

Helen Waller

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Fraud, Inquests, Insurance, International & Travel, Sport

Helen is a highly experienced junior with a practice well beyond her year of call. She specialises in personal injury and industrial disease work. Her practice includes catastrophic injury and fatal accidents, both as sole and junior counsel. Helen is regularly instructed on multi-million-pound cases, including complex traumatic brain injuries, catastrophic spinal injuries, and amputations. She works for both claimants and defendants, receiving instructions from leading solicitors and major insurers. She has developed particular expertise in quantum. Helen has been instructed as junior to a number of leading practitioners in the field, including Paul Russell KC, Chris Kennedy KC, William Audland KC, Steven Snowden KC, David Sanderson, Nigel Lewers and John- Paul Swoboda.

Helen regularly appears in trials, CCMCs, approval hearings and applications against opponents of all seniority, including silks. She also has considerable experience of JSMs, both as sole and junior counsel.

The legal directories recognize Helen as “*tenacious*” and “*an absolute bastion of client service*”. She is ranked as a “*rising star*” in the Legal 500 and “*up and coming*” in Chambers & Partners.

Away from 12KBW Helen enjoys wine tasting, cycling, and travelling.

Industrial Disease

Helen is regularly instructed for claimants in both living and fatal mesothelioma claims, as well as cases of asbestosis and pleural thickening, plus other industrial diseases such as occupational asthma and carbon monoxide poisoning. She is well versed in limitation arguments, dependency issues, and regularly drafts pleadings and schedules and appears before the Masters. Helen has recently appeared in the Court of Appeal, instructed for the Appellant in *Johnstone -v- Fawcett's Garage* [2023] EWHC 3010 (KB) as a junior to John-Paul Swoboda and Steven Snowden KC.

Helen contributed to two chapters of the first edition of [Asbestos Law & Litigation](#). She regularly provides training for leading claimant asbestos firms and contributes to the [12KBW Asbestos Law Blog](#).

Publications

A Practical Guide to Injury Claims Involving Cyclists (2022), Patrick Kerr and Helen Waller

Asbestos Law and Litigation, First and Second editions (contributor)

Case report: Dryden v Johnson Matthey plc [2018] UKSC 18, Personal Injury Law Journal June 2018 #166

Clarity from the Supreme Court on the scope of actionable personal injury, PI Focus, May 2018

Thomas Lundmark & Helen Waller (2016) *Using statutes and cases in common and civil law*, Transnational Legal Theory, 7:4, 429-469

Qualifications & Awards

BPTC – Outstanding

LL.M. Deutsches Recht (German Law) – 1st in year

BA (Law) (Cantab)

Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple

Harmsworth Exhibition, Middle Temple