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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Sport, International & Travel, Insurance, Abuse, Inquests, Costs, Product Liability, Aviation

Charley specialises in clinical negligence, abuse, and injury claims with an international element.

Her broader personal injury practice encompasses interests in sports law, motor insurance and military claims.

Charley has been led by William Audland KC, Harry Steinberg KC, Patrick Vincent KC and Andrew Roy KC of 12KBW and regularly does work for other members of chambers in high value cases.

In addition to frequent paperwork cases, Charley is regularly in court for trials, PTRs, CCMCs, interim applications and approval hearings.

As a member of Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit), Charley is willing to act in a pro bono capacity, where appropriate.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Charley studied English Literature at Merton College, Oxford, and was awarded a Blue for football.

When she is not in chambers Charley plays for Camden Town Football Club and is a loyal participant in the annual Blenheim Palace Triathlon.

Clinical Negligence

Charley acts in a wide range of clinical negligence cases. She has particular expertise in claims arising from the fields of obstetrics and gynaecology, optometry and psychiatry.

A particular interest of Charley's is the developing law of material contribution and she spoke on this topic with Michael Rawlinson KC at 12KBW's annual conference in 2022 and with Henry Charles at the annual webinar day in 2021.

Charley is knowledgeable on issues of informed consent, having produced a research paper on this topic during her

legal studies and currently acts for a defendant optometrist in a claim arising from an alleged failure to obtain informed consent to laser eye surgery.

Recent and ongoing instructions arise from:

- Negligent mismanagement of the third stage of labour, leading to uterine inversion, massive obstetric haemorrhage and permanent symptoms of urinary incontinence.
- Negligent aftercare following a laparoscopic pan-proctocolectomy, leading to the need for a permanent stoma.
- Failure to remove retained products of conception following a Caesarean section, leading to sepsis and severe fallopian tube pathology necessitating IVF treatment for future births.
- Failure to treat endometriosis whereby the claimant alleges, amongst other things, that she was negligently prescribed HRT in the absence of an accompanying GnRHa, that residual ovarian tissue had been left in situ during surgery and that she should have been referred to a specialist endometriosis centre sooner.
- Failure to identify and treat a macular hole.
- Serious dental negligence.
- Negligent care leading to development of pressure sores.
- Missed or incorrect diagnoses of orthopaedic injuries.

Charley sits on the 12KBW clinical negligence group committee and contributes to the 12KBW clinical negligence blog: <https://clinicalnegligence.blog>

She has also been published in the Personal Injury Law Journal (please see 'Publications' below).

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), BPP University

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), BPP University

BA, English Language and Literature, University of Oxford

Lord Justice Holker Award, Gray's Inn

GDL Scholarship, Gray's Inn

Baroness Cohen Scholarship, BPP University

Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association

Gray's Inn

Publications

Charley co-edited:

- *Transfer of Undertakings and Related Issues* in **Occupational Illness Litigation**, published by Sweet & Maxwell, along with Carolyn D'Souza of 12KBW.
- *'Accidents Abroad'* in **Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service**, along with fellow members of the 12KBW International and Travel team.

Charley is the author/co-author of:

- ‘*The two cultures: how disease and clinical negligence practitioners approach the application of material contribution to causation in law*’, Michael Rawlinson KC and Charley Turton, **Journal of Personal Injury Law** 2022, 4, 193-216
- LexisPSL Road Traffic Act 1988 and Motor Insurance Agreements Practice Note.
- ‘*The difficulty in establishing negligence when an unrecognised complication arises: Collyer v Mid Essex Hospitals NHS Trust [2019] EWHC 3577 (QB)*’, **12KBW Clinical Negligence Law**, January 2020
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