

Sarah Beslee

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Public Authority Liability, Credit Hire, Insurance

Sarah is highly experienced in all aspects of personal injury law, from cases involving complex orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries to cases involving fraud. She has particular expertise in public authority liability, Animals Act 1971 cases (including equine cases) and credit hire. She regularly acts for Defendants in cases involving fraud / fundamental dishonesty.

Sarah has been a visiting academic tutor at King's College, London.

Personal Injury

Sarah has considerable experience in high-value personal injury claims, including: employers' liability; public liability; occupiers' liability; road traffic accidents, and Animals Act 1971 claims – with particular specialism in equine-related claims.

Sarah particularly specialises in:

- Highways / public liability
- Complex orthopaedic and psychiatric injury
- Pain Disorders
- Fraud / Fundamental Dishonesty
- Insurance

Sarah has vast experience across a broad range of personal injury law, and all related procedural and costs issues. Sarah is regularly instructed to draft pleadings, Schedules and Counter-Schedules, Part 18 Requests, as well as Part 35 Questions. She is also regularly instructed in cases requiring detailed forensic analysis.

Public Authority Liability

Sarah has many years' experience in acting for Defendant local authorities, and has a particular interest in highways law.

Credit Hire

Sarah has extensive experience acting for Defendants in high-value credit hire cases. She often advises and drafts Counter-Schedules as well as Part 18 Requests and has considerable trial experience.



Sarah successfully represented the Defendant at first instance in the cases of *Singh v Yaquibi* [2013] EQCA Civ 23 and *Copley v Lawn* [2009] EWCA Civ 580

Sarah provides talks to insurers and solicitors on all aspects of credit hire.

Fraud

Sarah is regularly instructed in cases concerning allegations of fraud or fundamental dishonesty. She regularly advises on evidence and tactics, drafts pleadings and appears in trials where fraud is alleged or suspected.

Insurance

Sarah has experience of MIB and RTA 1998 matters and regularly advises insurers in relation to these aspects of insurance law.

Inquests

Sarah represents interested parties at Inquests and has experience of various types of Inquests where there is potential for a civil claim.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Sarah has experience of dealing with a variety of costs matters and regularly appears at CCMCs.

Industrial Disease

Sarah was led by Andrew Hogarth QC in the case of *British Telecommunications Plc v Royal Mail Group Ltd* Court of Appeal (Civil Division) [2010] EWCA Civ 974 – a case involving indemnity against asbestos disease liabilities.

Sarah acts for both Claimants and Defendants in NIHL cases.

Clinical Negligence

Sarah has a keen interest in clinical negligence and is developing her practice in this area.

Qualifications & Awards

LLB Law, (First Class Hons) King's College, London

BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (Very competent)

Harmsworth Scholar (Middle Temple, 2005)

Appointments & Memberships

Middle Temple

Personal Injuries Bar Association