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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Inquests, Fraud, Costs & Litigation Funding, Industrial Disease, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Product Liability

Mary practises predominantly in personal injury and clinical negligence. She acts for both claimants and defendants in a wide range of multi-track cases. Mary is regularly instructed in cases involving fatal accidents, brain injuries and serious and multiple injuries. She is also very familiar with cases where there is an interplay between physical and psychological injuries or a diagnosis of functional or somatoform disorders. She is comfortable with cases involving multiple experts, causation problems and complex calculations of loss, whether they conclude at trial or at JSM.

Mary has substantial experience in road traffic litigation, including cases involving allegations of fraud and coverage/indemnity issues. She also specialises in employers' liability claims and public liability cases, often involving multiple defendants.

Mary's clinical negligence practice includes cases where consideration is given to bringing additional claims for negligent medical treatment following an accident as well as free-standing claims against medical professionals for late diagnosis, negligent treatment or lack of informed consent.

Mary is regularly instructed to appear in the Coroner's Court and has experience of substantial inquests involving juries, potential unlawful killing verdicts, deaths in the care of the state and cases where there is potential for a Preventing Future Deaths report.

Mary provides lectures and seminars to solicitors and insurers and can do so in-house.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Mary has significant experience in costs issues, both in the context of personal injury proceedings and in costs-only litigation. She is regularly instructed at CCMCs where budgets are heavily disputed. She is familiar with issues frequently arising in 'ex-portal' cases and QOCS. She is instructed in contested applications for costs (on matters of principle or assessment) following settlement.

Qualifications & Awards

BVC, Inns of Court School of Law

PgDL, City University

BA (Hons) Modern History, St Catherine's College, Oxford

Lord Brougham Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn, 2001

Memberships

PIBA, PNBA