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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Professional Negligence, Insurance, Costs, Fraud, Mediation

Catherine specialises in catastrophic and complex personal injury claims. She has over 25 years' experience at the Personal Injury Bar, is regularly instructed as sole counsel in claims in excess of £2m and is recognised as a leading junior.

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.

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.