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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Group Litigation, Aviation, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Costs & Litigation Funding, Inquests, Insurance

Rebecca has an established practice across Chambers' core areas and is developing specialisms in group actions, aviation, international injury and industrial disease.

She is instructed in complex and high-profile actions, including:

The Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder Litigation: led by Michael Rawlinson KC, Rebecca acts for claimants who allege that Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder contained asbestos and that the talcum powder itself caused injury.

Air India 171: Rebecca represents families of the deceased following the loss of Air India Flight 171.

Harrods Abuse Claims: Rebecca acts for survivors of abuse in connection with Harrods and Mohammed Al Fayed.

Before pupillage, Rebecca taught contract administration and law at University College London. She studied History at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she graduated with a first-class degree.

Personal Injury

Rebecca acts for both Claimants and Defendants at trial, CCMCs, and applications. As part of her multi-track practice, she has a particular interest in employers' liability claims.

Rebecca has extensive experience with fundamental dishonesty work beyond her year of call. She has acted for both Claimants and Defendants in CAT PI matters where fundamental dishonesty is engaged.

Prior to pupillage, Rebecca worked as a paralegal to a silk specialising in catastrophic injury and assisted on the case of *Preater v Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board*. The Court rejected the Defendant's FD allegations; the Claimant was awarded over £950k and beat her Part 36 offer.

In Chambers, she is a long-standing junior in a complex fraud action for a Defendant. She is well versed in the case law and in the practicalities of defending allegations of FD, including looking at complex expert and factual evidence at a granular level.

She is adept at drafting schedules and counter-schedules in complex personal injury and fatal accident claims. Rebecca edits the chapter on fatal accidents damages and lost years claims for Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service (LexisNexis UK).

Group Litigation

Rebecca is a sought-after and experienced junior, instructed in cases involving group litigation orders and those under collective case management. She is experienced in assisting with interlocutory work.

Rebecca is a responsive junior and works well in a team.

Aviation

Rebecca acts in a number of high-profile injury claims arising from air travel brought against Air India, Singapore Airlines, and British Airways.

She is adept at drafting schedules and counter schedules in complex personal injury and fatal accident claims, beyond her year of call.

International & Travel

Rebecca acts in claims brought under the Montreal and Athens Conventions, and the Package Travel Regulations.

During pupillage, she assisted with appeals concerning Spanish Penalty Interest.

Industrial Disease

Rebecca is instructed in a range of industrial disease matters both as sole and junior counsel for Claimants suffering from mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis and diffuse pleural thickening.

Rebecca represents Claimants against the Ministry of Defence in group litigation claims for asbestos exposure and non-freezing cold injuries.

Costs & Litigation Funding

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

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

Inquests and Inquiries

Rebecca is currently instructed as junior counsel to the largest group of patients and families participating in the Lampard Inquiry.

She acts for families at inquests, including those arising from industrial disease.

Rebecca has experience preparing for prison and healthcare inquests as a paralegal in a public law firm. She has experience of working in the health, adult social care, and prison systems.

Insurance

Rebecca advises 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.

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

City Law School Scholarship

Winner, BPP GDL Mooting Competition 2019

Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln’s Inn

Career Guarantee Scholarship, BPP

MPhil in Economic and Social History, jointly funded by the Newnham College Graduate Support Studentship and the Ferguson Trust

Creighton Memorial Prize (Newnham College)

Dr Ethel Williams Prize (Newnham College)

Appointments & Memberships

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