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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Insurance, Costs & Litigation Funding, Fraud, Mediation

Catherine specialises in catastrophic and complex personal injury claims. She has over 30 years' experience at the Personal Injury Bar and is regularly instructed as sole counsel in claims worth several million pounds. She is recognised as a leading junior and has been shortlisted for Chambers & Partners Personal Injury Junior of the Year 2026.

Directories' feedback includes: *"a fearless and persuasive advocate who is meticulous in her preparation"* "*she is very clear, sensible and takes all the right points" "a very able, assured and confident barrister" "she is always excellently prepared and gives great tactical advice" "extremely thorough and a very good advocate. She's a clear communicator and instils great confidence in her clients".*

Aside from being a very effective trial advocate, Catherine is an accomplished negotiator with an established track record of advising on evidence and strategy and guiding the cases on which she is instructed to a successful conclusion via ADR. Whether acting for claimants or defendants, she has built strong working relationships with those instructing her, resulting in regular repeat instructions.

Whilst Catherine usually acts as sole counsel (frequently where King's Counsel is instructed by other party), she is regularly led in cases of particularly complexity, importance or high value (recent examples being by William Audland KC, Harry Steinberg KC and Steven Snowden KC).

Catherine is an accredited mediator (civil and commercial disputes; workplace disputes) and has a particular interest in the psychology and tactics of negotiation. She provides talks to solicitors and is a very experienced advocacy trainer.

Personal Injury

The claims in which Catherine is instructed generally involve complex medico-legal and or causation issues. She is regularly instructed in cases which require detailed fact management, forensic analysis and or an ability to quickly pick up on new technical areas and in document heavy claims where multiple fields of expertise are involved. She is well equipped to deal with claims involving vulnerable claimants (whether acting for a claimant or defendant).

In a claimant capacity, much of Catherine's work involves catastrophic injury which has had a life-changing impact on her clients Whether the injuries have resulted in severe disability, pain, mobility restrictions, disfigurement, reduced life expectancy, brain damage, psychological injury or bereavement, Catherine's approachable nature and excellent care skills mean her clients are able to feel fully engaged. She deals with claims in a practical and productive manner and gains job satisfaction from knowing that she is able to help her clients not only through the litigation process, but also to move on with their lives.

In a defendant capacity, Catherine is regularly instructed by most of the country's leading defendant solicitors, who value her sound practical and tactical advice as much as her experience of the claimant's perspective/motivation.

Catherine's interest in the detail of a claim equips her to anticipate what will be the decisive issues even in the most document heavy of cases. She is often asked to advise early in a claim for a defendant her clients value her tactical advice to maximise the impact of discrepancies in the presentation of a claim or ability to recognise cases which have the propensity to escalate in value. Catherine is regularly instructed by insurers in claims where there is evidence of Fundamental Dishonesty. Aside from having the strong forensic analysis skills required for such claims, she has an established track record of providing effective strategic advice to maximize the tactical value of the available evidence. Whilst Catherine always has an eye on the commerciality of litigation (and finding a financially acceptable resolution if possible) she equally has a skill for spotting the cases on which her clients should stand firm. As a result of successful outcomes in even the most difficult of claims, Catherine is regularly instructed by most of the country's leading insurers.

During her time at 12 King's Bench Walk she has dealt with claims involving most types of injury including (but not limited to):

- Brain injury
- Spinal Injury
- Amputation (upper and lower limb)
- Orthopaedic injury
- Multiple injury
- Pain cases
- Psychiatric injury (and in particular the overlap with brain injury, pain conditions and aggravation of previous conditions)
- Fatal accidents

Catherine is a very experienced at dealing with liability disputes and has a broad range of experience in claims across chambers areas of practice, including road traffic, MIB claims, employers' liability, public liability, product liability, occupiers' liability, road traffic accidents and Animals' Act claims.

Clinical Negligence

Historically Catherine has acted predominately for claimants in the field of clinical negligence in wide range of claims including:

- Birth trauma (both mother and child)
- Brain hypoxia following attempted suicide by hanging
- Inappropriate wound management in diabetic patient leading to limb amputation.
- Delayed diagnosis of cancer resulting in death (with complex causation issues).
- Failed breast reconstruction surgery (resulting in disfigurement, pain and psychiatric injury)
- Delayed diagnosis of cancer, causing reduced life expectancy and additional surgical/therapeutic input (with complex causation issues).
- Misdiagnosis of hydrocephalus.
- Over-prescription of medication with permanent impact on health.
- Negligent post-operative care leading to a fall in geriatric patient.
- Delayed diagnosis of appendicitis.
- Failed IVF (including causation issues)
- Stillbirth (requiring sensitivity of approach given limited value of claim, despite devastating impact on mother).

Catherine's interest in people is evident in conference when discussing sensitive issues. Her attention to detail and understanding of this area of the law, mean she is well equipped to deal with complex disputes (both on breach and causation)

In a defendant capacity, Catherine also deals with cross-over claims where a Claimant who has sustained personal injury has also received sub-standard clinical treatment.

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Costs & Litigation Funding

Catherine is instructed regularly to attend Costs and Case Management Conferences (both for claimants and defendants). She provides talks on costs law.

Mediation

Catherine is an accredited mediator (both Civil and Commercial, and Workplace disputes). Her interest in people and detail help her to get to the heart of a dispute. She has successful experience in mediating disputes in her fields of expertise (including personal injury and costs) but has also successfully conducted several mediations under a pilot scheme at the Royal Courts of Justice in areas of law further afield including commercial and landlord and tenant/property disputes. Her interest in mediation in workplace claims stems from an awareness of the cost of stress claims (both financial to those involved) and a belief that litigation is not always the best way to resolve such issues. She is well equipped to enable parties to see beyond their dispute.

Directories

Catherine is a wonderful counsel to use. She always has a positive outlook which is invaluable when it comes to negotiations, and her keen eye for detail ensures that no issue is left unresolved. – Chambers & Partners, 2027

Catherine is an incredible barrister. She is always well prepared for conferences, extremely user-friendly, has high levels of emotional intelligence and incredible commercial awareness. – Chambers & Partners, 2027

She is very meticulous in her approach, really cares about the clients and has really excellent drafting skills. – Chambers & Partners, 2027

Catherine is a great advocate and is my go-to barrister on complex claims as she is so experienced and has strong attention to detail. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

She has strong attention to detail and is relaxed in front of the court, allowing her to articulate her arguments clearly and succinctly. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

Catherine provides a full service from start to finish. Her level of detail and scrutiny of a case are second to none. – Chambers & Partners, 2026

She is very impressive. She is very personable and very smart. – Legal 500, 2026

She is a very effective advocate, hitting the key points quickly and taking a cooperative approach. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Catherine is excellent on all fronts. – Chambers & Partners, 2025

Catherine is personable, hard working, is excellent on her feet. She often suggests arguments that are not considered leading to good settlements. – Legal 500, 2025

Catherine is always on top of the detail, but retains an ability to step back from that and see the bigger picture so as to mould a claim in the strongest possible way. – Legal 500, 2024

Catherine is in demand for her commercial and clear advice. She provides in-depth advice and is approachable, so clients really like working with her. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

She is incredibly analytical and thorough. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

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Catherine is reassuring and confident, with excellent commercial awareness. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Catherine is meticulous in her preparation and knows her cases inside out. She is great with clients and always measured in her advice and approach to complex issues. – Chambers & Partners, 2024

Strong attention-to-detail and a willingness to go the extra mile. – Legal 500, 2023

She is always excellently prepared and gives great tactical advice. – Chambers & Partners, 2022

A fearless and persuasive advocate who is meticulous in her preparation. – Legal 500, 2022

Excellent in court. She is extremely well prepared, thorough and robust when dealing with experts in conference. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

She is very clear, sensible and takes all the right points. – Chambers & Partners, 2021

Catherine is technically excellent, with a wide ranging knowledge of case law and recent decisions which enables her to advise on any novel situation which she faces. A fabulous empathetic bedside manner – great for vulnerable seriously injured clients. – Legal 500, 2021

Extremely thorough and a very good advocate. She's a clear communicator and instils great confidence in her clients. – Chambers and Partners, 2020

She will know the papers inside-out and really gets to grips with the cases quickly and effectively. – Legal 500, 2019

A very able, assured and confident barrister. – Chambers & Partners, 2019

She takes a very mature and pragmatic approach. – Chambers & Partners, 2019

She thinks outside the box and is determined, passionate, tenacious and very approachable. – Legal 500, 2018