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Overview

Louise's practice at Ropewalk Chambers focusses on personal injury, clinical negligence, industrial disease and inquests. Louise brings a meticulous and considered approach to each case and is regularly instructed on multi-track value claims including fatal accidents, traumatic brain injury, amputations, facial disfigurement and other serious injuries. She has experience handling claims for provisional damages and preparing schedules into the six figures involving significant claims for future losses.

Louise is a confident and measured advocate, appearing in both the County Court and the High Court. She is a particularly adept trial advocate as a result of her previous experience in the Crown and Magistrates' courts.

Louise brings a wealth of life experience to her practice and prides herself on being approachable, insightful and empathetic to professional and lay clients alike. Before joining Ropewalk Chambers, she completed pupillage in criminal and family law and enjoyed a career as an executive assistant working in a boutique business consultancy, organiser of an international Olympic-qualifying equestrian event, working for a leading equestrian publication, and as an expedition leader in Africa. Louise obtained a First Class LLB (Honours) from the University of Sheffield and went on to study the BTC at Nottingham Law School. During her studies, she was awarded a number of scholarships and prizes including the Lincoln's Inn Lord Denning Scholarship, Taylor Award, Oxford University Press Law Prize, and Kirkland and Ellis Prize.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Louise maintains a busy court diary of trials and interim applications and accepts instructions across all tracks on behalf of both claimants and defendants. She is known for her meticulous preparation, strategic approach and polished advocacy. She acts in all personal injury claims, including employer's liability, public liability, highways, road traffic accident and animal claims, and also has experience in personal injury claims arising out of public and private nuisance.

Serious Injury

Louise is regularly instructed on high value cases involving fatal accidents, traumatic brain injury, amputations, facial disfigurement and other serious injuries. She has experience of handling claims for provisional damages and preparing schedules into the six figures involving significant claims for future losses.

Clinical Negligence

Louise is available to instruct on all clinical negligence matters, and acts in medical, dental and pharmaceutical negligence claims.

Louise also has a sub-speciality in negligently performed cosmetic, aesthetic and beauty treatments and can be instructed on all matters including claims involving Botox, fillers, microneedling, semi-permanent make up, laser hair removal and more.

Inquests

Louise is a compassionate and considered advocate. She can be instructed on inquests arising out of all circumstances from clinical negligence to accidents at work, in public, or on the road. With particular experience in police law, she is well-placed to deal with deaths in custody and Article 2 inquests. Louise also has experience in bringing civil claims for fatal accidents and is well-placed to continue to act in civil proceedings post-inquest.

Animals & Equine

Louise regularly deals with personal injury claims brought under the Animals Act 1971 as well as in negligence. She can also be instructed in contract disputes concerning the purchase and sale of animals, unpaid livery fees, training of dogs and horses, injury to animals, and more. Louise is also experienced in police law and is well-placed to be instructed on matters concerning police dogs and horses.

Police Law

Louise has experience in claims involving unlawful arrest, false imprisonment, use of force, personal injury, and aggravated and exemplary damages. Having previously practiced criminal law, she is well-versed in PACE 1984. She also has comprehensive knowledge of the Animals Act 1971 and can be instructed in relation to matters concerning police dogs and horses.

Louise has acted in judicial review proceedings in the High Court concerning police investigations, as well as in contested applications for confiscation orders, sexual harm prevention orders, stalking prevention orders and domestic violence protection orders. She also has experience handling police disclosure including public interest immunity applications.

Having also previously practiced family law, Louise is well-placed to act in matters where there is an interplay between the civil, criminal and family jurisdictions.

Abuse

Louise has previously practiced in criminal and family law and has experience handling cases involving sexual, physical, emotional and financial abuse and domestic violence. She is available to instruct on matters involving abuse and understands that these claims involve careful and empathetic management, with meticulous attention-to-detail.

Disease

Louise enjoys a busy disease practice and is regularly instructed in matters concerning asbestosis, noise-induced hearing loss, hand-arm vibration syndrome/carpal tunnel syndrome, dermatitis and repetitive strain injury.

Motor

Lousie is regularly instructed in claims arising out of road traffic accidents including serious injury, property damage and credit hire. She acts on behalf of both claimants and defendants and regularly deals with claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

Counter Fraud

Louise regularly deals with claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty for both the claimant and the defendant.

Credit Hire

Louise acts on behalf both the claimant seeking to recover a substantial sum in hire and defendants seeking to minimise their losses. She has in-depth knowledge of credit hire law and significant experience in dealing with such cases.

Education

- BTC (Very Competent) Nottingham Law School
- LLB (First Class), University of Sheffield

Memberships

- PIBA
- Midland Circuit

Awards

- Taylor Award for Outstanding Academic Contribution (Nottingham Law School)
- Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

- Oxford University Press Law Prize (University of Sheffield)
- Kirkland & Ellis Property Prize (University of Sheffield)

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