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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Inquests, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Public Authority Liability, Credit Hire, Insurance, Aviation

Elizabeth's personal injury practice has particular specialisms in clinical negligence, inquests, employers' liability and international and travel claims.

She frequently represents parties in trials, CCMCs, application hearings and inquests. Elizabeth is often instructed on paperwork matters advising and drafting pleadings. She is comfortable acting in multi-track and high value cases.

Elizabeth is experienced in clinical negligence cases, and she edits 12KBW's clinical negligence blog.

Elizabeth regularly represents interested persons in inquest hearings, in particular those relating to circumstances of alleged clinical negligence in hospitals.

Prior to her legal studies, Elizabeth achieved 2 science Masters Degrees, with a particular focus on virology, immunology, cancer biology and laboratory research.

Inquests

Elizabeth represents families and other interested persons at inquests, helping them navigate this challenging and emotional process.

She regularly acts in complex, multi-day inquests, which often involve submissions on the engagement of Article 2 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

The main area of focus for these inquests is clinical negligence, where there can be difficult issues of medical causation.

Elizabeth understands the need for sensitivity in inquests, as well as for a full and fair exploration of the circumstances of each case.

She is happy to act on a CFA basis.

Elizabeth's recent inquests include:

- Acting for the family in a 5-day Article 2 inquest into the death of their 1 day old baby at a hospital. The coroner identified multiple failings in the neonatal care and found that the baby would have likely survived had they been transferred in utero to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

- Acting for the family in a 3-day inquest into the death of their 1 day old baby at a hospital, who passed away as a result of infection contracted in utero following prolonged rupture of membranes. The coroner found a number of failings in the obstetric care provided to the mother, and that there was a delay in delivery.
- Representing the family in a 3-day inquest into the death of a nursing home resident, who had a complex medical history including being bedbound with a degenerative condition and pressure sores. The family were concerned about the care that their loved one had received in the nursing home.
- Acting for the family in a multi-day inquest into the death of a young adult who suffered a significant asthma attack but left the medical facility due to the lengthy waiting time.
- Acting for the family in a case where the delay in clinicians investigating, diagnosing and treating sepsis contributed to the death.
- Representing the family in an inquest where the deceased died during a routine medical procedure.
- Acting for an interested person in an Article 2 jury inquest, where there was a verdict of unlawful killing.
- Representing an interested person in a jury inquest about the death of a tradesman who died on-site from electrocution.
- Acting for the families in inquests involving allegations regarding the administration of medication.

Qualifications & Awards

Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), BPP University

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), BPP University

MPhil, Imperial College London

BA and MSci, Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge (2007-2011)

Queen Mother Scholarship (Major Scholarship), The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Certificate of Honour, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple