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# Katie McFarlane

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### Overview

Katie practises predominantly in the areas of personal injury and industrial disease (NIHL); she has a busy paperwork practice and appears in court on an almost daily basis.

Katie is a Lord Denning, Lord Brougham and Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn.

In her spare time, Katie plays basketball and enjoys going to the theatre.

## **Expertise**

#### Disease

Katie is highly experienced with NIHL claims and is regularly instructed on behalf of multiple defendants. She has considerable experience drafting statements of case and advising on liability and tactics, including in conference with lay witnesses and medical experts.

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 has a strong understanding of the more technical aspects of NIHL cases, including limitation, the 1972 Code of Practice, *de minimis* arguments 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.

Katie regularly drafts statements of case, schedules, counter-schedules, and advices concerning liability, quantum and procedure.

Katie willingly 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 regularly acts for both Claimants and Defendants in credit hire claims on all tracks and is well versed in the law on issues of enforceability, need, period, impecuniosity, rate, and intervention.

At the request of the solicitor, Katie is happy to consider working under a suitable conditional fee agreement.

#### 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 landlord and tenant disputes relating to possession, rent arrears and committal proceedings. Katie has a particular interest in trusts and is keen to accept instructions concerning property ownership disputes. She is also content to accept instructions concerning leasehold and neighbour disputes.

## **Commercial Dispute Resolution**

Katie has experience 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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