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Overview

Katie practices predominantly in the areas of personal injury and industrial disease.

Katie studied Biomedical Sciences at University College London, taking the Neuroscience stream, where her final year focus was on neurodegenerative diseases.

After being awarded the Lord Brougham and Hardwicke Scholarships by Lincoln's Inn, Katie was able to transition straight from university to do her law conversion. Katie was then awarded a Lord Denning scholarship which allowed her to progress straight on to the Bar course where she secured pupillage at Ropewalk Chambers.

Outside of work, Katie has played local league basketball for over 20 years, practices vinyasa yoga and enjoys watching plays at the theatre.

Expertise

Disease

Katie has considerable experience drafting statements of case, Part 35 questions to medical and breach experts, advising on liability and tactics, and is adept at conducting conferences with both medical experts and lay witnesses.

Always happy to chat through any issues with her instructing solicitor, Katie is regularly instructed as trial counsel, as well as for interim hearings, including CMCs, CCMCs, applications for medical evidence and applications for strike out.

Katie is familiar with HAVS, COSSH and NIHL claims and has considerable experience and a strong track record in NIHL matters where she is regularly instructed on behalf of multiple defendants. She has a very strong understanding of the more technical aspects of NIHL cases, including limitation, the 1972 Code of Practice, and causation arguments over averaging, de minimis, and the various guidelines for diagnosing and quantifying NIHL.

Personal Injury

Katie is regularly instructed in all types of personal injury litigation and has considerable experience with occupier's liability, employer's liability, highways, and road traffic claims.

Alongside her busy court practice, Katie regularly drafts statements of case, schedules, counter-schedules, and advices concerning liability, quantum and procedure. Katie prides herself on being approachable to lay and professional clients alike, and always delivering pragmatic advice to secure the best result for the client.

Katie accepts instructions from both Claimants and Defendants and, at the request of the solicitor, is happy to consider working under a suitable conditional fee agreement.

Credit Hire

Katie has longstanding experience acting for both Claimants and Defendants in credit hire claims on all tracks and is well versed in the law on issues of enforceability, illegality, need, period, impecuniosity, rate, and intervention.

Clinical Negligence

Katie's background is in the medical sciences and she has a particular interest in developing a clinical negligence practice, having worked as a clinical negligence paralegal prior to commencing pupillage and having volunteered with AvMA during her legal studies. Katie's background in biomedical sciences puts her at an advantage in dealing with the often-complex issues that arise in such cases.

Property & Real Estate

Katie has experience with residential property ownership disputes and has a particular interest in trusts of land. She is also content to accept instructions concerning leasehold and neighbour disputes.

Past experience also includes dealing with landlord and tenant disputes relating to possession, rent arrears and committal proceedings.

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Katie has experience in dealing with a variety of contractual and commercial disputes in the County Court, including bankruptcy, debt, enforcement, and costs hearings.

Professional Membership

- Personal Injuries Bar Association

Qualifications

- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Neuroscience), UCL
- GDL, City University
- BPTC, BPP

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