

Rebecca Henshaw-Keene

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Costs & Litigation
Funding, Fraud, Credit Hire, Inquests, Insurance, Abuse



Rebecca accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury. She appears in court several times a week in hearings and applications and is frequently instructed on paperwork matters.

Prior to pupillage, Rebecca worked as a paralegal to a silk specialising in catastrophic injury. Before coming to the Bar, Rebecca worked in the NHS and local authorities on service planning and management, experience she brings to her practice. She taught contract administration and law at University College London.

Rebecca is assisting Steven Snowden KC and Dr Achas Burin as a second junior on the Lampard Inquiry, the independent statutory inquiry investigating the deaths of mental health inpatients in Essex.

Rebecca studied History at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she graduated with a first-class degree.

Personal Injury

Rebecca's experience has given her a sound understanding of high-value and complex personal injury work. She has advised on cases pleaded in excess of £100,000.

Recent instructions include a claim following a fall from height resulting in a traumatic brain injury, and a claim arising from the assault of an NHS clinician. She has a particular interest in chronic pain cases.

Industrial Disease

Rebecca has recently been instructed as junior to Michael Rawlinson KC on behalf of a Claimant in a solvents case, and as second junior in a mesothelioma claim with an international element.

Rebecca is instructed in a range of industrial disease matters including non-freezing cold injuries and repetitive strain.

She is assistant editor of the 12KBW Asbestos Blog

Costs & Litigation Funding

Rebecca has established herself in the costs team at 12KBW and her practice continues to grow in this area.

She has experience in the following:

- Advising on costs recovery after strike out;
- Securing costs following interim applications;
- Show cause orders for wasted costs;
- Securing a four-figure sum for costs arising from 'unreasonable conduct' on the small claims track;
- CCMCs.

Rebecca is assistant editor of the 12KBW Costs Blog with Deputy Costs Judge Andrew Roy KC.

Her recent article on wasted costs was published in the Association of Costs Lawyers' Journal.

Fraud

Rebecca has experience of claims (for both Claimants and Defendants) which involve allegations of fundamental dishonesty and has assisted with extensive disclosure reviews.

Credit hire and RTA

Rebecca appears regularly in liability contested RTA/credit hire trials and is very familiar with the full range of issues which arise in these matters.

She has had recent success in disproving impecuniosity for self-employed Claimants, and in limiting the amount recoverable for "taxi" claims following *Mehmood v AIG Europe Ltd & Anor* [2023].

Inquests and Inquiries

Rebecca is keen to build an inquest practice and has experience of preparing for prison and healthcare inquests as a paralegal in a public law firm. She is able to work quickly and accurately with large amounts of disclosure. She has experience of working in the health, adult social care, and prison systems.

Rebecca is instructed as a second junior on the Lampard Inquiry.

Insurance

Rebecca has experience in advising on coverage disputes, including in the context of employers' liability claims, and more generally in litigation arising out of construction disputes and property damage.

She routinely acts for the Motor Insurance Bureau in interlocutory hearings and at trial. She has experience of cases under the Uninsured Drivers Agreement.

She regularly gives training on motor indemnity issues.

Abuse

As a paralegal, Rebecca assisted with claims brought under the Lambeth Children's Homes Redress Scheme.

She will consider cases on a pro-bono basis.

Qualifications & Awards

BPTC, City Law School (2021)

GDL, BPP (2019)

MPhil, Economic and Social History, University of Cambridge (2014)

BA (First-Class Honours), History, University of Cambridge (2013)

Lord Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

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Appointments & Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Attorney General's Junior Junior Panel

Publications

Discussing witness statements and wasted costs (re-printed by the Association of Costs Lawyers' Journal)

<https://costsandlitigationfunding.com/2024/04/19/non-english-speaking-witnesses-and-wasted-costs/>