

## Catherine Peck

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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.

### Mediation

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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.