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Caroline's practice is focussed upon personal injury, clinical negligence, inquests and costs work. Within her personal injury practice she has particular experience of workplace claims including claims involving work-related stress, upper arm RSI, respiratory disease and industrial deafness. Her caseload includes catastrophic injury cases, occupational disease cases, accidents suffered abroad and fatal accidents. Caroline has a substantial clinical negligence practice which encompasses claims against all branches of the medical professions. She is regularly instructed on behalf of claimants, healthcare trusts and private healthcare providers. She appears frequently in the Coroner's Court on behalf of public bodies, individual interested persons and bereaved families and has experience of Article 2 and jury inquests, and of cross-examination of court-appointed expert witnesses. She also undertakes a considerable body of costs work, particularly concerning costs issues arising in the context of personal injury and clinical negligence work.

Caroline writes and lectures regularly on a range of current issues.

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Inquests

Clinical Negligence

Costs and Litigation Funding

Commercial

Inquests

Caroline is regularly instructed in inquests involving complex and sensitive matters, acting on behalf of public bodies, including healthcare trusts and local authorities, individual interested persons, including care home workers and employers, and bereaved families. She is regularly involved at an early stage in proceedings, advising on disclosure, evidence, procedure and strategy, both at the Pre-Inquest Review stage and beyond. Her experience includes Article 2 inquests, jury inquests and the cross-examination of expert witnesses. Most recently, she has represented:

- A healthcare trust in a 3 day Article 2 inquest following the suicide of a teenager;
- A healthcare trust in a 5 day inquest following the death of a baby with an undiagnosed congenital condition;
- A bereaved family following the death of an elderly parent in a care home, in which a conclusion of

neglect was reached;

- Several local authorities following deaths involving vulnerable adults, including drug and alcohol related deaths and suicides;
- The supervisor of the deceased in a 3 day jury inquest following a death in the workplace;
- Bereaved families following deaths during complex cardiac surgery and routine bowel surgery;
- A care worker initially arrested for manslaughter following a death in a care home. (A conclusion of death by natural causes was subsequently returned by the jury at inquest.)

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

Qualifications

- Inns of Court School of Law BVC – Highly Competent: 2004-2005
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship, Lincolns Inn: 2004
- Oxford Brookes University GDpL: 2002-2003
- Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship and Lord Bowen Scholarship, Lincolns Inn: 2002
- St Hilda's College, Oxford BA Modern History 1st Class: 1999-2002

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