

Lois Aldred

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Costs & Litigation Funding, Common Law

Lois is an experienced Personal Injury and Costs Specialist known for her approachable style, tenacious advocacy and the ability to effectively argue tricky legal points.

Lois combines her practice as a barrister with sitting as Recorder on the Midlands Circuit.

Away from Law Lois has a keen interest in travel, languages, and sustainable gardening when she isn't marshalling her trio of young sons.

She speaks (now) basic French after her time living and studying in Strasbourg, when a student along with a little Spanish and Japanese.

Before coming to the Bar Lois Taught English Language Oral Communication in Osaka, Japan.

International and Travel

Travel litigation is a central pillar of Lois' work with a significant proportion of her work being in the field. She works for major tour operators, airlines and international insurers and is recognised for her skill and experience in the field.

Lois advises and acts in all types of claim involving accidents abroad or during travel.

Her considerable experience firstly as a PI practitioner means that she is sought in claims involving very serious illness, mass illness outbreaks, legionnaires contamination and accidents that result in life-changing injuries.

More generally Lois has experience in cases involving most aspects of travel litigation and is experienced in dealing with the jurisdictional and evidential issues arising in such cases.

Lois is regularly instructed in cases involving a considering the applicability of the Athens Convention.

Recent interesting cases in the field include:

- Advising and successfully representing a claimant in amending a claim under CPR 17.4 brought after two but just within three years of his disembarkation from a cruise by relying on Section 32 Limitation Act 1980. The application required extensive consideration of the relevance of CPR 17.3 and 17.4 and the whether the defendant's response to a letter of claim was sufficiently misleading to amount to the deliberate concealment of

- a fact relevant to the claimant's right of action pursuant to s32.
- Acting for a French insurer defending a serious injury claim brought by a professional cyclist arising in respect of an accident during a professional cycling tour in France.

Lois has particular interest in claims involving accidents in France and francophone countries, having studied French Law in Strasbourg. Lois can also bring useful insight to cultural issues involving claims with a Japanese element, having lived and worked in Japan prior to becoming a barrister.

Qualifications

LLB Law with French Law and French Language (First Class Honours)

BVC (Very Competent)

Diplôme d'études juridiques françaises, Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg

Memberships & Awards

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Oxford University Press prize for Best 1st year mark in Law French/Law German Degrees

Inner Temple Scholarship

Inner Temple Entrance Exhibition

Hubert Parry Benefactor's Scholarship

Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Exhibition