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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Abuse, Clinical Negligence, Costs & Litigation Funding, Fraud, Military Claims, Motor Insurance, Credit Hire, Sport

Megan has a mixed claimant and defendant personal injury practice with particular experience in claims for complex psychiatric injuries. She is a regular and effective court advocate. With a combination of due sensitivity, attention to detail and commercial awareness, Megan works collaboratively with her instructing solicitors to achieve results for their lay and insurer clients.

Megan's personal injury practice includes claims arising from road traffic accidents, public liability and employers' liability. Her employers' liability practice includes claims arising from manual labour, educational settings, healthcare, sports, the military and religious institutions.

On the claimant side Megan is particularly experienced in claims for psychiatric injury arising from sexual abuse engaging complex issues of limitation, liability and causation. She recently secured an assessment of damages on the Masters' Corridor in excess of £300,000 to beat a Part 36 offer.

On the defendant side she is particularly skilled at forensically analysing disclosure in catastrophic and non-catastrophic injury claims to inform the best approach to litigation. She is regularly instructed to advise upon and pursue findings of fundamental dishonesty and her effective cross-examination has seen claims discontinued before judgment.

On both sides Megan frequently advises on tactics and settlement parameters and conducts conferences with expert and lay witnesses. She is frequently instructed to prepare without prejudice schedules and advise on paper offers. She has conducted JSMs with co-counsel and as sole counsel in six figure claims.

Megan is regularly in court before Masters, Circuit Judges and the district bench. She is experienced in witness handling across liability, causation, quantum and fraud and has been commended by her tribunals for her skilful cross-examination. She is procedurally aware and regularly makes and opposes interlocutory and costs applications.

Megan's mixed practice and regular appearances in court inform her approach to both her claimant and defendant work. She is praised by her instructing solicitors for her communicative and thorough approach.

Megan is instructed as junior as well as sole counsel. She has previously been instructed by the defendant as junior counsel in a multi-million TBI and amputation claim and by the claimant as junior counsel in group litigation arising from sexual abuse abroad. She is currently instructed in the rugby litigation and another high-profile group action.

Before joining chambers Megan worked as a paralegal in a London law firm's clinical negligence department. She therefore appreciates the importance of working closely with solicitors to achieve the best results for commercial and lay clients.

Megan regularly contributes to chambers' various blogs and has been published by AvMA, Law in Sport and LexisPSL.

She speaks at chambers' various events and at in house events for solicitor and insurer clients.

Abuse

Megan's abuse practice sees her regularly advising on limitation, liability, causation and quantum in six figure claims for psychiatric injuries and consequential losses. She appreciates the sensitivities of this work and always reflects that in her approach. In recent months she has worked on claims arising from abuse within the military, in healthcare settings, in the workplace and at home. She is instructed in claims involving both adult and child survivors and both institution and abuser-in-person defendants. She recently achieved an assessment of damages in an abuse claim in excess of £300,000.

Clinical Negligence

Megan's clinical negligence practice spans widely to include delayed diagnoses, failures in consent and negligent treatment. She is particularly keen to build her practice in women's health and apply her experience in traumatic and sensitive cases to this area.

Costs and Litigation Funding

Megan regularly advises and makes submissions on costs in claims within and outwith fixed costs regimes, engaging QOCS, Part 36 offers and conduct issues. She is also experienced in CCMC budgeting exercises.

Fraud

Megan is frequently instructed to advise defendants on fundamental dishonesty before trial and raise fundamental dishonesty at trial. She is experienced in cross-examining and making submissions on fundamental dishonesty, both as the primary and secondary case on behalf of the defendant. In several of her cases, claims have been discontinued at the door of court or after cross examination before judgment.

Military

Megan has been instructed in six figure claims for physical and psychiatric injuries arising from military service.

Motor and Credit Hire

Megan is developing her expertise in road traffic claims to motor indemnity, having had some exposure to indemnity work through her interlocutory and trial practice.

Megan regularly deals with the full range of mitigation issues that arise in credit hire litigation. She is commercially aware and advises on settlement options where appropriate. She has had credit hire claims dismissed in their entirety and beaten Part 36 offers at trial.

Sport

Megan is a member of chambers' sports law group and sits on the Steering Committee. Whilst she cannot pretend to be much of an athlete herself, she is keen to develop her sports law practice by transferring her expertise in general personal injury and abuse work. She has previously advised claimants with amateur sporting injuries in gymnastics and football and on the defendant side is involved in the ongoing high-profile rugby litigation.