

# 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.

## Fraud

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Helen is frequently instructed in fraud cases, both as sole and junior counsel and welcomes instructions in this field.

She was long-standing junior to a silk for the defendant in an 8-figure TBI claim in which fundamental dishonesty was alleged. Her forensic analysis of the huge quantities of evidence in that case contributed to the case settling for a small fraction of the pleaded claim, weeks before trial.

Her current portfolio of fraud cases includes a case in which she was instructed as junior to a silk in the original action which was compromised and approved, but in which she is now part of the team bringing a new action to have that approved compromise set aside for a fraud that only came to light post-approval. The case involves extremely complex expert and factual evidence, as well as niche procedural issues and a domestic freezing order. Helen has been involved at all stages and enjoyed working collaboratively in a team.

## Publications

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*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

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BPTC – Outstanding

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

BA (Law) (Cantab)

Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple

Harmsworth Exhibition, Middle Temple