Alex has experience acting for interested persons at pre-inquest reviews and inquests, including those engaging Article 2. A recent example is an Article 2 inquest lasting several weeks which involved issues relating to suicide, clinical medical intervention, autism spectrum disorder and learning disability.

## Clinical Negligence

Alex welcomes instructions in this area. She has a particular interest in cases involving delayed treatment and misdiagnosis.

## Counter Fraud

Alex regularly acts in cases involving alleged fraudulent behaviour across a range of personal injury practice areas, such as employers' liability and motor claims. She has successfully obtained findings of fundamental dishonesty whilst instructed by defendants, as well as also having avoided such findings on behalf of claimants.

In the context of road traffic collisions, Alex frequently represents clients in cases involving allegations of fraud: for example, those arising from low velocity impacts, manufactured accidents and phantom passengers.

## Disease

As to industrial diseases, Alex has developed experience of noise induced hearing loss claims in particular, including issues of medical causation, breach of duty and limitation. She attends a range of interlocutory hearing through to trial.

Alex also has experience in litigation involving work-related upper limb disorders, COSHH and dermatitis.

## Motor

Alex is experienced in cases arising out of road traffic collisions, regularly attending trials on both liability and quantum.

Alex frequently represents clients in cases involving allegations of fraud: in particular, low velocity impacts, manufactured accidents and phantom passengers. Alex is often instructed in claims involving the Motor Insurers Bureau, including those engaging both the Uninsured and Untraced Drivers' Agreements.

## Credit Hire

Alex routinely acts in credit hire cases and is experienced in dealing with issues including: enforceability; need; period; impecuniosity; rate; loss of profit; illegality; and intervention offers.

## Sports

As a member of LawInSport, Alex has a keen interest in developing a sports practice.

Alex has written several blogs in the area:

- [Proposed Claim on behalf of Ex-Rugby Players with Early Onset Dementia](#)
- [Footballer's Death Attributed to Dementia Induced by Professional Football](#)

## Animals & Equine

Alex welcomes instructions in cases involving animals. In particular, Alex has developed experience and a keen interest in Animals Act 1971 cases involving injury or damage caused by dogs. (As the owner of a 40kg Alaskan malamute, we suspect that we have identified the source of at least some of her personal motivation in this regard.)

## Qualifications

- LLB, University of Leeds
- BPTC, BPP Law School (London)

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